

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for October 18, 2019

Attendees:

Board Members: Donald Perrin (DAS); Madeleine Mineau (Clean Energy NH); Becky Ohler (NH DES); D. Maurice Kreis (OCA); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Tonia Chase (BIA); Karen Cramton (PUC); Kate Peters (Eversource); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Joe Doiron (OSI); Senator Martha Fuller-Clark (Senate); Ben Frost (NH Housing & Finance); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Marc Prindiville (State Fire Marshal's Office); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Scott Maslansky (CDFA)

Others: Azanna Wishart (PUC); Stephen Eckberg (PUC); Jay Dudley (PUC); Matt Siska (GDS Associates); Rep. Peter Somssich (House of Representatives); Liz Nixon (PUC); Brian Buckley (PUC); Tom Fuller (Eversource); Christa Shute (OCA); Chris Skoglund (NH DES); Meredith Hatfield (CLF); Brianna Brand (Clean Energy NH); .

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Becky Ohler called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of the September 20, 2019 EESE Board Meeting Minutes

- Joe Doiron moved. Ben Frost seconded.
- Approval of the September 20, 2019 minutes. All in favor with one abstention.

3. Legislative Updates

- Several legislative service requests (LSRs) and re-referred energy-related bills that may be of interest to the Board were highlighted:
 - Repeal of the EESE Board LSR – the Board should discuss whether it should submit formal comments or offer information regarding the purpose and work of the Board.

- LSR titled establishing a program for installation of heat pumps for low-income homeowners.
- LSR titled establishing a committee to study energy efficiency programs.
- LSR titled adding a building scientist to the Building Code Review Board (BCRB). It was noted that the BCRB discussed this LSR at their last meeting. BCRB members had questions about who the appointing authority might be for determining the appointment; and what credentials would the candidate require. It was suggested that contacting Residential Energy Performance Association (REPA) may be helpful as their members are credentialed energy professionals.
- The Commission studying the establishment of a state department of energy has been meeting biweekly since September. Senator Fuller-Clark stated that significant information has been gathered through state agency presentations at commission meetings. To date, the PUC, DES, and OSI have provided overviews; additional agencies are scheduled to present.
- Senator Fuller-Clark requested that a day be set aside in December or January to discuss legislative energy related issues and topics. It was suggested that a date in January would allow for a presentation of the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard 2020 approved plan.
- The Senate can file bills up to October 30th. If there is an issue that anyone feels is critical, please contact a Senator.

4. 2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) Plan Update – Presentation by Kate Peters of Eversource.

- The 2020 EERS Plan was filed with the PUC on September 13, 2019. Public comment was received and a technical session was held. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019.
- Discussion topics included:
 - Comparisons of how the EERS programs have changed from 2019 to 2020 in the electricity and gas sectors.
 - The state’s energy efficiency programs have had positive impacts in the form of customer energy cost savings, reduction of greenhouse gases, and MMBtu savings.
 - The EERS comprises a set of foundational programs focused on Residential energy efficiency, Commercial & Industrial energy efficiency, Education, and Financing. There was a discussion about Level 2 EV chargers, some with and some without, Energy Star designation. Including Energy Star certified EV chargers would be a good topic to explore during the upcoming three-year plan.
 - Eversource decided that the Home Energy Reports will no longer be offered to its customers. The company has seen diminishing returns on this program changing customer behavior. The fund savings from discontinuing this program will be used to further support the Product Rebate Programs.

- Active Demand Reduction Initiative for Residential and Commercial & Industrial customers include Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and battery storage incentives. On-bill options, third party financing, and competitive online loan platforms available for C&I customers. There is also a new Performance Incentive Calculation recommended for both electric and gas.

5. Board and Program Updates:

- EERS Committee – Don Kreis:
 - A public meeting will be held on Monday, November 4th. The principle item on the agenda will be a presentation of a timeline highlighting where the EERS is today and where the committee wants the EERS at the end of the next three-year EERS cycle. The EERS 2021-2024 EERS plan will be filed with the PUC on July 1, 2020. The utilities will circulate draft plans for review and discussion beginning on April 1, 2020 through July 1, 2020.
 - The committee is working with VEIC on mapping out a timeline. They will have a draft timeline on November 4th.
- Ryan Clouthier requested appointment as a voting member of the EERS committee. Becky Ohler moved to approve the appointment. Joe Doiron seconded. A discussion followed. All in favor with one abstention.
- EM&V Working Group:
 - Don Kreis nominated Christa Shute be the EESE Board's representative to the EM&V working group, replacing Brian Buckley. Don Kreis moved. Joe Doiron seconded. Unanimously approved.
- PUC – Karen Cramton:
 - The Renewable Energy Fund (REF) Report and SBC Report were submitted on October 1st.
 - A technical session will be held on Monday, October 21st for the Eversource Low-Moderate Income Solar Pilot program.
 - The Locational Value of Distributed Generation (LVDG) stakeholder group will meet on October 24th. The stakeholder group developed a scope outline for the study which was subsequently approved by the Commission. An RFP was issued and the resulting contract with Navigant was approved by the Governor and Executive Council.
 - A public hearing followed by a technical session for the Puc 900 administrative rules related to net metering is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st. The public hearing pertains to the draft rules that were submitted to the Commission in September related to the alternative net metering tariff. A technical session will follow to

continue discussions on the implementation of SB165 (2019) related to on-bill credits and a Low Moderate Income adder.

- Liberty and Eversource rate cases are ongoing.
- The approval of the Renewable Energy Fund Fiscal Year 2020 budget is inconsideration with the Commission.
- Other:
 - Marc Prindiville reported that there is a Carbon Monoxide Summit on November 5th and 6th in Hanover. Dr. Rosen from Dartmouth will speak about the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Information and registration will be emailed to the EESE Board and interest parties.
 - The Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference is scheduled for Friday, November 15th in Concord.
 - Becky Ohler's term a Chair of the EESE Board will end in December. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will occur in November. If anyone is interested, contact Becky or Madeleine to discuss the responsibilities of each position.

6. Upcoming EESE Board Meetings:

- The scheduled EESE Board meeting on November 15th conflicts with the LES conference. The December 20th meeting may conflict with holiday schedules. Board members were asked if there are any objections to the November and December meetings being rescheduled to November 8th and December 13th, respectively. No objections. Both meetings are rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

**Thank you to the Eversource for providing the refreshments.