

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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### Minutes for November 20, 2015

#### Attendees:

**Board members:** Rick Minard (NH OEP); Susan Chamberlin (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Rep. Chuck Townsend (NH House); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Frank Melanson for Kate Peters (Eversource)

**Guests:** Bob Scott (NH PUC); Brianna Brand (NH PUC); Scott Albert (GDS); Mark Luckes (Johnson Controls Inc.); Will Abbott (SPNHF); Mike Fitzgerald (NH DES); Joe Fontaine (NH DES)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:10 am
2. **Approval of Meeting Notes.** Meeting notes from October 16, 2015 were approved. Final notes posted on the PUC's website.

#### 3. Update on the Home Energy Score Project:

Scott Albert (GDS) and Rick Minard (NH OEP) presented "NEW HAMPSHIRE REVEAL PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE EESE BOARD". REVEAL stands for Recognizing Efficiency Value through Energy Asset Labeling. The presentation is posted on the EESE Board webpage: <http://www.puc.nh.gov/EESE.htm>.

The project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy with the purpose of expanding Vermont's existing work in the area of building labeling and to leverage VT's work and experience to develop a New Hampshire solution.

#### 4. Legislative Updates and Subcommittee:

There was a discussion as to whether or not the Legislative Sub-committee should resume meeting once the legislature is back in session in January. A number of entities on the EESE Board track legislation and the consensus was that efforts should not be duplicated and perhaps those already tracking legislation could be asked to provide updates at the EESE Board meetings. Therefore, it was decided that the sub-committee should continue to exist as a formal subcommittee. Sub-committee members will be solicited at the December meeting.

#### 5. EESE Board Annual Report:

A draft of the 2015 Annual Report was sent to Board members with a request to send comments and revisions to Kate Peters and Karen Cramton prior to the December meeting.

#### 6. Board, Agency and Program Updates:

- PUC Update:
  - Docket DE15-137 - EERS.
    - Draft testimony is due in early December.

- G&C approved a contract with the utilities in the amount of \$1.2 million over three years. The contract provides RGGI funding for the C&I fuel neutral energy efficiency projects administered by the utilities.
- Rebate programs – application numbers are up – program demand is much higher than last year.
- On September 25, 2015, the Sustainable Energy Division released the annual competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking project proposals which will increase the supply of RECs from thermal renewable energy or non-photovoltaic electric renewable energy projects located in New Hampshire. The RFP is closed and the PUC received several proposals. Review will begin soon.
- Office of Energy and Planning Updates:
  - LIHEAP opened last week. The program provides fuel assistance to low income households in NH.
  - OEP was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for a DES-led project to support energy benchmarking for all waste water treatment plants in NH and work individually with three plants to reduce energy usage. The grant award will be presented to G&C in January.

**7. Next Meetings:**

- **December 11, 2015** – General Updates, Planning for 2016 and EESE Board Annual Report

**8. Adjourned at 10:00 am**