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Regulatory Enhancement Project Briefing – Alberta Chamber of Resources

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Regulatory Enhancement Project Objective

The Regulatory Enhancement Project will make recommendations for a renewed and integrated policy assurance system that will contribute to enhancing Alberta's overall competitiveness while protecting the environment, ensuring public safety and conservation of resources.

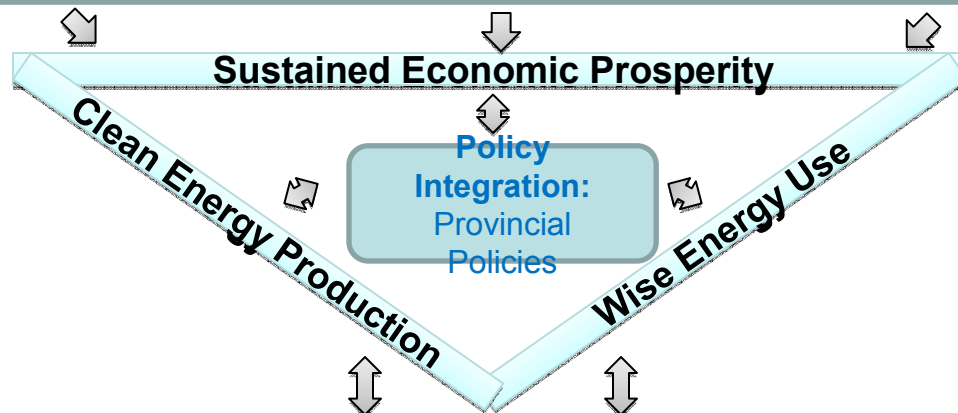
Context

- **From *Energizing Investment*:**
 - The Government of Alberta is being tasked with reviewing the current policy assurance and regulatory system for resource development
- **A *Task Force on Regulatory Enhancement* has been established to oversee the regulatory effort**
- **The Regulatory Enhancement Project (REP) will ensure that Alberta's regulatory system is:**
 - Modern
 - Efficient
 - Performance based
 - Competitive, and
 - Continues to maintain Alberta's strong commitment to environmental conservation and stewardship

“The Big Picture”

GoA Vision: “An innovative and prosperous province where Albertans enjoy a high quality of life built on a healthy environment, a competitive economy and vibrant communities.”

Energy Strategy Vision: “A global energy leader, recognized as a responsible world-class energy supplier, an energy technology champion, a sophisticated energy consumer, and a solid global environmental citizen.”



WHAT needs to be done – Provincial Strategic Direction and Policy

HOW it gets done – Place based Operational Direction and Policy

Outcomes

- Place-based targets and thresholds
- Other provincial policy outcomes

Policy Assurance/Regulatory System

Related initiatives:
Regulatory Alignment, Area Operating Agreements, ERCB Unconventional Gas, Cumulative Effects Management, and Land Use Framework

Project Scope

- **Oil and gas regulatory system in the Departments of Energy, Environment, Sustainable Resource Development and the ERCB.**
- **Resource management policy frameworks**
- **Existing related initiatives in GOA**

- **Out of scope:**

- Implementation of system design components
- Setting policy or outcome thresholds and targets for environmental, economic or other factors
- Industries outside of oil & gas

