

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for November 17, 2017

Attendees:

Board members: Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Joseph Doiron (OSI); Brian Buckley for D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); Rep. Robert Backus (NH House); Steve Tower for Raymond Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Brianna Brand for Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Donald Perrin (DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Katherine Garfield (BIA)

Guests: Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Heather Tebbetts (Liberty Utilities); Jaime Urban (Liberty Utilities); Phil Greene (Liberty Utilities); Michael Sheehan (Liberty Utilities); Melissa Birchard (CLF); Gregg Wade (ISO-NE); Mary Downes (Unitil); Tom Palma (Unitil); Chris Goulding (Eversource); Matthew Fossum (Eversource); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Ryan Whelan (NHSEA); Marc Lemenager (Eversource)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting started at 9:05 am.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from September 15, 2017 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.

3. EESE Board Committee Updates:

- EERS Committee Update:
 - The EERS Committee did not meet since the last EESE Board meeting.
 - Docket DE 17-136 was opened by the Commission and the utilities filed their proposed plans for the EERS. During September and October discovery occurred and several parties submitted testimony.
 - November 17, 2017 is the first of two settlement conferences to flush out the remaining issues. A second settlement conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2017.
 - The Committee is optimistic that the front end cooperative work of the Committee and parties will result in an easier process towards settlement and the approval of the EERS plan.
 - Hearing dates are scheduled for December 7th and 13th.

4. PUC Docket Updates:

- Low Moderate Income (SB129) – the program development required under this legislation is currently being conducted within the Net Energy Metering docket (DE 16-576). This past Wednesday, Vote Solar provided an overview presentation which focused on program and business

barriers, LMI program examples and alternatives. The next working group session will be held in January.

- Net Energy Metering Docket (DE 16-576) Working Groups:
 - The Non-Wires Alternatives working group has met and discussed whether or not to limit proposals to just distributed-generation and storage, or to include storage, energy efficiency, and/or demand response. Commission staff recommended to the Commission to reopen this pilot for clarification.
 - The Time-of-Use working group met and discussed a Unutil proposal, and data collection and results from a 2011 pilot.
 - The Value of DER working group met twice. This past Thursday, Lon Huber of Strategen Consulting (OCA consultant) gave a presentation (“Valuation Approaches to Distributed Energy Resources”) and training on other Value of DER studies completed in the U.S.
- Grid Modernization – Staff is drafting a working document.

5. Legislative Updates

- The House has several retained bills; including:
 - HB114 – relative to minimum electric renewable portfolio standards
 - HB559 – relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund (RGGI)
 - HB592 – repeal RGGI; changed to rebate 100% of proceeds to rate payers
 - HB324 – relative to the valuation of utility property - moved to study
 - HB317 – prohibiting the public utilities commission from increasing the system benefits charge without legislative approval
 - SB128 – relative to the policy goal of electric utility restructuring – sent to interim study
- Legislative Committees issued study reports for the following:
 - SB51 – establishing a committee to review subsidies for energy projects provided by the renewable portfolio standard
 - SB125 - establishing a committee to study transmission, distribution, generation, and other costs in the state's electricity system
- 2019 Legislative Service Request (LSR) Updates:
 - Numerous LSRs have been filed related to energy, transportation and building codes.
 - The Electric Restructuring Oversight Committee may no longer be needed; however, instead of disbanding the Committee there is a recommendation to rename it and to have the Committee focus on grid modernization, storage, new technologies, etc.

6. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - Modifications to the Residential Solar Rebate Program are under deliberations. Staff anticipates the Commission issuing an order in the near future.
 - The annual Renewable Energy Fund grant solicitation (RFP) was issued in early October. Proposals were due by October 30th. Four proposals were received.

- Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) Updates:
 - Working with DES on VW settlement (OSI is lead agency).
 - State Energy Strategy updates - Consulted with the House Science Technology & Energy committee and with the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources committee.

- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
 - VW Settlement – beneficiary certification forms have been signed and submitted. The review and decision will take approximately 60 days. A draft beneficiary mitigation plan is under development for public review. All agree that the settlement funds should provide statewide benefit.
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act - \$235,000 is available to fund a grant for diesel reduction projects. An RFP was issued by DES and proposals were received.
 - Transportation and Climate Initiative – regional states are working collaboratively together. Eight states (New Hampshire is not part of this initiative) are looking into a cap-type solution. Open listening sessions are starting soon.

- Other Updates:
 - None.

7. Next Meeting – Friday, December 15, 2017 – Location TBD

8. Adjourned at 9:55 am.