



## Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 1:00 – 3:30 PM  
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT (Hearing Room 2)

### MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

#### In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Taren O'Connor (Chair), Bill Dornbos (Vice-Chair), Diane Duva, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Mike Wertheimer, Neil Beup, Adrienne Houel, Jack Traver

Utility Board Members: Pat McDonnell, Ron Araujo, Chris Plecs

Board Members not in Attendance: Eric Brown, Ravi Gorthala

Board Consultants: Les Tumidaj, Glenn Reed, Craig Diamond, Jeff Schlegel, Chris Kramer (phone)

Others: Mary Sotos, Sean Condon, Steve Bruno, Walter McCree, Joe Swift, Pam Penna Verrillo, Guy West, Lynn Stoddard, Vinay Ananthachar, Theresa LaVoie, Ryan Ensling, Mark Thompson (phone), Donna Wells (phone)

#### Process

##### Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Fargo-Johnson moved to approve, Mr. Wertheimer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two corrections to the minutes were requested, and made to the document at the meeting. All present voted to approve, except Mr. Beup and Ms. Houel who abstained. **January 9, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.**

##### Public Comments

None.

##### 2017 EEB Consultant Workplans

Mr. Schlegel provided an overview of the 2017 Consultant Workplans proposal that had been discussed by the Consultant Committee. He noted that the Consultant Committee was recommending approval to the full Board. Mr. Traver moved to approve, Ms. Houel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted in favor, including Mr. Gorthala through Mr. Dornbos who was Mr. Gorthala's voting proxy. **The 2017 Consultant Workplans were approved.**

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting materials are available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/ivu3vdgvad19z95257ixk0k3h9ln0xyz>

## Program Updates/Highlights

### C&I lighting: market status and implications for programs

Mr. Tumidaj provided an overview presentation. Mr. Traver commented that a large challenge is to incentivize LEDs and/or help companies make decisions on other savings opportunities at the same time. Mr. McDonnell noted the example of breweries, which have had some success installing lighting along with controls and other technologies.

### Introduction of Mary Sotos

Ms. Duva introduced Ms. Sotos, the new DEEP Deputy Commissioner for Energy. Ms. Sotos introduced herself. She noted that a priority for her over next few months would be the Comprehensive Energy Strategy.

## Programs and Planning

### Quarterly/2016 End-of-Year Financial Report

Mr. Bruno and Mr. Araujo provided a presentation on Eversource's 2016 financial performance and accomplishments. Mr. Plecs noted that lighting was a large factor in the strong 2016 performance, and that the level of savings from lighting in 2016 may not be available in future years. Mr. McDonnell provided presentation on UIL's 2016 financial performance and accomplishments.

### 2017 Plan Update savings goals, cost-effectiveness, budget changes, and Performance Management Incentive

Mr. Schlegel discussed tables showing significant under-collections in revenue for 2016 actuals and 2017 projections (both electric and gas). He noted a 2017 revenue shortfall of approximately \$8 million for electric programs and \$4 million for gas programs. Then Mr. Schlegel provided a presentation on the 2017 Plan Update. He said that the Board would be asked to vote on the information provided in the presentation. Mr. Schlegel showed that electric and gas savings as a percent of sales decreased significantly from the original 2017 Plan as compared to the current 2017 plan (to be voted on by the Board and filed on March 1). Mr. Schlegel said that the Board Consultants were recommending to the Board the: 1) budget, 2) savings goals, 3) cost-effectiveness, and 4) Performance Management Incentive; he recommended one motion for all four of those elements. Mr. Traver moved to approve all those elements. Mr. Dornbos 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor, except for Ms. Duva who abstained. Mr. Gorthala also voted yes per Mr. Dornbos who was Mr. Gorthala's voting proxy. **The 2017 Plan Update savings goals, cost-effectiveness, budget changes, and Performance Management Incentive were approved.**

### Institute for Sustainable Energy 2016 results

Ms. Stoddard provided a presentation, and provided handouts, regarding the Institute for Sustainable Energy's 2016 program results.

### Update on Lead By Example public meeting

Ms. Duva provided presentation which provided an overview of a presentation she gave at a February 15 DEEP stakeholder meeting on Lead by Example.

## **Other**

Mr. McDonnell noted that Mr. Gorthala (who is a Professor at the University of New Haven) had applied to a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Mr. McDonnell provided a letter of support for co-funding, pending the EEB's approval. He requested that the letter be reviewed by the Board at a later date.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm.**