

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Summary Notes for March 20, 2015

Attendees:

Board members: Molly Connors (NHOEP); Susan Chamberlin (NHOCA); Steve Eckberg (PUC); Mike Fitzgerald (NHDES); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Theresa Swanick (NHMA); Dennis Labbe (NHLA); Matt Labonte (NHFM); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Carol Woods (NHEC); Rep. Chuck Townsend (NH House); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC);

Guests: Karen Cramton (PUC); Rick Minard (NHOEP); Becky Ohler (NHDES); Pradip Chattopadhyay (OCA); Jim O'Reilly (NEEP); Scott Albert (GDS); Katie Cox (NHLA);

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:05 am. Coffee and bagels provided by Unitil.
2. **Minutes of February 20, 2015 EESE Board Meeting.**

The Board voted to adopt the Minutes of Feb. 20 meeting.

3. **Discussion of Board Actions relative to Energy Efficiency Resource Standard and opportunity to provide input in PUC Docket IR 15-072.**

The Board discussed whether to respond to the opportunity to file comments in PUC Docket IR 15-072 Energy Efficiency Investigation which is intended to solicit input to PUC Staff's "Straw Proposal on Energy Efficiency Resource Standard." The Board had a presentation on this subject at its February 20, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Rep. Townsend asking the Chair to prepare and send a letter to the PUC relative to the Order of Notice (OON) in docket IR 15-072 offering comments on the first three of four items on pages 2-3 of that OON. Those items include: 1) identify points of consensus for establishing electric & natural gas EERS at this time; 2) initial EERS period of 10 years with interim short term goals; and 3) set first 2 year goals as 2015-2016 Core goals. Discussion followed regarding various possible statements of support for these three items. The discussion was tabled to allow the presenters of the next agenda item to move ahead as there was a hard stop time limit for one of the presenters. See continued discussion of this item below.

4. **Presentation –Energy Performance Contracts – 4 State of NH Buildings on Hazen Drive in Concord. A project overview.**

Presented by Karen Rantamaki, State Energy Manager and Michael Connor, Deputy Director, Dept. of Administrative Services.

The presentation covered:

1. An overview of the basics of Energy Performance Contracting and relevant NH Statutes which facilitate this type of project.
2. Projects at 4 buildings including The Morton Building (DOT); Division of Motor Vehicles (Dept. of Safety); 27/29 Hazen (DES, DHHS, DoIT, labs); 33 Hazen (DoS)

3. Highlights include: Current total energy costs of \$2.5Million; Total Project costs \$12.4Million; Estimated Savings \$950,000 annually; Payback 13.4 years; Energy Cost reduction of 36%; Fossil Fuel use reduction 71%.
4. Lessons Learned: Engage the project champions; Be specific to ensure comparability of proposals; work ahead & efficiently to reduce long project development timeline; cooperate with many agency teammates (RFP writers, building staff, Treasury).
5. More energy projects in the works include Cannon Mtn. and other agencies in the queue.

5. **Coffee Break 10:35-10:45**

6. **Continued Discussion from Agenda Item 3 above – motion on the table.**

Discussion continued on level of support to be voiced for each of items 1 – 3 in Order of Notice. #1 less controversial so support is broader. For #2 & #3 general support could be voiced but as time is short for Board to discuss and communicate, there has not been ample time for the Board to fully explore all aspects – suggest additional Tech Sessions by the PUC to provide opportunities to explore collaboration and illumination of issues.

Motion moved, voted, passed all in favor. No abstentions. Chair will draft a letter of support for EERS, circulate draft, and send to PUC in time for comments deadline. Molly C., Dennis L., and Becky O. offer to assist in developing letter.

7. **Board and Program Updates**

- i. **Legislative.** Majority of action in Legislature is focused on State Budget right now. Energy items may reappear as budget moves forward. One bill in House regarding RPS/REF is still alive. CPACE legislation moving forward. Energy Code bill retained in committee.
- ii. **Other.** State Energy Conference May 8. This event is for state employees to learn more about what is being done and how they can participate and contribute to reducing energy costs in state buildings. Information is available on State Intranet website at http://sunspot.nh.gov/energysystem/general_info.aspx

DES has newsletter focused on issues for municipalities – energy, environmental, etc.– the ECOLink newsletter. Sign up at <http://des.nh.gov/media/enews/index.htm>

8. **Meeting adjourned**