

**Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board**  
*VEIC Study ("SB323 Report") Review Committee*

NH Charitable Foundation  
37 Pleasant St, Concord NH

Thursday, May 24, 2012  
1 pm – 3 pm

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY NOTES**

**Members in Attendance:**

Gil Gelineau - PSNH; Steve Eckberg - OCA; Chris Kintz – National Grid; Rebecca Ohler - NHDES; Jack Ruderman - NHPUC; Deborah Schachter – NHCF; Chris Skoglund – NHDES; Eric Steltzer – OEP; and Carol Woods – NHEC.

**Members by Phone:**

Ben Frost – NHHFA; George Gantz – Unitil; and Jodie Lucci - LighTec.

**Guests:**

None.

**Discussion**

*1. Introductions & Framing of the Day*

The review committee agreed to review as many of the chapter syntheses as possible in the two-hour time frame in order to prepare the reviewed chapter syntheses for presentation to the EESE Board on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This would be the first presentation of each chapter synthesis and they would be revisited at a meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

There was an observation that the group has been working in a very collaborative, consensus –based manor and that there may be issues, around which there may be disagreement, that haven't been adequately flagged for further review. The concern was that the syntheses may be crafted in a manor that does not suggest how much more "meat" there still is in the study. The group agreed that this should be addressed upfront with remarks in the introductory section of the final committee report to the EESE Board.

*2. Chapter Team Findings*

The review committee heard from 3 chapter teams:

- Chapter 3 - Electric and Gas Utility Energy Efficiency Programs – Portfolio Level Review and Assessment
- Chapter 4 - Residential Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment
- Chapter 5 - Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment

The chapter teams reviewed the preliminary findings that they had included in their synthesis documents. The teams are composed of 2-3 review committee members and

these preliminary syntheses are not considered to be products of the committee. This was the first meeting that the entire committee had had an opportunity to hear the chapter team findings and to make observations and to ask questions regarding the overall format of the documents as well as the specific content within each chapter. Each chapter team presented their material in a slightly different fashion reflecting the differences within the teams' membership and the chapters' contents.

Highlights from chapter discussions include:

**Chapter 3:**

- identified the establishment of an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) as a critical first step towards developing a more robust efficiency portfolio;
- this will begin with a process that the EESE Board and other entities should collaborative to facilitate; and
- once the EERS is established, other measures such as an expanded Systems Benefit Charge (SBC) could be considered as there will be a clearer idea of what the resources are required.

**Chapter 4:**

- recommended that the chapter be referred to the parties engaged in the Core docket filings to consider and implement the recommendations of this chapter; and
- disagreed with several recommendations and included not only where there was disagreement, but also the reasoning behind that disagreement.
  - For instance, the recommendation to explore upstream incentives as the team was concerned that benefits may not be passed on to consumers and may result in over-estimation of energy savings.

**Chapter 5:**

- was, due to time, only in a very preliminary draft form. The committee discussed the scope of the contents and identified how they would like to see the next iteration presented and what additional members could contribute to the development of the chapter synthesis.

*3. Approach/Process for Future Work*

**Additional Considerations**

There was a question posed at the end as to whether the VEIC Study Review Committee should consider the finding of the Legislative Budget Assistant (LBA) [Performance Audit of the PUC](#). The audit report recommended, similar to the VEIC Study that the state pursue the development of a non-adjudicative procedure.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **VEIC Meeting, Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Re-review:*

- Chapter 3 - Electric and Gas Utility Energy Efficiency Programs – Portfolio Level Review and Assessment
- Chapter 4 - Residential Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment
- Chapter 5 - Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment

#### *Newly consider:*

- Chapter 6 - Low Income Weatherization Assistance Programs Review and Assessment
- Chapter 13 - State Government Leading by Example

### **EESE Board Meeting, Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Chapter 3 - Electric and Gas Utility Energy Efficiency Programs – Portfolio Level Review and Assessment
- Chapter 4 - Residential Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment
- Chapter 5 - Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency CORE Programs Review and Assessment
- Chapter 9 - Utility Performance Incentives Review and Assessment
- Chapter 11 - Community Planning and Municipal Engagement as Cornerstones of Sound Energy Policy

#### *4. Adjourn*