
NH Energy Efficiency Resource Standard 2021-2023 Triennial Plan Proposed Review and Approval Process

Updated Based on 11/4/19
NH EERS Committee Discussion

November 8, 2019



Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
 2. Review EESE Board and EERS roles during the process
 3. Discuss key objectives for the 2021-2023 EERS Program planning and approval process
 4. Discuss proposed process for 2021-2023 EERS Plan
 5. Review proposed meeting schedule
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EESE Board – EERS Roles

- EESE Board Resolution; September 16, 2016
 - Affirmed the Board was willing and able to support successful implementation of an EERS by assuming the role of stakeholder advisory council
 - Formally established an EERS Committee to:
 - Help the EESE Board define its roles and responsibilities in the EERS process
 - Work with the PUC Electric Division to retain the planning consultant who supports the EESE Board's work in the EERS process
 - Undertake committee work to ensure the EESE Board fulfills its role in the EERS process
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Who's Who Relative to the NH EERS?

Agency / Entity	Overview of Roles for the NH 2021-2023 EERS Program Plan
NH PUC - Commissioners	Review and ultimately approve (either with or without litigation) the 2021-2023 EERS Program Plan filed by the NH utilities on July 1, 2020
EERE Board	In its role as convening body for stakeholder input into the EERS Plan, ensure substantive public input during plan development; receive guidance from the EERS Committee throughout the plan process
EERS Committee	Convene stakeholders and provide recommendations on EERS issues to inform development of the EERS Plan by the NH utilities, with EERS Committee members voting whether or not they support the Proposed Final EERS Plan
Stakeholders	Through the EERS Committee and/or as intervenors in the adjudicative process, provide input to the Utilities EERS plans
NH PUC - Electric Division	Provide technical support and subject matter expertise during the stakeholder collaborative process culminating in the filing of the final EERS plan; help develop a robust evidentiary record in the adjudicative process where the Commission will review the EERS Plan filed by the utilities; administer the competitive bidding and contracting of an EERS Planning Consultant
EERS Planning Consultant	Provide technical expertise and planning support during development, review, and approval of the EERS Plan

Objectives for EERS Planning Process

- Provide technical expertise to support the NH Utilities in developing a 2021-2023 EERS Program Plan with a comprehensive program portfolio that is designed to deliver strong participation, overcome barriers, and transform markets
 - Facilitate meaningful stakeholder participation in plan development, via the EERS Committee and EESE Board
 - Ensure that the Final EERS Plan filed by the NH Utilities with the NHPUC reflects the technical expertise and meaningful stakeholder input provided during the planning process
 - Ideally, achieve widespread support among diverse stakeholders for the Final EERS Plan filed with the NHPUC to eliminate litigation during the formal docket
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Key Dates for the 2021-2023 Plan

Deliverable	Owner	Due Date
Provide preliminary input on 2021-2023 programs to NH Utilities	EERS Committee	February 21, 2020
Submit First Draft 2021-2023 EERS Program Plan to EERS Committee	NH Utilities	April 1, 2020
Provide detailed and program-specific Review Comments on First Draft Plan	EERS Committee	May 1, 2020
Submit Revised Plan Narrative and Comment Response Matrix describing how First Draft Plan Review Comments have been addressed (or will be addressed in the July 1 Final Plan)	NH Utilities	June 1, 2020
Vote on Revised Plan Narrative and Comment Matrix	EERS Committee	June 19, 2020
Submit Final EERS Plan to NHPUC	NH Utilities	July 1, 2020

- April 1 and July 1 dates are defined in the settlement agreement
- June 1 date enables the EERS Committee (supported by VEIC) to vote on the Revised Plan Narrative and Comment Matrix before the Final Plan is filed

New! Process Leading to April 1 Draft Plan: Policy Topics

- Key policy topics identified in Settlement Agreement: Goal-Setting, Low Income Programs, Performance Incentives, Funding and Finance
 - Highest priority: Provide NH Utilities with high-level direction on EE goals, budgets, and key metrics by the end of 2019

 - Upcoming EERS Committee meetings will focus on policy issues, trends, and outcomes from recently completed Work Groups to inform goal-setting, budgets, and other key decisions needed early in the planning process
 - Meetings on 11/18, 12/2, and 12/16
 - See slide 12 for proposed meeting schedule
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Process Leading to April 1 Draft Plan: Portfolio and Program-Specific Input

