TO: Members, Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board

FROM: Rick Minard, Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Planning

DATE: August 25, 2016

SUBJECT: EESE Board/EERS Committee meeting on August 30, 9 AM

At last Friday's meeting, the EESE Board decided to convene a committee to focus on how the Board should respond to the invitation posed to it by the Public Utilities Commission to play a key role in the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS). We will start that work on Tuesday, August 30, from 9 to 10:30 at the Office of Energy and Planning.

I understand that this is a challenging time for this meeting and that many people who need to be part of the conversation will not be able to attend. We will set expectations and the agenda accordingly and hope only to start framing the options so that Ben Frost can advance the discussion at the September 16 EESE Board meeting.

Agenda:

9:00	Welcome, introductions
9:10	Review the PUC's EERS Order 25,932: http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/Orders/2016orders/25932e.pdf
	The order presents the views of many parties about the role of the EESE board and stakeholder involvement in sections starting on page 33. The Commission's final statements are on pages 60-61, copied below.
9:30	Defining the challenge of the committee and establishing a schedule for developing a proposal
10:00	Who else needs to participate in the committee process?
10:10	Assembling materials that will help the committee; what will the committee need? (as a starting point, Natalie Treat of NEEP has sent a bibliography of sorts; her emailed links follow this agenda)
10:20	Next steps
10:30	Adjourn

Excerpt from PUC EERS Order, pages 60-61:

6. Stakeholder Involvement

Involving energy service stakeholders in the development and implementation of the EERS is important, because they are directly connected to the provision of energy and efficiency services. The active participation in the EERS of Settling Parties, who include representatives of the Joint Utilities, Commission Staff, DES, consumer advocates like the OCA and NHLA, efficiency experts and service providers, brings different knowledge, experience, and perspectives. New Hampshire is fortunate to have so many stakeholders who are invested in the success of energy efficiency and the EERS; their contributions and collaboration in this proceeding produced a more robust result. As economy wide involvement in energy efficiency measures will yield the best results, we encourage fuller participation of the New Hampshire business community going forward.

We appreciate the Joint Utilities' access to counterparts and expertise in other jurisdictions that lead the nation in the provision of energy efficiency services and encourage further interactions. To enable the well-informed contribution of the non-utility stakeholders in work required in the future to assure success of the framework we establish today, we approve the Settling Parties recommendations related to the retaining and funding of a planning consultant, an EM&V oversight consultant, and the EM&V studies consultants.

The EESE Board is a collection of diverse energy stakeholders, and its involvement in the EERS planning and implementation, as recommended by the Settling Parties, is appropriate. To fulfill that advisory role, the EESE Board requires technical resources consistent with the Settlement.

7. Evaluation, Measurement and Verification

We approve the EM&V proposals contained within the Settlement Agreement. Rigorous and transparent EM&V is essential to a successful EERS, to ensure that the efficiency programs actually achieve planned savings in a cost-effective manner. The addition of the EESE Board and additional expert resources to the EM&V proposed for the EERS will protect customers through consistent and fair assessment of program performance and cost effectiveness. Moreover, a Technical Resource Manual that meets New Hampshire needs, as proposed by the Settlement, will enable EM&V transparency, consistent and fair assessment of program performance and cost effectiveness. Moreover, a Technical Resource Manual that meets New Hampshire needs, as proposed by the Settlement, will enable EM&V transparency, consistency, and accuracy.

Links to Other Reference Materials (from an email by Natalie Treat):

The State and Local Energy Efficiency Action (SEE Action) Network <u>guidance paper on EE</u>
<u>Collaboratives</u> (from the U.S. Department of Energy)

Energy efficiency collaboratives vary greatly and are typically designed for a specific jurisdiction, making them hard to compare side by side. This guide seeks to highlight a few common elements and draw conclusions on the overall effectiveness of specific characteristics of collaboratives. This guide defines and examines four different types of collaboratives in terms of their origin, scope, decision-making method, membership, duration, available resources, and how they interact with and influence their respective commissions.

I am attaching and linking a few select items relative to energy efficiency stakeholder boards. First, some recent RFPs for consultants in Connecticut and Delaware. Below, a few links, including a helpful guidance paper from US DOE's SEE Action Network.

While Mass and Connecticut have much larger EE budgets - thus larger consultant budgets - I think they can still serve to inform your work in advising the PUC on a consultant RFP, and thinking about the role you hope the EESE board can play relative to program planning and oversight. Delaware is just working to set up statewide programs, and their consultant budget is closer to that of NH's at this point.

If I can be of any help navigating these materials or putting you in touch with individuals attached to EE boards any of the NEEP states, please let me know.

About the Mass EEAC – see bylaws, enabling legislation, charge, meeting docs, reports, etc

Mass Consultants' work plan – including list of tasks and staff for 2016/17

Conn EEB - main page - Another very stakeholder friendly example is Conn's Energy Efficiency Board

<u>Delaware EEAC</u> – much less robust as Delaware is just getting started

In addition, Natalie has provided the committee with pdfs of the RFPs used by Connecticut and Delaware for their consultants.