

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

RSA 125-O:5-a
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Minutes for December 11, 2015

Attendees:

Board members: Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Rick Minard (NH OEP); Jim Brennan for Susan Chamberlin (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Brian Ramsey (BIA); Rep. Herb Richardson (NH House); Stephen Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance); Laura Richardson (Jordan Institute); Chris Moore for Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Carol Woods (NHEC)

Guests: Brianna Brand (NH PUC); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); Joe Fontaine (NH DES)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:05 am
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Meeting minutes from November 20, 2015 were approved. Final minutes posted on the PUC's website.
3. **EESE Board Business:**
 - Legislative subcommittee was formed to track legislation and provide updates at EESE Board meetings. Members include Laura Richardson, Becky Ohler, Carol Woods, Jim Brennan, and Karen Cramton. The subcommittee will communicate via phone prior to January meeting.
 - Per RSA 15-1 the PUC will be sending requests and instructions to Board members to complete the Statement of Financial Interests.
4. **2015 Annual Report:**

The Board discussed amending the report to expand the role of the EESE Board, including referencing the EERS technical discussion and EERS letter of support. Amended report will be sent to members and any responses should be directed to Karen Cramton and Kate Peters. The Annual Report was approved, contingent on, and barring no objections, to the changes.
5. **Discussion on 2016 Board Priorities and Meeting Schedule:**

The draft schedule for 2016 EESE Board meetings was posted to the PUC's website. Several topics for 2016 Board priorities were brought up, including state buildings (March), building codes, review/comments of EERS (early 2016), annual CORE update (February), electric vehicle charging stations, and updates on grant-funded projects ARRA, RGGI and REF. In addition, several proposed presentations included business retention as it relates to energy (BIA), the Clean Power Plan (coordinate with DES), and SmartGrid. The overall consensus was that content should drive the schedule.
6. **Board, Agency and Program Updates:**
 - PUC Updates:
 - Docket DE15-137 - EERS.
 - Testimony was filed on December 9 and posted to the PUC's website.
 - High demand for solar rebates continues.

- REF Annual RFP Update: Review is underway of project proposals which will increase the supply of REC's from thermal renewable energy or non-photovoltaic electric renewable energy projects in New Hampshire.
- Office of Energy and Planning Updates:
 - A meeting for Home Energy Score Project stakeholders will be held the week of December 14.
 - A contract is in the works for the grant, awarded to OEP from the U.S. Department of Energy, for the DES-led project to support energy benchmarking for all waste water treatment plants in NH and work individually with three plants to reduce energy usage.
 - OEP released a job opening for an Energy Analyst.
- Other Updates:
 - The CORE refrigerator pick-up program is now closed due to the vendor suddenly closing. Customers have been notified and the search has begun for a new vendor. The hope is to reinstate the program next year.
 - Through an OEP grant, DES is working to increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) in New Hampshire. Four are currently in the works, including EVCS in Keene, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Mt. Washington Observatory, and Durham. An RFP has been released for additional incentives. A target area for EVCS is the Rt. 89 corridor.
 - Liberty Utilities has opened a docket to change the rate tariffs for EVCS. The goal is to develop a kWh rate for EVCS and thereby reduce this barrier to EV in New Hampshire.

7. Next Meeting:

- **January 15, 2015**

8. Adjourned at 10:18 am