

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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DRAFT Minutes for June 17, 2016

Attendees:

Board members: Rick Minard (NH OEP); Donald Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Carmen Lorentz (NH DRED); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); Steve Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Matt Labonte for Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshal); Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC)

Guests: Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Dick Henry (Hot Zero); Richard Labrecque (Eversource); Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Joe Fontaine (NH DES); Chris Skoglund (NH DES); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Barbara Bernstein (NH PUC); Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Kristina Harrold (NH PUC); Lisa Shapiro (GCG-Eversource); Ed Davis (Eversource); Steve Eckberg (NH PUC)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Bagels and coffee provided by The Nature Conservancy. Meeting started at 9:05 am.
2. **Approval of Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes from May 20, 2016 were approved. Final notes will be posted on the PUC's website.
3. **"Smart Rate Design for a Smart Future" Presentation:**
David Little of The Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) presented an overview of rate design amidst changing technology and its potential energy market impact. Topics covered included: Power Sector Transformation, Smart Energy Technologies, Smart Rate Design, Demand Charges for Residential, Distributed Generation Rate Making and Value, and Smart Grid Cost Allocation Issues. The presentation will be posted to the EESE Board's webpage.
4. **Board and Program Updates:**
 - Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - DE 16-576, Net Metering Technical Session is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 9:00 am. Agenda will be available early next week.
 - The PUC's Sustainable Energy Division received a Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) 2016 State Leadership in Clean Energy Award (SLICE) for its first in the nation thermal renewable energy certificate (T-REC) program.
 - RFP 2016-005, issued for a consultant to assist the Commission in the review, analysis, and evaluation of new net metering tariffs or other alternative rate designs (docket DE 16-576) closed June 13, 2016. The PUC received six (6) proposals for evaluation.
 - SB386 to add biodiesel production to electric renewable energy sources has been signed into law. The statute directs the PUC to establish procedures for the metering, verification, and

reporting of useful thermal energy output for producers of biodiesel no later than December 31, 2017.

- HB2 was amended to eliminate the transfer of approximately \$1.5 Million a year from the Renewable Energy Fund to Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) beginning in fiscal year 2017. The amendment also adjusted the transfer to HSEM in FY 2016.
- The next Grid Modernization Working Group Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2016 at 9:00 am.
- The PUC welcomes Kristina Harrold, a fellow with the UNH Sustainability Institute. Kristina's focus will be drafting a report summarizing regional RPS statutes and New Hampshire RPS achievements.

- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:

- Amanda Merrill has been appointed the new Director of OEP. Amanda brings years of legislative and energy & planning experience to this position. Rick Minard and staff are very excited to work with her.
- State Energy program funding from Department of Energy's SEP Grant has been approved.
- Weatherization Assistance Program is close to approval.
- Waste Water Treatment Improvement Plan has been approved.

- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:

- The DES welcomes Tim White to his Supervisory role with the DES. Tim formerly worked as the Senior Transportation Planner for the Southern NH Planning Commission.

- Other Updates:

- Don Kreis of NH OCA recommended that the EESE Board play a proactive role in clarifying any misconceptions related to the pending EERS settlement agreement.

5. **Next Meeting – Friday, July 15, 2016.**

- Cancelled.
- Becky Ohler recommended that Board members hold a working group meeting instead, regarding the settlement agreement.

6. **Adjourned at 11:46 pm**