Charge to the Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union's Technical Support Committee for Technical Analyses in 2016

The Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) directs the Executive Staff and the MANE-VU Technical Support Committee to perform technical analyses to help MANE-VU members meet their obligation to reduce visibility impairment in the region in the most cost effective manner:

(1) Preparation for 2018 Regional Haze State Implementation Plans.

Regional Haze SIP revisions are required by 2018 to demonstrate how progress will be made toward achieving visibility goals in Class I Areas by 2064. The Technical Support Committee is to review visibility progress, identify strategies to achieve and/or maintain visibility progress, and identify technical resources needed to predict future visibility progress in a multi-pollutant framework. This work should follow the strategy outlined in the "2015 MANE-VU Class I State Regional Haze Strategy" Resolution.

(2) Combined Heat and Power Technology (CHP).

CHP is widely supported by regulated entities and environmental advocacy groups and has the potential to reduce a variety of pollutants. The Technical Support Committee should examine the benefits of the expanded use of CHP to improve visibility and reduce ozone precursor pollutants.

(3) Oversight of Grant Project Development.

The Technical Support Committee should continue to review MANE-VU grant work products that have been developed by the regional planning organizations, including Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management and Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), except any that were developed for use by another workgroup.

In order to prepare for the 2018 Regional Haze SIPs in a timely fashion the following needs to be completed by the 2016 Fall Meeting:

- 1. Analysis of available visibility and speciation data, including IMPROVE data;
- 2. Update the Four-Factor Analysis of Reasonable Measures for the State 2018 Regional Haze Plan; and
- 3. Status Report document on potential emission reductions from Combined Heat Power installations in MANE-VU.

The Technical Support Committee is directed to seek the assistance of the OTC committees, as necessary and appropriate.

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