

Meeting Minutes – 10/13/26

- The meeting was called to order at approx. 2 PM ET
- Eric noted that the consortium has approx. \$62K available for future deliverables.
- Sherif Youseff noted that a Coca-Cola plant in NY is using carbon capture and then using the captured carbon in their beverages. He asked is any member has something similar.
 - Nobody on the call has a plant like this.
 - A question arose as to whether the cost of the food grade carbon dioxide produced from the carbon capture is less expensive than purchased CO₂.
- Eric asked if anyone has an update on Carbon Reform, and indoor DAC system to save energy.
 - Behnam Sadri noted that he looked at indoor carbon capture but found the capital cost appeared to be higher than treating the make-up air it would have saved.
 - Behnam's DSM program is looking at energy savings which would come with the reduction of make-up air.
- Joe Calhoun noted that he heard there was a substantial government grant for a residential fuel cell and wonders how his company can get some funding for this product.
 - Eric recommended he reach out to Danielle Ramaley at WATT Fuel Cells for assistance.
 - Joe commented that he struggles to find funding for pilot demonstrations of gas equipment.
 - Eric asked how members utilize EE money to rebate a fuel cell.
 - Behnam said you need a strategy for investment not EE or DSM \$\$\$.
- Sherif would like to see a future speaker on food grade CO₂ production from carbon capture.
- Sherif noted that one challenge for data centers is the air permit and the time it could take to get this set up. The federal government does not have enough policies to just say X MW of CHP is exempt.
- Joe asked is anyone has used natural gas power generation for EV charging to meet ESG goals.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM