

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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### Minutes for August 21, 2015

#### Attendees:

**Board members:** Kate Peters (Eversource, Acting Chair); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Carmen Lorentz (NH DRED); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Laura Richardson (The Jordan Institute); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Rick Minard (NH OEP); Rep. Chuck Townsend (NH House); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Jerry Little (State Senate); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Susan Chamberlin (OCA); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Chris Moore (DAS)

**Guests:** Matthew Labonte (SFMO); Jay Dudley (PUC); Pradip Chattopadhyay (OCA); Brian Buckley (Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships); Molly Connors (OEP); Chris Plecs (Eversource); Matthew Fossum (Eversource); Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Tom Belair (Eversource); Rhonda Bisson (Eversource); Chris Goulding (Eversource); Heather Tabbotts (Liberty Utilities); Susan Geiger (Unitil); Dennis Labbe (TWH); Mark Luckes (Johnson Controls Inc.); Stefanie Lamb (BIA); Heidi Kroll (Gallagher, Callahan, & Gartrell); Tim Lenahan (CAPBMC); Ken Grossman (Next Gen Climate); Joe Fontaine (DES)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:05 am

#### 2. **Board, Agency and Program Updates:**

- EESE Board Annual Report for 2014 was approved.
- PUC Update:
  - Docket DE15-137 - EERS.
    - Held technical sessions Guiding Principles and Targets.
    - Technical Sessions continue through September with an optional meeting in October.
    - Reminder: Comments can be made by non-interveners.
      - Submit comments addressed to Deborah Howland.
  - Rebate programs moving forward. Applications are up – program demand is much higher than last year.
  - Renewable Energy Fund program budgets were released through a secretarial letter on August 7, 2015. Through the same letter, all programs were re-opened except the C&I solar Rebate – Category 2 program.
  - Several grant awards were presented and approved by Governor and Executive Council, including: Steels Pond Hydro, Durham Solar LLC, Milton Town Solar LLC, Bedford Town Library Geothermal, and Strafford School.
  - Solar City is moving into NH. CESA has developed an overview for residents to help them understand loans, PPAs and other renewable finance options.
- Office of Energy and Planning – no updates.
- Jordan Institute – Laura Richardson:
  - The Building Code Review Board met and discussed the 2015 plumbing and energy conservation codes. The Board hopes to move all six sections of the 2015 code to the Legislature this session. Advocates spoke in favor of adoption.
  - Jordan Institute is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a “History and Hilarity” event on October 10, 2015 at the Capital Center of Arts in Concord.
- Legislative Update – Representative Townsend – encouraged members to feed ideas for bills for the next session to the representatives.

**3. Utility Updates**

- Utilities are participating in the EERS docket and technical sessions.
- Utilities have filed updates to the 2015/2016 plan. Modifications related to budgets and goals, but not to the programs.

**4. Adjourned at 9:15 am to go to EERS Technical Session on Funding**

- Please refer to Docket 15-137 for technical session notes.