

Comment from NH Utilities

RE: Draft Resolution of the EERS Committee, version circulation on the afternoon of 7/13

Hello Don and Christine,

Thank you for the chance to comment on the draft resolution. The Committee meetings over the past 6 weeks have been productive and have provided us with a good deal of thoughtful feedback and information. We greatly appreciate the time and effort that everyone has put in.

Many of the items in the draft resolution, however, seem to go well beyond the actual group discussions in their conclusions. We recommend limiting specific recommendations to areas where there is truly consensus of the group. For example, the committee did not have any significant discussion on the complexity of geo-targeting as it relates to distribution system improvements.

Where there is not consensus on specific actions or the group has not had time for a truly in-depth discussion we recommend focusing on directional statements or process oriented recommendations. For example the committee could recommend a process for additional discussion of the Performance Incentive, but without time for deeper discussion, a recommendation on removing specific elements or assigning certain percentages seems premature; or for another example, we did hear during the discussions a desire to ensure lending partners are reaching out to their customers and loan opportunities are more widely recognized by consumers in the state. We did not hear consensus to create a new CDFI through the EE programs. These are just a few examples. We hope the other recommendations in the document will be reviewed with a similar lens.

We also hope the final version will take a productive, formal and elevated tone. We all share the goal of creating a well crafted 3-year plan that will lead to successful implementation of NH's EERS.

We will come on Tuesday prepared to discuss each item in more depth as the Committee determines how to move forward.

If you want to share our thoughts with the Committee so they understand our perspective prior to the discussion Tuesday, we would not object.

Thanks again,
Kate Peters

In response to a subsequent message from the committee chair indicating that the committee need not be confined to consensus opinions and could offer majority and minority views:

The broader aim of our comments still stands, whether the committee or Board ultimately use a consensus or majority/minority process. We hope that specific items are well thought out, discussed and vetted, and that when there has not been time for that, directional or more process oriented recommendations seem more appropriate.