

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for March 18, 2016

Attendees:

Board members: Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Rick Minard (NH OEP); Donald Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Theresa Swanick (NH Municipal Assoc.); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Stephen Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Laura Richardson (Jordan Institute); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Tom Palma for Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC)

Guests: Brianna Brand (NH PUC); Jeff Pollock (Eversource); Geoff Phillips (Eversource); Bob Scott (NH PUC); Chris Plecs (Eversource); Jim Brennan (NH OCA); Henry Herndon (UNH); Tom Rooney (TRC); Mark Luckes (Johnson Controls); Linda Darveau (US EPA); Deandra Perruccio (NH OEP); Jodie Lucci (Lightec)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting started at 9:05 am
- 2. Approval of Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes from February 19, 2016 were approved with edit to include the Stirling engine bill under "Legislative Updates". Final notes posted on the PUC's website.
- 3. State Government Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Efforts Presentation:**
State Energy Manager Karen Rantamaki gave a presentation to the Board on energy efficiency and renewable energy in regards to state buildings. The presentation included background on the state energy office and staffing, short and long term responsibilities and activities, current focus and efforts, and culminated with a brief discussion by the Board concerning where the office should direct its attentions. Particular attention was given to the prospective development of case studies. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage.
- 4. Legislative Updates:**
Rather than list all relevant bills, board members were given the opportunity to discuss any bills they were following, working on, or felt important to bring to the attention of the Board. Several bills were mentioned that are currently active in the NH Legislature. These included a bill that would add biodiesel to the RPS, two bills relevant to raising the net metering cap, the bill on building codes (ITL'd), and a bill to relative to the availability of net metering tariffs (net metering queue).
- 5. Board, Agency and Program Updates:**
 - Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - The EERS is in the second round of data requests. The next technical session and settlement conference will be held on March 30 at 9:00 at the PUC and March 31 at 9:00 at the PUC, respectively.
 - An order is being drafted for the queue management docket to define a standard milestone template for the net metering queue for all regulated electric utilities.

- The staff recommendation was released on March 18 for the EV charging station docket.
- The PUC has issued an RFP for technical consulting for the net metering tariff.
- Revision on the C&I rebate program continues. Staff is in the process of reviewing comments and drafting an order.
- The biomass rebate program is currently slower than normal, whereas the residential solar rebate program continues to receive a high volume of applications.
- NH received \$4.3 million in the RGGI quarterly auction.
- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
 - OEP has hired a new energy analyst.
 - The federal weatherization program plan has been drafted and will be submitted at the end of April.
 - An application to the federal government for the state energy program grant is in early development.
 - The home energy score project is moving along and making progress.
 - OEP continues to work with DES on energy benchmarking for municipality wastewater treatment facilities.
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
 - The New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers have directed staff to prepare a climate action plan to achieve 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. A high-level framework for an action plan will be submitted to the governors and premiers this summer at their annual conference, with a full, more detailed Climate Action Plan to follow next year.
 - The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) has strong support from the governor.
- Other Updates:
 - The NH Home Show will be held the weekend of March 19.
 - The Hanover Home Show will be held the weekend of March 19.
 - The State Energy Conference will be held May 6 at 8:30.

6. An Overview of the NH Saves Energy Efficiency Programs Presentation:

Representatives from three utilities presented the annual CORE Program updates. There was some discussion by the Board about potential policy changes to increase resources for the programs. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage.

7. Eversource Customer Engagement Platform Presentation:

Jeff Pollock and Geoff Phillips from Eversource gave a presentation on the new customer engagement platform, soon to be rolled out in New Hampshire. The presentation included an overview of the uses of the platform and plans for its activation in the state. A discussion followed, with topics including data security, potential for data comparisons, and customer opt-outs. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's website.

8. Next Meeting:

- **April 15, 2016-** at the Public Utilities Commission.

9. Adjourned at 12:12 pm

