

Minutes
Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EESE) Board
Public Utilities Commission, Concord, NH
9 AM – 12:00 PM
Friday, November 8, 2013

In Attendance:

Jack Ruderman, Public Utilities Commission; Alan Linder, NH Legal Assistance; Brandy Chambers, Office Energy Planning; Jeffrey Cyr, State Fire Marshall's Office; Laura Richardson, Jordan Institute; Theresa Swanick, NH Municipal Association; Karen Rantamaki, State Energy Manager; Deborah Schachter, NH Charitable Foundation; Susan Chamberlin, Office of Consumer Advocate; Becky Ohler for Mike Fitzgerald, Department of Environmental Services; Rep. John Mann for Rep. Robert Introne, NH House; and Chris Aslin for Kate Epsen, NH Sustainable Energy Association.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Kate Peters, PSNH, Acting Chair; Carol Woods, NH Electric Cooperative; Deb Hale, Liberty Utilities; Tom Palma, Unutil.

Welcome and Introductions

1. [Minutes](#) of October EESE Board meeting were accepted as amended to include several additional meeting attendees: Kevin Peterson (NHCF), Karen Rantamaki (DAS) and Theresa Swanick (NHMA).
2. **Meredith Hatfield, Director of the Office of Energy and Planning, introduced the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) Study:**
 - brief history of the grant
 - original charge to assess feasibility of increasing investment in EE through adoption of an EERS and/or other policy mechanisms
 - results consistent with several preceding studies
3. **EERS Study Presentation by:**
Christine Donovan and Shawn Enterline, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC); Scott Albert, GDS Associates, Inc.

[Power-point presentation](#)

- History, Purpose & Content
- What is an EERS & What is the Experience in Other States?
- Stakeholder Input & Design Criteria

- EERS Recommended by Team
- Key Strategies for Achieving EERS
- Study Methodology & Results
- Economic Impacts
- Funding Sources & Bill Impacts
- Next Steps
- [Q&A and Discussion](#)

There were a series of questions and answers during and after the formal presentation.

Following the presentation and discussion, Becky Ohler (DES) proposed that the Board convene a subgroup soon and make recommendations addressing the EERS study and next steps. The group will identify key components of the report to address now. Becky will set a meeting date next week. OEP will distribute the EERS report ASAP.

4. Wood Pellet Rebate Program (PUC) – presented by Barbara Bernstein (PUC)

Barbara Bernstein asked for the Board’s feedback on [questions](#) from a Technical Session held on October 30, 2013 regarding the new commercial and industrial wood pellet heating systems rebate program that the PUC is creating. Board members provided extensive comment on the questions presented. A handout was distributed: [Examples for Commercial Pellet Boiler Equipment and Cost and Payback](#).

5. Strategic Planning - put off until next meeting

- Focus on types of activities to get involved with next year.
- EESE to present its history of activity to the Energy Council. Board invited to participate.

6. Board and Program updates

A. Outreach and Education

- Ad hoc committee has had several meetings and is working toward a recommendation to the Board on the future role of the O & E subcommittee. Looking at the use of a logic model to map out subcommittee’s role. NHSEA is working on a plan to revive the website myenergyplan.net

B. Legislative

- Laura Richardson (The Jordan Institute): PACE legislation that was held over from last year having executive session next week;
- Jack Ruderman (PUC) - HB542: RPS study committee issued final report recommending no changes to RPS law for now.
- Jack Ruderman (PUC) - SB98: PUC has submitted interim group net metering rules to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR). Review process to follow, then make permanent rules.
- Brandy Chambers (OEP): House STE committee will exec all transmission bills held over from last session this week.

C. PUC (Jack Ruderman)

- Annual RGGI report to legislature just submitted by DES/PUC.
- Report on SBC programs also submitted by PUC.
- Both reports to be presented to legislature in December, along with PUC's annual Renewable Energy Fund report.

D. OEP (Susan Thorne)

- EERS report completed.
- Solar PV grant with Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) and New England states (excl. Maine)

E. Other

- Kate Peters (PSNH) seeking reviewers of her draft annual EESE Board report
- Julia Dundorf: Local Energy Solutions conference dates: March 29 or April 12. Seeking keynote speaker. EESE to advise on communications strategy.