

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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## Draft Minutes for September 15, 2017

### Attendees:

**Board members:** Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); Rep. Robert Backus (NH House); Steve Tower for Mary Krueger (NH Legal Assistance); Kevin Avard (NH Senate); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Donald Perrin (DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy)

**Guests:** Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Heather Tebbetts (Liberty Utilities); Scott Albert (GDS Associates); Kristin Bahny (TRC); Melissa Birchard (CLF); Gregg Wade (ISO-NE); Roger Stephenson (SSC); Christine Donovan (VEIC); Brian Buckley (NH OCA); Chris Skoglund (NH DES); Mary Downes (Unitil); Tom Fuller (Eversource); Dorothy Currier; Raymond Burke (NH LA); Joe Fontaine (NH DES); Henry Herndon (Energize 360); Chris Plecs (Eversource)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting started at 9:05 am.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from July 21, 2017 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.

### 3. Presentation by Joe Fontaine of NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES), Summary of Proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Changes

Joe Fontaine of NH DES, presented an overview of the proposed changes from the RGGI 2016 program review. The presentation has been posted to the EESE Board webpage. There will be a webinar on September 25<sup>th</sup> to gather stakeholder input on RGGI program design elements and modeling analyses. Information gathered throughout Program Review is used to support evaluation of any potential modifications to the RGGI program.. The following link will be circulated to members and stakeholders to register for participation. [http://rggi.org/docs/ProgramReview/2017/09-25-17/Meeting\\_Notification\\_09\\_25\\_17.pdf](http://rggi.org/docs/ProgramReview/2017/09-25-17/Meeting_Notification_09_25_17.pdf)

### 4. Presentation by Kate Peters of Eversource, 2018-2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan

Kate Peters, Eversource, presented an overview of the NHSaves 2018-2020 Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan as filed with the PUC on September 1, 2017, Docket Number DE 17-136. She highlighted key features of the plan along with changes that were incorporated based on the Board's feedback on the draft plan. The presentation has been posted to the EESE Board webpage. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan has been posted to the EESE Board EERS webpage. If anyone needs assistance locating information in the plan, feel free to contact Kate Peters.

## 5. EESE Board Committee Updates:

- EERS Committee Update:
  - The EERS Committee did not meet since the last EESE Board meeting.
  - D. Maurice Kreis has been working with Paul Dexter of the PUC and Matthew Fossum of Eversource, holding preliminary discussions on the procedural schedule for the EERS Docket DE 17-136. An Order of Notice from the commission is anticipated soon. The prehearing conference is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Commission. The Chair of the EERS Committee is optimistic about the possibility of a settlement agreement between parties based on the discussions that took place during Committee meetings this summer. D. Maurice Kreis elaborated on the steps involved in filing to intervene in the docket: The Commission will issue an Order of Notice with instructions on how to seek intervenor status. This is a new docket and parties will need to file an intervention request even if they intervened in the EERS docket. If anyone needs help with the process, feel free to contact D. Maurice Kreis for assistance.
  
- Outreach and Education (O & E) Committee Update:
  - The Outreach and Education Committee did not meet since the last EESE Board meeting. The committee is available to assist the Board should they wish to provide a specific objective to achieve.

## 6. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
  - Michael Giaimo has joined the PUC as a commissioner
  - The Renewable Energy Fund Program budget is close to finalized for this fiscal year (FY 2018). The \$3.6 million revenue estimate provided earlier has not changed. Soon, Staff will issue a program budget recommendation memorandum and, with Commission approval, a secretarial letter will be issued to the program dockets and REF budget docket.
  - The Net Energy Metering Docket established working groups. The first working group session took place mid-August to discuss study and pilot program requirements. The group decided to establish focused working groups and schedule individual sessions for each of the pilot programs and the Value of DER study. The Low-Moderate Income program working group meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the PUC.
  
- Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) Updates:
  - No updates provided.
  
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
  - NEG ECP –A draft climate action plan developed collectively between states and provinces was adopted at the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers’ August conference. The plan is available at [CONEG || NEG/ECP](#)
  - A trustee has been selected to oversee the Volkswagen settlement. The trustee is working with the Attorney General negotiating final settlement plans.
  
- NH Housing Finance Authority Updates:

- NH HFA will be issuing an RFP for project based vouchers in multi-unit residential projects serving populations with special needs. The board needs to do as much as possible to coordinate programs, especially regarding LMI.
  - The Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for low income housing tax credits has been signed by the NHHFA Board and the Governor. The QAP included extra points for buildings that are Passive House or Net Zero certified.
  - Update on the Gilford development – original proposal developer was looking to Passive House standard. Looks like they will be moving forward with construction. They will be holding an open house and the project will be built over the ensuing year; ready for occupancy next fall.
- VEIC Updates:
    - Tillotson funded role to work with local stakeholders in the region to identify gaps in the ability to deploy energy efficiency programs in remote and less densely populated areas. Identify new different ways to connect to existing stakeholders. Would like to hear from folks in the region with ideas and ways to make energy efficiency supply infrastructure better.
    - Would like to commend the utilities for their good work in the revised plan and recognize the great work D. Maurice Kreis and the EERS Committee have done.
- Utility Updates:
    - NH Energy Summit will be taking place October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
    - Local Energy Solutions Conference is scheduled to take place October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH.
    - Many other energy related workshops taking place this month, encouraged to go to NHSaves website to find out more.
- Other Updates:
    - Energize 360 program will be wrapping up soon, running through the end of September.

**7. Next Meeting – Friday, October 20, 2017 – at the Public Utilities Commission**

- Preliminary Topics:
  - a. Committee Updates

**8. Adjourned at 11:02 am.**