

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Approved Minutes for September 21, 2018

Attendees:

Board Members: D. Maurice Kreis (OCA); Karen Cramton (PUC); Rep. Robert Backus (House of Representatives); Madeleine Mineau (NHSEA); Donald Perrin (DAS); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Carol Woods (NHEC); Joe Fontaine for Becky Ohler (DES); Rep. Herbert Richardson (House of Representatives); Scott Maslansky (CDFA); Matt Mailloux for Joseph Doiron (OSI); Katherine Garfield (BIA).

Others: Tom Fuller (Eversource); Henry Herndon (NHSEA); Tanya Wayland (PUC); Deandra Perruccio (PUC); Melissa Birchard (CLF); Brian Buckley (OCA); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Azanna Wishart (PUC); Chris Skoglund (DES); Stephen Eckberg (PUC); Liz Nixon (PUC); Patricia Martin.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Don Kreis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- Don needed to appear at the Joint Fiscal Committee of the Legislature at 10:00 a.m. He turned the meeting over to Karen Cramton at that time.

2. Approval of the July 20, 2018 EESE Board Meeting Minutes

- Madeleine Mineau moved. Representative Richardson seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
- Don noted that the November EESE Board meeting conflicts with the NH Local Energy Solutions Conference. It was suggested to combine the November and December EESE Board meetings, and that the combined meeting date be Friday, December 7, 2018. Madeleine Mineau moved. Kathy Garfield seconded. Motion to cancel the November EESE Board meeting and schedule the December EESE Board meeting for December 7th was approved unanimously.

3. “Beneficial Electrification: The Basics”

Presentation by David Farnsworth and Jessica Shipley of the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP)

- The presentation given by RAP focused on the following:
 - Fuel choices past and present;
 - “Smart” homes built to code, with high efficiency heating and cooling;
 - Principles to operationalize electrification, testing, and developing a policy framework; and
 - Rate design to encourage beneficial electrification.
- A discussion followed about how “beneficial electrification” could be structured for New Hampshire.

4. EERS Working Group Reports

- EM&V
 - The [2018 Strategic Evaluation Plan](#) has been finalized and is available on the EERS Working Group webpage. The plan identifies the selected contractors.
 - The Energy Star product evaluation report is almost finalized. The working group will share its findings with the EESE Board in October.
- Lost Base Revenue
 - A report was issued that forms the formulation for the lost base revenue calculation. With the filing of the report, the working group has accomplished its goals for next year’s EERS plan.
- Performance Incentive
 - The working group will reconvene on October 17th. An agenda will be sent in advance of the meeting.
- Finance and Funding
 - Initiatives are outlined in the new EERS plan. The working group will reconvene in October. An agenda will be sent in advance of the meeting.
- Benefit/Cost
 - The Home Energy Assistance (HEA) contractors conducted a listening session at the group meeting regarding what Non Energy Impacts (NEI’s) stakeholder’s value. A similar session will occur for the cross-cutting NEI study at the group meeting on September 26th.

5. Legislative Updates

- SB365 – relative to subsidies intended to keep six biomass and one trash-burning electric generation facilities located in New Hampshire in business – The Governor’s veto was overridden.
- SB446 – increasing net energy metering limits for customer generators – The Governor’s veto was not overridden.

- HB1254 – HB1254, which was signed into law in June 2018, formed a legislative committee to review the adoption of national building and fire codes by New Hampshire. The committee began meeting in Sept and has to file a report on November 1. A key point of discussion among the stakeholder and the committee members is the cost effectiveness of new codes, the energy code in particular. The next meetings of the HB154 committee will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd at 1 PM at the LOB in Room 306 and then on Tuesday, October 9th at 10 AM at the LOB in Room 304.
- Today was the last day for incumbents to submit legislative service requests (LSRs). Newly elected members may begin filing LSRs in November.
- Representative Backus reminded those in attendance to contact their legislators on energy bill needs for the upcoming session.

6. Board & Program Updates

- PUC:
 - The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) received revenues equal to approximately \$5.2 million from compliance year 2017 Alternative Compliance Payments (ACPs).
 - Staff's REF program allocation recommendation memorandum was issued in August. The Commission approved Staff's recommendations and all rebate programs were re-opened. Program applications were accepted for 2 or 4 week period, depending on program, for participation in program lotteries. Last week lotteries were held for the two pellet rebate programs. The pellet rebate were not fully subscribed so applications now be accepted on a first come-first served basis. Lotteries for the residential and C&I solar programs will be held on Monday, September 24th.
 - The 2018 RPS Review process held three stakeholder sessions from April to June. Written comments were accepted until September 7th. Fourteen entities submitted comments and the comments are posted on the 2018 RPS webpage. Staff is drafting on the report, which will be submitted to the General Court by November 1st.
 - The Renewable Energy Fund Annual Report is due October 1st. It includes more information this year due to the passage of HB225 last session. Specifically, the report will include the quantity of RECs purchased for compliance.
 - The Locational Value for DG working group met on Tuesday. National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) presented on locational value studies completed in other states.
- OSI:
 - The final Volkswagen Mitigation Plan has been released and is on the OSI website.
- DES:
 - DES is working with OSI on the Volkswagen Mitigation Plan.

- A committee formed by the legislature to study electric vehicles will meet on Friday, September 28th at 9:00 a.m. on Room 107 of the LOB. This will be the study committee's second public meeting.
- Other:
 - NHSEA asked for time on the October agenda to present and discuss a LED streetlights motion.

7. Next Meeting

- Friday, October 19th , 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A
- Potential Topics:
 - Energy Star Product Evaluation Overview and Findings
 - LED Streetlights – OSI and NHSEA Follow-up July meeting discussion

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.