Regulatory Enhancement Project Deliverables

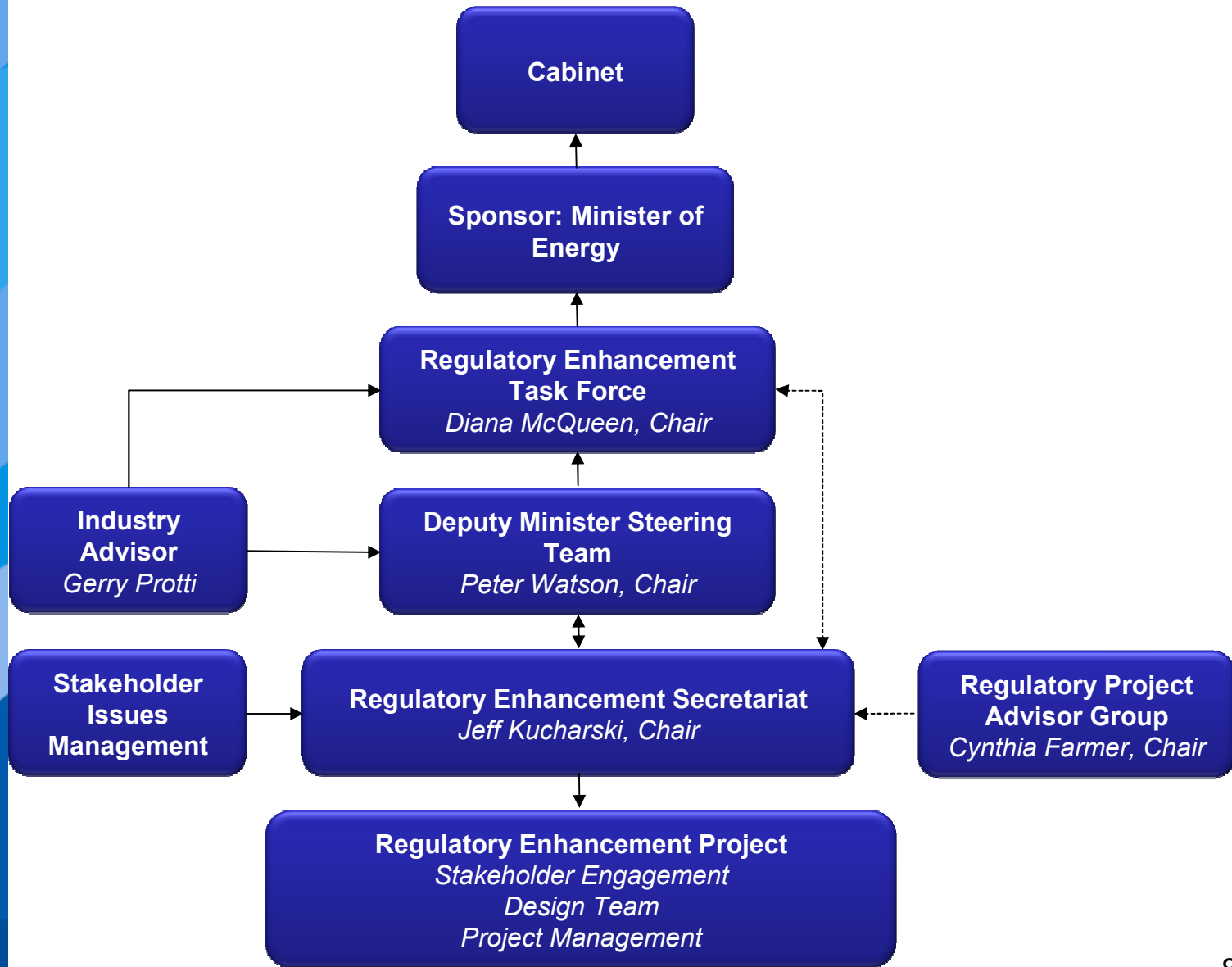
Final Report including:

- **Policy Integration Framework** – recommendations to resolve gaps, overlaps, inconsistencies and duplications in relationships among Alberta’s strategic provincial polices
- **Policy Assurance System** – recommendations to help achieve the outcomes identified by the GoA and position Alberta as a location of choice for the oil and gas industry.
 - With performance measures and benchmarks
 - May include changes to organization structures
- **Implementation Strategies** – recommendations for the implementation of the Policy Assurance System

Who is Involved?

