

FINAL Minutes
Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EESE) Board
Public Utilities Commission, Getz Room 103
9 AM – 12:00 PM
Friday, February 15, 2013

Members in Attendance

Deborah Schachter from NH Charitable Foundation; Brandy Chambers from Office of Energy & Planning; Susan Chamberlin from Office of Consumer Advocate; Jack Ruderman from Public Utilities Commission; Chris Way from Department of Resources and Economic Development; Becky Ohler from Department of Environmental Services; Brian Ramsey from the BIA; Alan Linder from NH Legal Assistance; Tricia Grahame from Home Builders and Remodelers Association; Jeffrey Cyr from the State Fire Marshall's Office; Representative Townsend from the NH House; Ben Frost for Dean Christon from NH Housing and Finance Authority; Dana Nute from Jordan Institute; Kate Peters from NH Sustainable Energy Association; and Karen Rantamaki from Department of Administrative Services.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Gil Gelineau from Public Service of New Hampshire; Debra Hale from Liberty Utilities; Cindy Carroll from Unutil; Carol Woods from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative; and Mike Behrmann from Revolution Energy.

1. Welcome and Introduction

- Kate Peters noted that NHSEA had offered to sponsor breakfast and noted that the Board would be exploring lower cost alternatives as the cost of breakfast had risen steadily over the years.
- It was noted that the meeting would adjourn early, at 10:45, to allow interested parties to attend a RGGI stakeholder meeting at DES at 11 AM. The remaining time would be made available for subcommittee members to remain and discuss opportunities to pursue over the next year.

2. Minutes of January EESE Board Meeting

- The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2013 EESE Board meeting.
- Several clarifications were suggested:
 - Alan Linder had submitted two clarifying statements for the Board to consider as alternatives to the remarks recorded in the notes.
 - There was also a clarification of the intention to work with David Borden, the Chair of the House Science, Technology & Environment Committee, to bring issues for the Board to consider.
- The meeting minutes were adopted with the revisions.

3. Governance Review

- The Board reviewed the set of Governing Principles that had been developed by George Gantz and Alan Linder in 2012. With the shift in membership of the Board it was felt that reviewing the principles would be valuable to raise awareness of them among new members and ensure agreement among the members.
- The principles presented had been shared with Ann Ross and PUC staff in advance to ensure appropriateness of the principles.
- Alan Linder reviewed the principles noting their origin and contents.
- The presented principles were reviewed by the Board and then modified based on the following discussion topics:
 - There was a discussion of Section E, part b) concerning the manner in which dissenting opinions and non-voting member views would be integrated into any recommendations or positions the Board might take;
 - There was an observation that a portion of the Board's statutory charge, which was noted in the opening of the document, was repealed in 2012 by House Bill 1490;
 - There was an observation that the Board and its subcommittees were subject to RSA 91:A and therefore materials available in advance and sent to members should be posted on the Board's webpage and that minutes and materials provided at the meeting should be posted within 5 business days following each meeting; and
 - There was also a discussion of how to properly document the contact information for the Board on the Governing Principles document and on the Board webpage.
- Based on the discussion, the Governing Principles document will be revised and made available for review and discussion at the next Board meeting.

4. Board and Program Updates

1. Legislative Subcommittee

- The Legislative Subcommittee is meeting via teleconference Monday, March 4 at 2:30. The meeting is noticed and open to public.
- Noted that it would be rare for the group to take a position on a bill or issue. This group's role is to provide a forum to vet a bill and hear requests for taking up a bill.
- The subcommittee began with the BIA's legislative Bill list and has been adding to it. On the first call, EESE Board members provided input as to critical bills to watch.
- A few bills were reviewed including:
 - Kate Peters noted a RGGI bill, SB 123 to direct some funds to municipalities. Alan Linder expressed concern that moving funds from CORE to dedicated municipal funding could have an adverse impact on low-income programs;
 - Rep Townsend noted a transmission bill that may go to interim study;
 - Jack Ruderman noted that SB 148 would address a shortfall in CY2012 Class III RECs, where there was an unexpected swing in ACPs of \$15 million. Concern at legislature and PUC that there are plenty of RECs in NH but they also qualify for CT's market, where there is a higher REC price. The bill would change REC requirements in 2013 and 2014 and modify the ACP levels in 2015 and 2016 to better compete with CT. The REF would also be capped at \$6 million, with money above that amount being rebated to

electricity suppliers. Language does not specify how suppliers would be required to use that rebate; and

- Kate Peters noted that SB 65 is relative to EE plans of gas and electric utilities. The Board observed that a Least Cost Procurement policy and an Energy Efficiency Resource standard were among the recommendations included in the Board's Final Report on the Independent Energy Study. The Board noted that there were questions related to the meaning of cost effectiveness and the use of the terms sustainability and reliability that might need to be worked out. It was suggested that the Board members should watch this bill and draw attention to the Board's recommendation in the Final Report and particularly the connection to the EERS, which is among the three central recommendation of the Final Report.

2. O&E Committee

- The O&E committee had met the day before at the Office of Energy and Planning.
- Following the meeting, the co-chair, Mary Downes, had noted that the committee could use direction from the Board as to the issues they should be engaging in over the course of the next year. In addition, there was a request for greater participation by Board members on the subcommittee to increase the continuity and communication between the two groups.
- In follow-up to the EESE Board's Report of the Independent Energy Study, the dissemination plan for that report was discussed.
 - A PowerPoint slide show with speaking points had been developed and circulated following the January meeting for Board members to use when talking about the report. There had not been any comments made on that version, but the PPT would be circulated an additional time following the meeting with comments due a week later.
 - Senator Prescott, the Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee had asked for information concerning energy projects that had occurred in his district. A draft response was shared with the Board. The Board provided feedback and asked to see another draft at the next meeting.
- **Liaison to Local Energy Working Group**
 - Julia Dundof provided an update on planning for the Local Energy Solutions conference, which will take place on April 13th at Winnisquam Regional High School.
 - A new LES webpage was also unveiled and reviewed briefly. The webpage is a significant renovation of an older wiki-based page and may have the potential to serve as a temporary energy portal for the state or as a model for others to adopt. The page can be reviewed at www.nhenergy.org.
- **Membership, Vice Chair**
 - Kate noted that the Board is in need of a Vice-Chair and asked for volunteers and nominations.
- **Renewable Energy fund letter**
 - The Board reviewed a letter sent to the Governor requesting that the full amount of money that had been paid into the Renewable Energy Fund be left in place to be used for its intended purposes.

- There are concerns that the money will be used to balance the FY2014 budget or fill existing revenue shortfalls.
- The issue will be brought back in March.

5. Transportation Sector – Presentation

- Dolores Rebelledo, the DES Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Coordinator, and Becky Ohler, the DES Energy and Transportation Program Manager, provided a presentation on the efforts to expand the use of electric vehicles in the transportation sector.
- Dolores provided an overview of the [Granite State Clean Cities Coalition](#) and its role in NH as well as a review of electric vehicles and the charging equipment types and capacities.
 - The Clean Cities Program is a DOE program to reduce local emissions and national petroleum use.
- Becky provided an overview of the [Transportation Climate Initiative](#), which is an outgrowth of RGGI.
 - Includes 12 northeast states.
 - The initiative was launched with the support of the Commissioners of Transportation, Energy (PUC-equivalent) and Environment from each of the 12 states signing on.
 - The goal of the TCI electric vehicle program is to be able to drive length of region in an electric vehicle in electric mode only.
 - The electric vehicle initiative has a \$1 million DOE grant to assess the region's existing infrastructure and needs to realize this goal.

Adjourn