



## Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 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), Mike Wertheimer, Diane Duva, Ravi Gorthala (phone), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (phone), Jack Traver (phone)

Utility Board Members: Ron Araujo, Pat McDonnell, Will Redden, Chris Plecs (phone)

Board Members not in Attendance: Neil Beup, Adrienne Houel, Chris Ehlert, Eric Brown

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

Others: Steve Bruno, Vinay Ananthachar, Julia Dumaine, Pam Penna Verrillo, Dave Dobratz, Walter McCree, Joe Swift, Paul Gray, Julia Dumaine, Anthony Clark, Mark Thompson (phone), Guy West (phone)

#### Process

##### Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016 Board meeting. Mr. Dornbos moved to approve, Ms. Duva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted to approve.

**Minutes from December 14, 2016 Board meeting approved.**

##### Public Comments

None

##### Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Diamond noted that the Board had decided to move the Residential Committee meeting to Feb. 22 (from Feb. 8) so that it would be on the same day as the Feb. 22 Board meeting.

##### VOTE: extend 2016 EEB Consultant workplans to March 2017

Ms. Fargo-Johnson moved to approve. Ms. Duva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted to approve. **The 2016 EEB Consultant workplans are extended to March 2017.**

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting materials are available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/avy1hdi799nuhsod51ulzocdewmgfjz6>

## **Program Updates/Highlights**

Mr. Reed provided a presentation on the status of the Residential lighting market and its implications for CEEF programs (Mr. Reed provided the same presentation at the Residential Committee meeting earlier in the day). Mr. Schlegel noted that CT's residential lighting program has been highly successful in driving energy savings for CT customers. Ms. O'Connor asked what percent of LED socket penetration would be considered a success (with success meaning that the residential lighting programs would no longer be necessary). Mr. Reed said that no specific percent of LED saturation has been identified yet that would mean the programs would no longer be necessary. Mr. Araujo noted that hard-to-reach markets will continue to be a challenge regarding getting LEDs to customers.

## **Programs and Planning**

### Overview of 2017 Plan Update approval

Ms. Duva provided an overview presentation of DEEP's conditions of approval of the 2017 Plan Update. There was no Board discussion.

### 2017 Plan Update Goals and Savings – planning progress, updated numbers

Mr. Schlegel and the Companies provided a presentation on 2017 electric savings. Mr. Swift discussed a "waterfall" chart showing reductions and increases to Eversource electric savings since the savings that were filed in March 2016. Then Mr. McDonnell discussed a similar waterfall chart for UI. Mr. Schlegel noted that for both Eversource electric and UI, current estimates of 2017 savings were still approximately 7% lower than they were in savings that were filed in March 2016. Mr. Schlegel showed gas savings trends for both Companies. Mr. Swift discussed waterfall chart for Eversource gas. The Eversource gas difference is 13% between the current estimate and March 2016. The CNG/SCG numbers are similar. Mr. Schlegel discussed a Powerpoint slide that showed that 2017 electric savings as a percent of sales was currently at 1.47%, which is down from 1.52% in March 2016. Mr. Schlegel discussed three reasons for the lower savings: 1) lower revenue, 2) budget reallocation to demand response, 3) 2017 PSD adjustments. The Companies noted that they will end up being slightly under-collected in revenue for 2016, so there will need to be some adjustments made to the budget due to that.

### Planned market studies for 2017

Mr. Schlegel requested that the Companies provide a list of their planned market studies to the Board, and keep the list updated every quarter. Mr. Bruno noted that Eversource was looking to conduct a study on C&I expedited rebates. Mr. McDonnell said that UI was looking at potentially conducting an air sealing study in multi-family properties. He also said that there was a C&I lighting assessment currently underway and near completion. Mr. McDonnell suggested that the quarterly reports should include updates on planned studies and study results.

Update on demand pilots: schedule, research questions, desired results

Mr. Dobratz provided a presentation on the C&I demand response (DR) pilot for Eversource. Mr. Araujo said the Eversource residential DR pilot was on schedule to be completed by May 2017. Mr. Gray provided a presentation on UI's residential and C&I pilots. Mr. Schlegel then provided presentation on objectives and research questions for the DR pilots. Ms. O'Connor said that the Board would need to decide how the Evaluation Committee should be involved in evaluation of the pilot projects, and other ways that the pilots should be assessed/evaluated.

Update on SBEA loan approach

Mr. Clark provided a presentation. He said that he would like to bring a proposal to the Board for a vote at its Feb. 22 meeting if possible. Mr. Schlegel clarified that Neil Beup had asked for: 1) an assessment of the potential risk the SBEA loan approach could pose to the CEEF, and 2) a base forecast and expanded forecast if the demand for loans is greater than anticipated. Mr. Schlegel reminded the Board that this effort was included in the Joint Committee goals and in the 2016-2018 C&LM Plan.

DEEP updates

Ms. Duva said that DEEP had held a workshop yesterday on siting renewable energy to inform the Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES), and that other CES workshop topics were also planned. Ms. Duva also noted that 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) will be integrated into the next update to CT state building codes; she said that process would likely take place in 2017 and 2018. She also noted that Tunxis Community College was offering a new Associates Degree in Energy Management funded in part by the CEEF.

Other

Mr. McDonnell said that SCG was going to keep the upstream rebate closed for hot water heaters and boilers to avoid a start/stop cycle for that program.

**Closing Public Comments**

None

**The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.**