

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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### Minutes for February 17, 2017

#### Attendees:

**Board members:** Ben Frost (NH Housing Finance Authority); Karen Rantamaki (NH DAS); Kate Epsen (NH SEA); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Carol Woods (NHEC); Becky Ohler (NH DES); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Rhonda Bisson for Kate Peters (Eversource); Rep. Herbert Richardson (NH House); James Brennan for D. Maurice Kreis (NH OCA); Karen Cramton (NH PUC); Ryan Clouthier (SNHS); Michael Mooiman (The Jordan Institute); Rep. Robert Backus (NH House); Steve Tower for Dennis Labbe (NH Legal Assistance).

**Guests:** Tanya Wayland (NH PUC); Liz Nixon (NH PUC); Scott Albert (GDS Associates); Bruce Clendenning (TNC); David Borden; Kristin Bahny (TRC); Gregg Wade (ISO NE); Christine Donovan (VEIC); David Borden (New Castle Energy Committee); Mary Downes (Unitil); Jake Oster (Energy Savvy)

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

Bagels and coffee provided by David Borden. Meeting started at 10:06 am.

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from January 20, 2017 were approved. Final minutes will be posted on the EESE Board's website.

#### 3. EESE Board Annual Report:

The draft annual report has been completed and will be emailed to EESE Board members for review and comment in advance of the next EESE Board meeting.

#### 4. EESE Board Committee Updates:

- Outreach and Education (O & E) Committee Update:
  - The Outreach and Education Committee held a meeting prior to the EERS workshops for the purpose of getting the word out about the workshops. The committee plans to schedule the next meeting when they receive a specific objective to achieve from the Board.
- EERS Committee Update:
  - The EERS Committee in collaboration with the utilities and Christine Donovan (VEIC) are holding a series of five workshops to gather information and ideas in helping the utilities to draft the first EERS three year plan which is due by the end of April. The first workshop was held Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee members were impressed with the number of attendees and the quality of the input received. The O&E Committee were commended for the great job they did getting the word out and generating out of state interest and input. A complete list of upcoming workshop dates and locations has been posted to the EESE Board website: <http://puc.nh.gov/EESE.htm>.

- EESE Board Chair, Ben Frost, announced that he has asked D. Maurice Kreis to Chair the EERS Committee

## 5. Board and Program Updates:

- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Updates:
  - Grid Modernization meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2017 at the PUC from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to continue to discuss the draft recommendation document.
  - DE 16-576, Net Metering Alternative Tariff – Technical/Settlement Sessions are being held. The Hearings on Merits are scheduled to begin Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the PUC at 10:00 a.m.
  - The seven proposals received for the Commercial & Industrial renewable energy competitive grant program annual RFP have gone before the scoring committee and the PUC is working on developing the contracts and preparing for Governor and Executive Council approval.
  - Biodiesel Rules (DE 16-829) – the PUC along with stakeholder input is working to develop rules for the manufacturing of Biodiesel to qualify for Renewable Energy Certificates. The first Technical Session was held in November. The next Technical Session is being planned for March. Modifications to the PUC 2500 rules will be open for discussion during a future meeting.
  - PUC rebate programs will be posting pie charts depicting available funds, reserved funds, and paid funds to the program webpages around the second week of each month.
  - The Commercial & Industrial Category 2 Solar Rebate Program, which is for solar arrays over 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW, has established a waitlist. The number of projects on the waitlist will be posted monthly to the program’s webpage.
- Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) Updates:
  - The Governor has appointed Myles Matteson to serve as OEP’s new director.
  - OEP is drafting next year’s proposal for the State Energy Program (SEP) grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Project ideas for the grant are welcome. The application is due April 11, 2017.
- Department of Environmental Services (DES) Updates:
  - DES is working in consultation with the Attorney General’s office drafting a proposal to the Governor regarding the possible uses of funding resulting from the Volkswagen settlement. There has been a three to six month delay in the trustee naming which means NH will not see the funding until early 2018. The public comment period regarding potential uses of the funding has been extended until late March to early April.
  - RGGI review continues with additional analysis to reflect changes at federal level.
- Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Updates:
  - The State Employee Energy Conference will be held May 5, 2017. There will be a place for vendors, contact Karen Rantamaki if interested.
  - The Energy Savings Performance Contract with Con Edison Solutions has wrapped up. The project includes a biomass boiler and solar PV on the DMV building.
  - The second project at Cannon Mountain focused on the snow making system is on target with over \$300,000 savings on their electric bill. They will be installing weatherization measures in the Spring.

## 6. Presentation by Energy Savvy – M&V 2.0 – Modern Measurement

Jake Oster of Energy Savvy gave a presentation to the Board on the subject of modern measurement of energy efficiency program savings. The presentation will be available at the EESE Board website <http://puc.nh.gov/EESE.htm>.

**7. Next Meeting – Friday, March 17, 2017 – at the Department of Environmental Services**

- Preliminary Topics:
  - a. Annual Report Approval
  - b. Committee Updates
  - c. Presentation by Karen Rantamaki, DAS, State of NH Energy Savings Performance Contracts

**8. Adjourned at 11:53 am**