

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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Draft Minutes for July 20, 2018

Attendees:

Board Members: D. Maurice Kreis (OCA); Karen Cramton (PUC); Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Rep. Robert Backus (House of Representatives); Brianna Brand for Kate Epsen (NHSEA); Donald Perrin (DAS); Mary Downes for Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Bill Johnstone for Carol Woods (NHEC); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Becky Ohler (DES); Rep. Herbert Richardson (House of Representatives); Scott Maslansky (CDFA); Joseph Doiron (OSI); Katherine Garfield (BIA); Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Auth); Michael Behrmann (Revolution Energy)

Others: Matt Mailloux (OSI); Ed Cherian (Town of Boscawen); Alan Hardy (Town of Boscawen); Henry Herndon (NHSEA); John 'JB' Branagan (Affinity LED); Tim Clougherty (City of Manchester); Paul Ramsey (Eversource); Melissa Birchard (CLF); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Azanna Wishart (PUC); Brian Buckley (OCA); Jay Dudley (PUC); Chris Skoglund (DES); Heather Tebbetts (Liberty Utilities); Madeleine Mineau (City of Nashua); Steve Tower (NH Legal Assistance).

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Don Kreis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of the June 22, 2018 EESE Board Meeting Minutes

- Representative Backus moved. Ryan Clouthier seconded. Approved with 3 abstentions.

3. LED Street Lighting Presentation and Discussion

Presentation by Tim Clougherty of the Manchester Public Works Department and Paul Ramsey of Eversource Energy

- The presentation described Manchester's LED streetlight conversion pilot project. The presentation is posted on the EESE Board webpage and provides slides summarizing the following topics:
 - Advantages of LED lighting

- Regulations & Metering
- Conversion process
- Procurement process
- Cost summary for the City of Manchester
- Smart controls
- Environmental Benefits
- A discussion of Eversource, Liberty and Unitil LED/street lighting tariffs, town conversions to LED streetlights, challenges to conversion, conversion collaboration amongst smaller towns, and LED lighting standards followed the presentation.
- A motion was made by Joe Doiron to form a working group to study LED across the state. Seconded by Representative Richardson. There was a discussion about what the focus of the group would be, given the broad subject matter.
- Joe Doiron withdrew the motion.
- Don Kreis brought the discussion to a close without resolution but the promise to take up the subject at a future meeting.

4. EERS Working Group Reports

- EM&V
 - The working group held its initial kick-off meeting with the contractors who will perform the evaluation of efficiency programs.
 - The Energy Star products program evaluation is nearing completion.
 - The 2016 NH C&I Small Business & Municipal Lighting Evaluation is pending upload to the EERS webpage.
 - A new version of the [evaluation recommendations tracker](#) has been published.
- Lost Base Revenue (LBR)
 - The utilities sent around the LBR report and the OCA filed comments. Comments are expected from staff by July 20, 2018. The next steps have yet to be determined.
- Finance & Funding
 - The working group is developing action items for the 2019 plan update.
 - Most of the utilities are seeking to standardize their \$15,000 small business loan offering for next year.
 - The utilities will be working with CDFA to bridge the lending gap between the \$15,000 utility offering and the need for larger loans. The proposal is for CDFA to offer C&I loans between \$15,000 and \$30,000.
 - The utilities are proposing to increase their residential on-bill financing offering to \$4,000 in 2019, an increase from \$2,000 in 2018.
 - The working group is considering hiring a consultant to seek out grant funding.
- Performance Incentive
 - The group has discussed a wholesale redesign of the performance incentive; including a possible low income metrics and reviewing MA and VT methodologies.

- Benefit/Cost
 - The working group is actively discussing adoption of certain AESC values, including pooled transmission facilities (PTF) and reliability benefits, stakeholder proposed inputs, inclusion of a low-income adder, and environmental adder for the gas programs.
 - A low-income meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 24 in light of overlap in some groups and how they relate to low-income.

5. Legislative Updates

- SB577 – requiring the public utilities commission to revise its order affecting the Burgess BioPower plant in Berlin, prohibiting the import of certain liquid fuels, and relative to the production of useful thermal energy was signed by the Governor Sununu
- SB365 – use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity – Governor Sununu vetoed
- SB446 – net energy metering limits for customer generators –Governor Sununu vetoed
- Override session scheduled for September 13, 2018

6. Board & Program Updates

- Other:
Don Kreis has invited Dave Farnsworth of The Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP) to the September EESE Board meeting to speak about strategic, beneficial, electrification.

7. Next Meeting

- August EESE Board meeting is cancelled
- Friday, September 21, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.