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The following are the activities conducted in the month of March. They fall under Task 1 (Continuation of Work in Ghana), Task 2 (Replication / Expansion of the Ghana model to the rest of West Africa) and Task 4 (work on redesigning the New Era program schedule partly to better incorporate Smart Development concepts).

- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu sent a report to Dr. Ahenkorah, Executive Secretary of EC and Prof. Akuffo, Special Adviser to the Minister of Energy on the two-week natural gas program he participated in together with Mr. Quaye-Foli and Mr. Adjei-Boye (February 18 – March 3 – please see February monthly report for details on this program).

- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu continued to interact with Dr. Ben Asante, Principal Consultant for Pipeline Design Solutions, Ltd, who helped the group with their LDC model. Dr. Asante is now in Ghana, upon invitation of the EC. He will spend about two weeks to assist the agencies with the development of natural gas frameworks.

- Mr. Essandoh-Yeddu continued with his work on CO₂ modeling project with Dr. Sue Hovorka, Dr. Ian Duncan and Ms. Vanessa Nunez-Lopez, and also developed a model for the FutureGen plant. Dr. Gülen provides assistance as needed.

- Dr. Foss, Dr. Gülen and Dr. Gurfinkel attended the Energy Week organized by the World Bank, where they had a chance to interact with Dr. Harriette Ammissah-Arthur, Director of Kumasi Institute of Technology and Environment and Mr. Jabesh Ammissah-Arthur, consultant (ex-VRA). KITE has been an early supporter of RCEER. They are both good candidates for further involvement with RCEER. Dr. Foss and Dr. Gülen also had a chance to visit with Prof. Adegbulugbe, Special Adviser to the President on Energy in Nigeria and his colleague Dr. Adenikinju. They were interested in supporting our activities in Nigeria. The CEE team also met with Mr. Layec to further discuss possibilities for joint work and coordination in West Africa around the WAGP and associated gas market developments.

- CEE continued to work on further incorporation of Smart Development concepts into the New Era program.

- CEE and NARUC continued to work on the scope of work for WARP.

- UT Office of Sponsored Programs continued to work on finalizing the subcontract.

Next steps
- Once the subcontract is finalized and signed, RCEER will:
  - publish its information flyer
  - implement the public survey on natural gas
  - publish Natural Gas Primer in book form