

New Hampshire Independent Study of Energy Policy Issues



Brief Overview for the
NH EESE Board

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Study Context

- NH Statute “SB 323” charges NH PUC to:
“contract for an independent study, through means of a nonadjudicative investigation utilizing a broad collaborative process, regarding legislative, regulatory, and market-based policy options, to address the following issues ...”

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Study Purpose - per SB 323

- “Comprehensive review and analysis of EE, conservation, demand response, and SE programs and incentives ... and recommendations for possible improvements to maximize their effectiveness and increase coordination...”
- “The appropriate role of regulated energy utilities, providers of energy and EE, and others ... to achieve the state’s EE potential for all fuels...”

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Study Purpose (Con’t) – Per SB 323

- “The effectiveness and sustainability of all funds available to stimulate investment in EE and clean energy to advance the state’s energy goals...”
- “Policy changes that may be necessary ... to achieve the state’s EE and SE goals and to create the most cost-effective delivery systems to ensure optimum use of state funds, initiatives, and programs...”

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Study Coordination Team (SCT)

- Clifton Below, PUC Commissioner
- Dan Feltes, NH Legal Assistance
- Tom Frantz, PUC Electric Division
- George Gantz, Unitil
- Gil Gelineau, PSNH
- Meredith Hatfield, Office of Consumer Advocate
- Michael Licata, NH Business & Industry Association
- Joanne Morin, NH Office of Energy & Planning
- Jack Ruderman, PUC Sustainable Energy Division
- Deborah Schachter, NH Charitable Foundation

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Contractor Team

- Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) - Prime
 - Christine Donovan, Project Manager
 - Scudder Parker, Energy Policy & Regulatory Lead
 - Alison Hollingsworth, Energy Markets & Programs Lead
- Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates – Subcontractor
 - Jeff Taylor, NH Planning and Stakeholder Outreach Lead
- Optimal Energy, Inc. (OEI) – Subcontractor
 - Phil Mosenthal, Performance Incentives Lead
- Supported by 7+ specialists with expertise in:
 - EE and SE Program Design, ISO-NE/Smart Grid/Demand Response, Low Income Weatherization, and Financing & Investment

Study Result

- Independent, third party review that:
 - Assesses what is currently underway in NH
 - Reflects on how NH approaches compare to “best practices” in other locations
 - Reflects on new approaches to overcoming market barriers and optimizing financing and investment
 - Identifies a spectrum of policy changes and approaches that could increase effectiveness, coordination, financing, and investment

Seven Areas of Focus – As proposed

- Utility “Core” EE Programs & Other Key EE & SE Programs
- Utility Performance Incentives
- All Fuels
- Smart Grid
- Smart Growth
- Community Scale Energy
- Financing and Investment

Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement

3 Stakeholder Sessions:



- Utility Managers and Program Administrators
- State Personnel, NPO's, and Other Program Managers
- EE and SE Trade Allies, Project Developers, ESCO's, Financing Entities, Investors, Etc.

Major Deliverables and Deadlines

- “Detailed Outline of Issues” - February 11
- Draft Report - June 1
- Final Report - August 1
- EESE Board Presentations - February 11 & May/June
- 2 Public Presentation Days - Fall 2011 & Winter 2012

Interaction with the EESE Board & Next Steps

- “Detailed Outline of Issues” - February 11
- EESE Board Presentation - February 11

