

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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### Minutes for November 20, 2020

#### Attendees:

Board Members: Donald Perrin (DAS); Madeleine Mineau (Clean Energy NH); D. Maurice Kreis (OCA); Becky Ohler (DES); Carol Woods (NHEC); Tom Fuller for Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Jack Ruderman for Ben Frost (NH Housing Authority); Scott Maslansky (CDFA); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Representative Bob Backus (NH House of Representatives); Tonia Chase (BIA); Ryan Clouthier (Southern NH Services); Karen Cramton (PUC); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Cindy Carroll (Unitil).

Others: Azanna Wishart (PUC); Brian Buckley (PUC); Brianna Fiorillo (CENH); Henry Herndon (CENH); Kelly Buchanan (CENH); Megan Ulin (Revision Energy); Tom Rooney (TRC); Chris Skoglund (DES); Kate Bashford Epsen (ISO-NE); Christa Shute (OCA).

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Madeleine Mineau called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### 2. Approval of the October 16, 2020 EESE Board Meeting Minutes.

- Bruce Clendenning moved. Bob Backus seconded.
- Approval of the October 16, 2020 minutes. All in favor.

#### 3. Review and Discussion of EESE Board Governance Document.

- The governance document does not mention the standing EERS Committee nor its purpose. After a brief discussion, Don Kreis volunteered to draft language to add to the document that formalizes the EERS Committee. The Board will review the insertion at the December meeting.

#### 4. Review draft annual report

- The annual report is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- There was a discussion about deleting the word “banking” (top of page 3) or revising the language to read, “Investment community”.
- Matt Siska’s name and appointment should be listed under Non-Voting Members.
- Under Scott Maslansky’s name on page 4, correct the appointment verbiage to be consistent with the rest.
- Motion to approve the Annual Report with the following three edits:
  - Delete the word “banking” and replace it with “investment community”.
  - Move Matt Siska’s information from the Voting Members section to Non-Voting Members section.
  - Amend appointment verbiage under Scott Maslansky’s name.
- Karen Cramton moved. Becky Ohler seconded. All in favor with one abstention. The report will be updated and submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 5. Discuss 2021 EESE Board Chair and Vice Chair positions

- It has been the tradition that the Vice Chair steps into the role of Chair for the following year. However, Matt Mailloux has accepted a position outside of OSI and he will no longer be an appointed designee. To the EESE Board
- There was a discussion about voting versus non-voting members serving as Chair or Vice Chair. There is no provision in the governance document barring a non-voting member from serving in either role.
- It was noted that the Chair needs help from all board members, as it is sometimes difficult to come up with ideas for meeting presentations and discussions. A suggestion was made that discussion for future meeting topics could be an agenda item at each board meeting.
- It was noted that the board needs to consider who will chair the EERS Committee next year.
- The Chair requested that members start discussions about who they would like to nominate.
- There will be further discussion and nominations for Chair and Vice Chair during the December meeting. Elections will be held at the January meeting.

#### 6. Legislative Updates – Representative Backus

- LSRs are being filed.
- The Supreme Court, at the request of the House, decided that the House can meet remotely.
- Representative Reny Cushing prevailed at the caucus yesterday and will be the candidate for minority leader for the Democrats.

#### 7. Update from ISO-New England – Kate Epsen

- There will be a meeting of the Consumer Liaison Group on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can register on the ISO website (<https://www.iso-ne.com/event-details?eventid=141190>). It is free. A

panel will be discussing the future of clean energy and the wholesale markets as well as the vision statement that all of the New England state's governors signed, with the exception of New Hampshire.

- There was a filing that was the culmination of a two-year process in energy/fuel security. The filing was for new products in the day ahead market to secure ancillary services, help reserves, to help balance the day ahead with real time load. It was under a package called Energy Security Improvements. FERC rejected the filing in October. ISO-NE filed a request for clarification last week to ask if its obligation under the proceeding is concluded.
- ISO-NE issued several data requests to the New England states for their ten-year electrification forecasts. Thank you to all who assisted by providing data.
- FERC's previous Chairman was engaged in issues like carbon pricing, electric vehicles, and distributed energy resources. After holding a technical conference on carbon pricing, FERC issued a high-level policy statement on carbon pricing. With the new administration, a new Chair will be appointed. There will also be a Commissioner vacancy in June 2021, which may cause a shift at FERC, which may have an effect on electricity and natural gas markets. These shifts will probably align more with states' decarbonization goals.
- A member asked if a proposal would be made to bring tariffs in line with current practices concerning load reconstitution. The Independent Market Monitor quarterly report stated that they did not believe that way transmission owners are reconstituting load is in line with the tariff. ISO-NE did not take a position on this practice. Within the NEPOOL process there will be a discussion about future options/potential tariff clarifications at the NEPOOL Transmission Committee

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## 8. Board and Program Updates

- PUC – Karen Cramton
  - The Commission issued a secretarial letter regarding the Clean Energy Fund asking stakeholders to come to a consensus on how to use the \$5.2 million from the divestiture settlement.
  - An order will be issued by the end of the year in the EERS docket.
  - The statewide energy data platform docket is moving forward.
  - With stakeholder involvement, draft Community Power Aggregation rules are under development.
  - The RGGI annual report was issued and sent to the legislature in late October. It is also posted on the Commission's website.
  - HB715 (2020) requires the Commission to open an investigatory docket on Storage. The Commission recently open docket no. IR 20-166 – an Investigation into Compensation of Energy Storage Projects for Avoided Transmission and Distribution Costs. Written comments are due to the Commission by January 11<sup>th</sup>. The first technical session is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - There is no further information on the Renewable Energy Fund.

- DES – Becky Ohler
  - The Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Charging Commission expired November 1<sup>st</sup>. A final report was issued with several recommendations including that the State commit to develop zero emission vehicle technology infrastructure, that the VW settlement funds be used quickly to deploy charging stations, that the state’s vehicle fleet move to zero emission vehicles, and that capital and operating budgets include money for necessary charging stations.
  - The Transportation Council will be meeting today. The expired Commission’s report will be presented at the meeting. It will be requested that the Council continue the work of the expired Commission.
  - Electrify America is building fast charging stations in West Lebanon and Manchester. There will be a third location as well.
  - A member asked if Becky was monitoring the regional Transportation Climate Initiative program. DES is monitoring public sources but they are no longer privy to the discussions being held.
  - Electrify America has just gotten third quarter data for the Seabrook EV station. Due to demand charges they are paying \$3.08 per kWh, which is the equivalent of \$21.00 per gallon of gas. New tariff structures need to be considered.
  
- DES – Chris Skoglund
  - DES has been working with the Department of Administrative Services to put together a contract for fleet purchasing. A vehicle index should be coming out soon. A benefit of a municipality purchasing with the index would be that in the future, when DAS goes out to bid, they would be able to demonstrate that there is demand for EV vehicles, thus increasing purchasing power.
  - UNH Sustainability Fellows Program is excepting proposals from organizations from around New England through December 4<sup>th</sup>. Accepted proposals will be paired with a university fellow through an interview process. . The program announcement will be sent to Board members via email.
  
- EM&V – Christa Shute
  - The potential study is complete.
  - The lighting sales data study is nearly complete.
  - Strategic Evaluation Plan - the group is looking to move to a broader scope to help reduce the considerable time in procurement.
  - The PUC has issued an RFP and received bids on a statewide evaluation contractor.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.