

Meeting: EESE Board Subgroup

Date: January 24, 2014 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: PUC Hearing Room B

Attendees: Brandy Chambers, OEP, Rep. David Borden, Cindy Carroll, Unitil, Debra Hale, Liberty Utilities, Les Stachow, PUC, Carol Woods, NH Electric Coop, Jack Ruderman, PUC, Laura Richardson, Jordan Institute, Autumn Curilla, GDS Associates, Mike Fitzgerald, DES, Kate Peters, PSNH.

The purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on discussion about EERS from the December Board meeting and determine potential agenda items for the February meeting.

- Agencies and stakeholders are still working on potential bill language for HB 1129 with Rep. Grossman.
- The group discussed additional analysis from the utilities. The utilities are working right now on the reports for the 2013 CORE programs. They will be including information on program costs and benefits in these reports and this will be a good year to look at as programs ramped up significantly from 2012 to 2013. The group discussed a potential presentation in April.
- The group discussed stakeholder process, the types of questions that could be answered in such a process and what role the PUC might be able to play. The commission is currently working on a response to the EESE Board request from December.
- The group discussed the need to look at the big picture economic impact of EE work and the fact that there could be a variety of potential funding mechanisms that might capture the right balance between upfront investment and long term benefit.
- For the February EESE board meeting Mike Fitzgerald will reach out to ISO New England to see if we can have someone come to talk about their forecasting for Efficiency and how it plays into their analysis of the region's needs. Kate will also talk with NEEP about getting some more in more depth information on some of the funding mechanisms that are used in MA.
- The March Board meeting will focus on connecting renewables to the grid. Jack Ruderman is arranging a presentation from the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) and Laura Richardson mentioned NH storage company SustainX as a possible complementary presenter.
- Other potential future topics include information on decoupling practices and Least Cost Procurement.