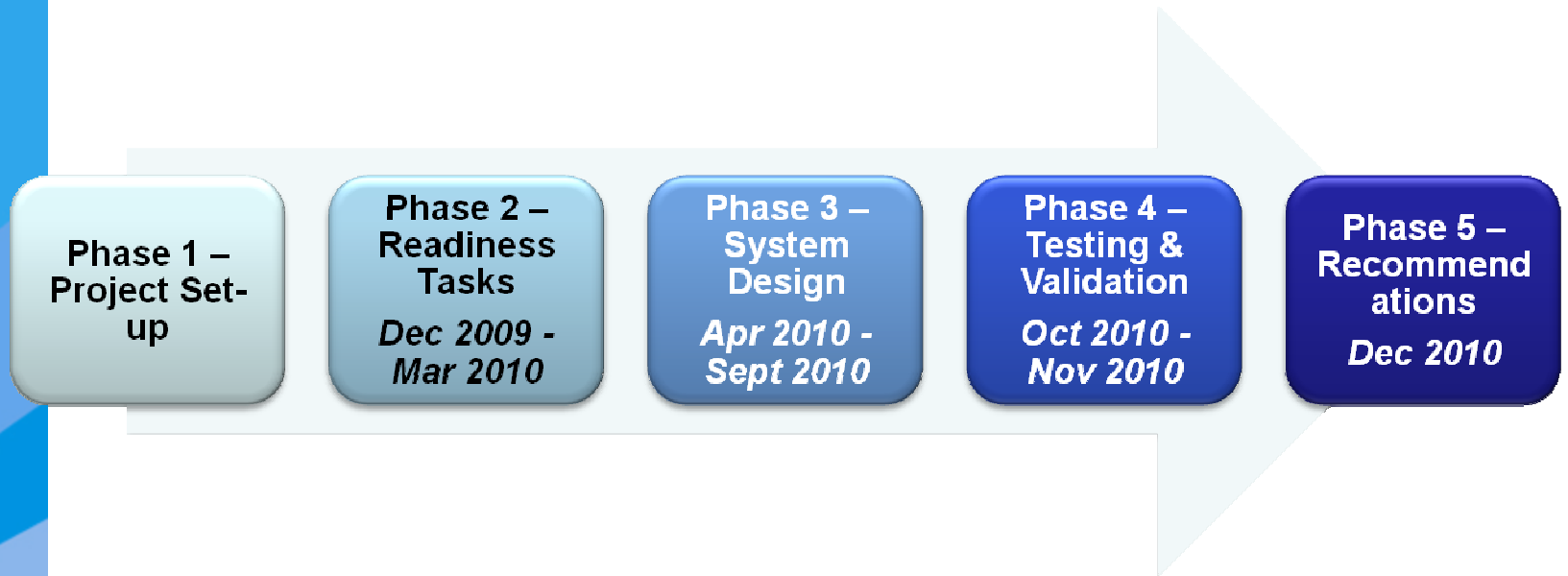
- **Regulatory Enhancement Task Force**
 - Chaired by Diana McQueen, Parliamentary Assistant (PA) for Energy
 - Supported by Cal Dallas, PA for Environment, and Evan Berger, PA for SRD
 - Reports directly to the Minister of Energy

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Project Timelines

Project Management Firm - MNP



Key Milestones

- 90 Day Report – June, 2010
- Final Report – December 2010

REP Process and Timelines

Phase 2, Readiness Tasks

- **Completed March 31, 2010**
- **Policy Integration Framework:**
 - Described relationships between natural resource policies to assure relationships are mutually supporting (integrated)
- **Review of Current Regulatory System:**
 - Summarized current regulatory system and Alberta initiatives
 - Review other jurisdictions (e.g., B.C., Saskatchewan)
- **Policy Assurance Instruments**
 - Developed recommendations and conclusions about the use of various regulatory instruments based on a literature review
- **Stakeholder Engagement approach**
- **Early implementation initiatives (quick wins)**
- **“Blue Sky”- early system design conceptual framework**

REP Process and Timelines

Phase 3, System Design

- **Complete by September 2010**
- **Design Process**
 - Characterize the current system
 - Validate the issues/problems with the current system
 - Develop and validate the new policy assurance system requirements
 - Develop the recommendations for a new policy assurance system
- **Includes Stakeholder engagement**

Stakeholder Engagement

- **Led by Sierra Systems**
- **Required for the completion of Phases 3 and 4 of the REP**
- **The stakeholders and groups to be engaged will include:**
 - GOA staff
 - Oil and gas industry
 - Municipalities
 - ENGOs
 - Landowners
 - Aboriginal communities
- **Engagement will be in the form of:**
 - Briefings
 - Meetings
 - Workshops
 - Forum

Next Steps

- **Detailed system design**
- **Stakeholder engagement**
- **Making linkages with existing projects (e.g. Regulatory Alignment, LUF, etc)**
- **Progress report from Task Force in June**

QUESTION & ANSWER

REP Overview Questions

- **Do you have any questions/thoughts about the Regulatory Enhancement Project?**

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THANK-YOU

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