

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

Presentation to EESE Board December 13, 2019



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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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General Meeting Schedule

- EERS Committee meetings – twice per month
 - Usually first and third Monday of each month, 1 to 4 pm
 - EESE Board meetings - monthly
 - Third Friday of each month, typically 9 to 11 am
 - The EERS Committee will provide updates on plan development at meetings over the next six months
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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 to vote on the Revised Plan Narrative and Comment Matrix before the Final Plan is filed

Proposed Stakeholder Engagement Process

	Stakeholder Engagement Opportunity	Venue / Mechanism	Date / Location
1.	Provide verbal comments in person at the Stakeholder Feedback Session	EERS Committee Meeting	January 6, 2020 2:00 to 3:00 pm Concord, NH
2.	Submit written comments for the Stakeholder Feedback Session	EERS Committee Email	January 13, 2020
3.	Provide verbal comments on the April 1, 2020 Draft Plan prepared by the NH Utilities	EERS Committee Meeting	April 20, 2020 2:00 to 3:00 pm Concord, NH
4.	Submit written comments on the April 1, 2020 Draft Plan prepared by the NH Utilities	EERS Committee Email	April 20, 2020
5.	Provide verbal comments on the June 1, 2020 Revised Plan Narrative	EERS Committee Meeting	June 15, 2020 2:00 to 3:00 pm Concord, NH
6.	Submit written comments on the June 1, 2020 Revised Plan Narrative	EERS Committee Email	June 15, 2020

Process Leading to April 1 Draft Plan

- Policy topics:
 - 2019 EERS Committee meetings are focusing on policy issues, trends, and outcomes from Work Groups to inform overall direction and focus of EERS planning and the design of the energy efficiency portfolio
 - Portfolio and program-specific input:
 - January/February working sessions with VEIC subject matter experts (SMEs) and NH Utility Program Managers 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 Following April 1 Draft Plan

- **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 will 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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EERS Committee's Current Focus: Developing Guiding Principles for EERS Planning

- The NH Utilities need guidance **in the near term** on key topics that affect the overall direction and focus of EERS planning and the design of the energy efficiency portfolio
 - The EERS Committee will work over the next 1-2 months to document its guidance to the Utilities in the form of a set of **Guiding Principles for EERS Plan Development**
 - We anticipate that the following thorny topics (among others) will need further discussion by the EERS Committee:
 - Determining the right level of ambition for energy saving goals and associated budgets
 - Whether, and to what extent, to include active demand, energy optimization/fuel switching, and geotargeted EE in the EERS portfolio
 - Potential updates to targets and performance incentive (PI) framework
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Thank You!

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