ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD
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DRAFT Summary Notes for January 16, 2015

Attendees:

Board members: Joe Fontaine for Mike Fitzgerald (NHDES, Acting Chair); Steve Eckberg (PUC); Theresa Swanick (NHMA); Carol Woods (NHEC); Ben Frost (NHHFA); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Susan Chamberlain (NHOCA): Carol Woods (NHEC); Matt Labonte (NHFM); Rep. Chuck Townsend (NH House); Dennis Labbe (NHLA); Laura Richardson (The Jordan Institute); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Ben Frost (NHHFA); Michael Bruss, Kate Peters (Eversource)

***Guests*:** Mike McQueeny (TRC), Chris Skoglund (NHDES); Liz Nixon (NHPUC); Karen Cramton; Pradip Chattopadyay (OCA); Natalie Treat (NEEP); Mark Luckes (Johnson Controls); Mark Saltsman (Concord Steam); Mike Licata (Liberty Utilities); Wes Golumb (NHSEA); Scott Albert (GDS); Rorie Patterson (PUC);; Robert Scott; Rep. Bob Backus (NH House); Barbara Bernstein (PUC)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Meeting started at 9:05 am

2. **PUC Commissioner Honigberg** announced that appointment terms for several Board members expired at the end of 2014 so those individuals need to provide new letters of appointment to continue as EESE Board members. PUC will assist with details. A sufficient number of Board members remain formally active – quorum confirmed.

3. **EESE Board Leadership.** Kate Peters expresses interest and willingness to continue as Acting Chair. So moved and approved by Board.

4. **Minutes of November 21, 2014 EESE Board Meeting**

   Minutes adopted with several changes to attendee names and affiliations.

5. **Scheduling of 2015 EESE Board Meetings.** A list of meeting dates for 2015 was shared/circulated. Dates are 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/22 (tentative), 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/11 (tentative). See EESE website for copy of memo.

6. **Presentation – NH Residential Rooftop Solar PV – Permitting, Zoning, and Interconnection Guide.** Presented by
   Scott Albert, GDS Associates
   Karen Cramton (NH-PUC Director Sustainable Energy Div./formerly NH-OEP during this grant funded project)

   Provided a presentation which included an overview of the new Residential Rooftop Solar Permitting and Zoning guide developed through a regional US DOE Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant in collaboration with Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA). The Guide provides a summary of useful information related to Residential Rooftop Solar PV including: State Policies; Permits & Fees; Zoning & Laws; Soft Costs; Barriers. The Guide is available electronically on the OEP website at http://www.nh.gov/oep/resource-library/energy-publications.htm

   Information from the Guide will also be presented at a session at the Local Energy Solutions Conference on 3/21/15 at Grappone Center. See http://lesconference.nhenergy.org/

The presentation will be available on EESE Board website - http://www.puc.state.nh.us/EESE.htm.

7. **Discussion about letter from EESE Board to Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee and others supporting Renewable Energy Fund.** Discussion about the Board authorizing and sending a letter similar to that dated July 25, 2014 from Board expressing concern that Alternative Compliance Payments not be diverted from the REF and they be used as intended to operate programs and stimulate investment in renewable energy technologies. The 2014 letter also referred to the Resolution of the EESE Board of June 14, 2013 expressing similar sentiments. Motion was made, seconded and approved to send letter to Governor, Joint Leg. Fiscal Committee, House & Senate Finance Committees, House & Senate Ways and Means Committees, House Speaker, House Majority Leader, Senate Pres. and Senate Majority Leader similar to the July 25, 2014 letter expressing support for the Renewable Energy Fund. All voting members voting in favor of sending a letter; with the exception of those abstaining: OEP and PUC.

8. **Board and Program Updates**

i. Legislative

There was review and discussion of LSRs, many of which have designated HB or SB status now, relative to energy issues. The list will be made available on the EESE Board website for this meeting.
The list includes
HB 191 relative to projects privately funded in energy efficiency & clean energy districts
HB 205 relative to lending practices of energy eff. & clean energy districts.
The previous two were discussed by Laura Richardson – see is following these closely.
The items below relate to energy issues and are being followed by DES & others.
SB 26 relative to the electric renewable portfolio standard
HB 234 relative to renewable portfolio standards
HB 534 repealing the electric portfolio standard
HB 143 relative to electric renewable energy classes
HB 238 relative to energy efficiency implementation plan
HB 614 establishing goals of the state 10 year energy strategy
HB 615 relative to funding for state energy efficiency programs
HB 382 establishing comm. To study facilitating private investment in EE and RE.
HB 213 establishing a commission to study formation of an energy awareness education program
HB 574 relative to RGGI distributions to residential customers
HB 208 repealing the NH RGGI program
HB 288 relative to code for energy conservation in new building construction
CACR 2 relating to dedicated funds.

ii. PUC

Steve Eckberg provided year end Residential PV rebate numbers. In calendar 2014, 541 applications were received, 398 rebates paid totaling $1,390,405 corresponding to total cost of projects of $13,386,083. For comparison, in 2013, there were 268 applications received, 267 rebated paid totaling $910,049 corresponding to total cost of projects of $5,331,094.

Karen Cramton provided updates on other PUC and OEP programs. We understand that PUC Electric Division will be presenting next month on the Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS) proposal that has been developed.

iii. Other. Theresa Swanick reminded the Board of the upcoming Local Energy Solutions Conference on March 21, 2015 to be held at the Grappone Conf. Ctr. in Concord. More details available at **www.nhenergy.org**

9. **Meeting ended by Motion 11:30 am.**