

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD

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## Minutes for May 18, 2018

### Attendees:

Board Members: Joseph Doiron (OSI); D. Maurice Kreis (OCA); Karen Cramton (PUC); Katherine Garfield (BIA); Kay Draught with Alan Linder for Ray Burke (NH Legal Assistance); Matt Labonte for Jeffrey Cyr (State Fire Marshall's Office); Rep. Robert Backus (House of Representatives); Henry Herndon for Kate Epsen (NHSEA); Donald Perrin (DAS); Becky Ohler (DES); Cindy Carroll (Unitil); Kate Peters (Eversource); Eric Stanley (Liberty Utilities); Carol Woods (NHEC)

Others: Tim Woolf (Synapse Energy Economics); Liz Nixon (PUC); Marc Lemenager (Eversource); Mike Fitzgerald (DES); Bruce Clendenning (The Nature Conservancy); Azanna Wishart (PUC); Brian Buckley (OCA); Melissa Birchard (CLF); Chris Skoglund (DES); Joe Fontaine (DES); Rep. Michael Vose (House of Representatives); John Dube (OSI)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Don Kreis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### 2. Approval of the April 20, 2018 EESE Board Meeting Minutes

- Joe Doiron moved. Becky Ohler seconded. Approved with one abstention.

### 3. Overview of National Standard Practice Manual for Energy Efficiency Cost-Effectiveness – Presentation by Tim Woolf of Synapse Energy Economics

- Mr. Woolf's presentation is available on EESE Board's webpage under the May 18, 2018 heading.
- The presentation provided an overview of suggested new guidelines and best practices for how to determine cost-effectiveness for energy efficiency using new, or modified, concepts and tests.
- The new National Standard Practice Manual (NSPM) is a reference for states and could be used as a replacement for the California's NSPM developed 25 years ago.

- The NSPM's purpose is to define principles, establish a framework for primary test development, and provide guidance on key inputs.
- Six principles and seven steps toward implementing the Resource Value Framework were discussed.
- Time was spent discussing Step 3 – Including Non-Utility System Impacts and Whether to Include Participant Impacts in testing. New Hampshire's EERS settlement includes a 10 percent adder for non-energy impacts.
- There was discussion about differences between the Utility Cost Test and the Total Resource Cost test, and the impact each may have on investments and supply of energy efficiency.
- There was a discussion about developing public policy and legislation to promote energy efficiency through a bi-partisan commission.

#### 4. Discussion of EESE Board Priorities (continued from April Meeting)

- A revised version (dated 5/18/18) of the EESE Board Priorities for 2018 was distributed. The document accurately reflects what was agreed upon in the April meeting.
- The priorities are numbered for reference only; they are not listed in order of priority.
- NHLA reviewed the draft.
- Kay Draught moved to adopt the revised EESE Board Priorities. Rep. Robert Backus seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### 5. EERS Working Groups Reports

- EM&V
  - The technical consultant is now on board with a three year contract as contemplated in the settlement agreement. The consultant can serve the EESE Board as well as the working group.
  - Negotiations are in process with RFP respondents for the 5 or 6 evaluations. By the next EESE Board meeting we should know who won and what the scope of work for each evaluation will be posted on the EERS website.
- Lost Base Revenue
  - The group is discussing lost revenues associated with kilowatt hour savings and demand reductions. Methodologies should be complete by the end of the summer.
- Funding & Finance
  - The working group's goal this past week was to determine if any updates should be included in the 2019 plan based on the utilities updated research.
- Performance Incentive

- At the last working group meeting Unitil and Eversource gave a presentation on demand reduction pilot program in other states. The group decided that including a performance incentive on a demand reduction goal should be postponed until more information is gathered. They will be looking at Vermont & Massachusetts programs.
- Benefit/Cost
  - The working group’s focus is on updates to the avoided cost study for the 2019 plan update.
- Don Kreis noted that NHLA had suggested this would be a good time to reconstitute and revitalize the EERS committee. There was agreement to do, with Becky Ohler chairing the EERS Committee and the past EERS Committee members remaining members of the reconstituted committee. All EERE members are encouraged to attend EERS meetings, and to review meeting information on the website.

## 6. Legislative Updates

- There are three bills in which the version passed by the House does not match the version passed by the Senate. Those bills are as follows:
  - HB317 – Relative to changes in the system benefits charge.
  - HB1550 – Requiring electric bills to include the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards.
  - HB225 – (carry forward bill) – Relative to information collection concerning electric portfolio standards.
- These bills were heard in Committee of Conference this week and amended bills were agreed upon by Committee members. The bills will next be voted on by the full House and Senate.

## 7. Board & Program Updates

- PUC:
  - An order was issued on the non-wire pilot program under the alternative net metering docket. For details, please refer to [Order Number 26,124](#). Value of DER – staff submitted a Value of Distributed Energy Resources Study Scope and Timeline Report filing to the Commission. This Report was prepared pursuant to Order No. 26,029 (June 23, 2017) at 61 -62, which requires Staff to file a “final report containing the proposed value of DER study scope and timeline . . . for review and approval by the Commission prior to engaging the study consultant.” There is a public comment hearing scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>

- 2018 RPS Review – a kick off meeting was held in April. A stakeholder and interested parties input meeting was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the first six review requirements defined in statute. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a dedicated webpage to which all presentations, public comments, and summary minutes will be posted. The meetings are open to the public.
  - Low/Moderate Income (LMI) Program – An RFP was issued and proposals received have been scored. Staff is working on contracts in preparation for the Governor & Council meeting scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- DES
    - The seven listening sessions to solicit comments on the use of the Volkswagen settlement funds have been completed. The public comment period is open until June 5<sup>th</sup>. The agencies are accepting all comments but in particular are interested in comments about government (municipal) owned vehicles in regard to matching funding and how to accommodate those towns with limited budgets.
    - On June 1<sup>st</sup> there is a “Green Your Fleet!” event at NH Motor Speedway. This is a free event that provides details and updates on the latest in alternative fuel vehicles. It is sponsored by the utilities. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
  - Other:
    - There was a question as to whether the Building Code statement adopted last month had been sent to the Building Code Review Board (BCRB). The EESE Board Chair will send it to the BCRB.
    - The NH Saves Quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - There was a discussion of possible agenda items for the June meeting. The RPS 2018 Review was raised as a possible meeting topic for the next EESE Board meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.