

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Minutes for November 18, 2016

Attendees:

Board members: Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy); Rick Minard (NH OEP); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Kate Peters (Eversource); Carol Woods (NHEC); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Theresa Swanick (NH Municipal Association); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC)

Guests: Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Meghan Hoye (LighTec); Cindy Schweitzer (Clear Result); Jeanine Girgenti (NH DOJ)

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Meeting started at 9:08 am. Chair, Ben Frost, asked for volunteers to provide coffee for the next EESE Board Meeting, December 9, 2016. Kate Epsen of NH SEA volunteered.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from September 16, 2016 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.
3. **EESE Board Committee Updates:**
 - Outreach and Education Committee (O & E) Update:
 - The Outreach and Education Committee did not meet since the last Board meeting. Scott Albert has circulated a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting.
 - EERS Committee Update:
 - As chair of the EERS Committee, Rick Minard provided an update of his collaboration with Public Utilities Commission (PUC) staff on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to facilitate the Advisory Council's (EESE Board's) work as necessary, as directed in the EERS Order. The drafting of the RFP, scoring criteria, selection and oversight of the consultant had been previously discussed by the EERS Committee.
 - The Board discussed the consultant's ability to support the Board as well as PUC staff. Rick Minard, Ben Frost and Dennis Labbe have framed a letter of understanding to be emailed to Voting and Non-Voting Members of the Board for input. Comments should be sent directly to Rick Minard no later than Wednesday, November 23, 2016. The Board further determined that a meeting should be held prior to the December 9th meeting to finalize the proposed letter of understanding between the EESE Board and PUC staff. The meeting will occur on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 9:00 am, location to be determined.
 - Rick Minard provided an overview of the scope of work, qualifications, and scoring criteria of the RFP with the Board. Written copies of the RFP were not distributed to the Board. Board Members discussed the components of the RFP and offered input. Don Kreis expressed concern about providing input to the RFP without having the full document for

review, and that the reviewing of the RFP was not specifically identified on today's meeting agenda. Don asked for the meeting minutes to record his statement. The Board's Chair, Ben Frost, acknowledged Don's statement and request for the meeting minutes to reflect his statement, explaining to Don that the reason the RFP was not on the agenda was because the PUC was awaiting legal guidance on the matter.

4. Governance Document Review and Recommended Changes

The Board discussed Ben Frost's proposed changes to the EESE Board Governance Document. Ben will update the Governance Document and present the final version to the Board in December for formal approval and adoption.

5. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
 - DE 16-576, Net Metering Alternative Tariff – the rebuttal testimony due date has been pushed out two weeks until December 16, 2016. A motion was also filed to extend the hearing dates to March.
 - The annual RFP for the C&I renewable energy competitive grant program has been released. Seven (7) proposals were received and are currently under review.
 - DRM 16-829, Biodiesel Rules – A technical Session was held last week. Staff is working on draft rules based on input from stakeholders. The next technical session will be held January/February time frame. The additional 2500 rule changes will be considered and discussed during separate technical session(s) in 2017. Biodiesel rules are due no later than 12/31/17.
 - Grid Modernization meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at the PUC from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - DE 16-850, RPS Class III and Class I-Thermal REC Requirements - A public comment hearing to adjust and/or delay annual obligations is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the PUC.
 - Unitil and Liberty Rate cases are moving forward. Staff testimony in the Unitil case is due to be filed this week.
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
 - RGGI interim review continues. DES staffs, with input from interested parties, have been designing robust analyses of potential program changes. It is not certain when any final decisions will be made regarding any changes.
 - A public input session is scheduled for November 29, 2016 at 1:00 pm for potential uses of funding resulting from the Volkswagen settlement. NH would become the beneficiary of \$29.85 million over 10 years, pending the Governor's decision as to whether or not to accept the funds. In the meantime, NHDES is starting to plan for the use of these funds. Initial proposals focus on how to use funds to reduce NOx emissions; however, 15% may be used to support EV infrastructure. More information can be found at the DES website "What's new – VW Settlement".

6. Possible Future Meeting Topics include:

- Energy Savvy Product Presentation
- NEEP presentation on Energy Efficiency/Management Software Products
- Massachusetts work on energy Storage
- Outreach to DOER

7. Next Meeting – Friday, December 9, 2016.

- Preliminary Topics:
 - a. EERS Process Overview – presentation by Utilities
 - b. Committee Updates

8. Adjourned at 11:32 am