

# **The EERS Committee of the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board**

**Minutes: August 30, 2016, at the NH Office of Energy and Planning**

Prepared by Richard Minard, Committee Chair

Present: Richard Minard, NH OEP; Becky Ohler and Joe Fontaine, NH DES; Kate Peters, Eversource, Dennis Labbe, NH Legal Assistance (EESE Board Vice Chair); Jim Brennan, Office of the Consumer Advocate; Karen Cramton and Steve Eckberg, , NH PUC; Cindy Carroll, Unitil; Laura Richardson, Jordan Institute; Ben Frost, NH Housing Finance Authority (EESE Board Chair).

The committee convened for its first meeting at 9 am and adjourned at 10:30.

Participants reviewed the PUC's EERS Order 25,932 for its direction on the potential role of the EESE Board in the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard. Participants described the settlement process and the parties' consensus that the EERS implementation would require a stakeholder advisory group similar to those serving in neighboring states and that the EESE Board, if provided expert consults, could best assume that role in New Hampshire.

Participants agreed that the committee should draft and present to the EESE Board at its September 16 meeting a motion to:

- Affirm the EESE Board's willingness and ability to take on the role framed in the PUC Order to help make the EERS a success.
- Establish the EERS Committee as the body that will:
  - help the EESE Board define its roles and responsibilities,
  - help the Electric Division at the PUC develop a scope of work to include in a request for proposals from potential consultants, and
  - assume the ongoing responsibilities of helping the EESE Board fulfill its role in the EERS process.

Rick Minard agreed to facilitate the drafting process for the motion. Becky Ohler agreed to facilitate the work on the RFP.

Ben Frost asked Minard, Karen Cramton, Dennis Labbe, and Mary Downes and Scott Albert (the chairs of the EESE Board's committees) to review the EESE Board's charter and recommend updates that will help it fulfill its responsibilities in the EERS process.

Participants also noted that the EERS Committee would need to work with the EESE Board's Outreach and Education Committee to ensure broad participation in the EERS process. Participants affirmed that the utilities would participate on the EERS Committee as nonvoting members.

Becky Ohler will convene a work session of the Committee at the Department of Environmental Services on Sept 7 from 9 to 10:30 AM to work on the RFP. The PUC will distribute the meeting agenda to the EESE Board's list of interested parties and will post the meeting for the public.