- Portfolio and program-specific input:
 - VEIC subject matter experts (SMEs) will meet directly with NH Utility Program Managers (PMs) (as a group, program by program) to review, discuss, and enhance program plans for the 2021-2023 period
 - VEIC will report-out to EERS Committee summarizing discussion outcomes and highlighting issues and areas of disagreement needing further discussion by Committee members and stakeholders
 - EERS Committee / EESE Board will provide summary recommendations to NH Utilities by February 21

 - April 1 Draft Plan will be a complete plan draft, including all attachments and data tables
 - NH Utilities will draw on existing program / measure data and policy direction, since the Potential Study will not be complete
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Process Leading to June 1 Revised Plan Narrative & Comment Response Matrix

- EERS Committee / EESE Board review & submit Draft Plan Review Comments to the NH Utilities by May 1
 - Rigorous review by EERS Committee, supported by VEIC, to ensure strong alignment between earlier recommendations and April 1 Draft Plan
 - EERS committee will develop detailed issue-specific recommendations in response to the Draft Plan
 - EESE Board may add specific targeted recommendations
 - NH Utilities incorporate potential study results (if available) and stakeholder feedback on April 1 Draft Plan into a Revised Plan Narrative by June 1
 - Also by June 1, NH Utilities provide EERS Committee a Comment Response Matrix with point-by-point responses indicating how the Revised Plan Narrative has addressed (or the Final Plan will address) the Draft Plan Review Comments
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Process Leading to July 1 Final Plan to NHPUC

- EERS Committee members vote whether to support the Utilities' Revised Plan Narrative and Comment Response Matrix and communicate vote results to EESE Board by June 19
 - Each EERS Committee member will have the opportunity to articulate the reasons for their vote
 - EESE Board discusses the EERS Committee's vote and determines what the Board wishes to convey to the NHPUC Commissioners by July 1
 - Based on the 2021-2023 EERS Plan development and review process, including the EERS Committee's vote
 - NH Utilities make final adjustments following the EERS Committee vote and submit Final Plan to the NHPUC by July 1
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General Meeting Schedule

- EERS Committee meetings – twice per month
 - First and third Monday of each month, 1 to 4 pm – **TIME CONFIRMED!**
 - May be reduced if the time is not needed

 - EESE Board meetings - monthly
 - Third Friday of each month, typically 9 to 11 am
 - The EERS Committee will provide updates on plan development and public input opportunities at each meeting

 - Working sessions with NH Utility PMs and VEIC SMEs
 - “Roll-up-your sleeves” working sessions will be held one day per week in NH from January 13 through February 14
 - Typical format: One program addressed in the morning 9 am-noon and another program addressed in the afternoon 1-4 pm
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New! Proposed 2019 Meetings: Policy Topics

- 11/18 EERS Committee meeting:
 - VEIC will share key trends in next-generation energy efficiency portfolio and program design and implications for NH for the three-year plan
 - NH Utilities will brief Committee on current energy efficiency goals and goals, what is working well or not, and ideas for the future
 - EERS Committee members are invited to share ideas on EE goals
 - Briefings can be either verbal remarks or PowerPoint
 - EERS Committee will begin to discuss the information shared and identify key decisions that must be made to inform the three-year plan

 - 12/2 EERS Committee meeting:
 - A representative of each Work Group from the last Settlement will brief the Committee on key findings / outcomes and impacts for the three-year plan
 - EERS Committee members are invited to share ideas on EE goals
 - Briefings can be either verbal remarks or PowerPoint
 - EERS Committee will continue to discuss the information shared and identify key decisions that must be made to inform the three-year plan
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New! Proposed Meetings Continued

- 12/16 EERS Committee meeting: Goals
 - Informed by these meetings, VEIC will share a straw proposal for an EE goal framework for the 2021-2023 period
 - EERS Committee will discuss the straw proposal and identify outstanding issues and concerns
 - VEIC will then revise and circulate the goal framework to the EERS Committee for final review and feedback

 - 1/6 EERS Committee meeting: Stakeholder Input
 - EERS Committee will confirm agreement on the goal framework
 - Majority of the meeting will be a listening session for the EERS Committee to hear from stakeholders
 - Stakeholders will be invited to share what is working well with EE programs, what needs improvement, ideas for the future, and feedback on the goal framework
 - 5-minute cap per person for verbal remarks (not including Q&A)
 - Stakeholders also invited to submit written comments by January 13
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