



## Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT (Hearing Room 1)

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

#### In Attendance

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

Utility Board Members: Ron Araujo, Matt Gibbs, Pat McDonnell, Michael Cassella

Board Members not in Attendance: Eric Brown, Ravi Gorthala, Chris Ehlert

Board Consultants: Jeff Schlegel, Les Tumidaj, Glenn Reed, Craig Diamond

Others: Jesus Pernia, Martiza Estremera, Walter McCree, Julia Dumaine, Shirley Bergert, Diane Del Rosso, Sharron Emmons, Norma Elizondo (phone), Guy West (phone), Tom Nelson (phone), Greg Leventis (phone), Sayten Moray (phone)

#### Process

##### Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 Board meeting. Ms. O'Connor moved to approve, Ms. Duva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted in favor.

**December 9, 2015 minutes approved.**

Public Comments - none.

##### New and Outgoing Board Members

Mr. Dornbos introduced Mr. Traver, a newly appointed Board member filling the state-wide manufacturing association seat on the Board. Mr. Traver provided a brief background on himself and said he looked forward to participating on the Board. Ms. O'Connor presented Ms. Bergert, who retired from the Board in September 2015, with a plaque recognizing her 17 years of service to the Board.

##### Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Diamond provided an update on the 2016 meeting schedule, in particular pointing out the dates and locations of the public input session, annual retreat, and dates of the meetings at the Energize CT Center.

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/j920q5n7p2vicj3ieb47y8pm7bey89dp>

#### Extend SERA Consultants as Evaluation Administrator

Ms. O'Connor proposed a motion to **extend by six months (through June 2016) SERA Consultants' role as the Evaluation Administrator for the EEB. Ms. O'Connor moved to approve, Ms. Fargo-Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion approved.**

#### Consultant Committee recommendation regarding EEB consultant proposals

Mr. Dornbos noted that the Consultant Committee's recommendation memo was in the packet. The memo recommended that the Schlegel & Associates team be awarded the roles of the EEB Technical Consultants. Mr. McDonnell asked if the start date would be February 1. The Board agreed that the start date would be February 1, with the Board approving the work plans at the February 10 Board meeting. It was agreed that the approved term for Schlegel & Associates is for 2016 only, with two one-year options to renew (or one option to renew for two years). **A motion was proposed to accept the recommendation of the Consultant Committee to award the work to the Schlegel & Associates team, and for the Companies to move forward with a purchase order for February-December 2016, contingent upon the Consultant Committee working with the Consultants to approve work plans for Board approval at the February Board meeting. Mr. Beup moved to approve, Ms. Duva 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor. Motion approved.**

Mr. Dornbos noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair would need to be selected at the June Board meeting. Mr. Dornbos also announced that he would be on paternity leave during March, April and possibly May, and that Ms. O'Connor would be chairing those meetings in his absence.

#### **Program Updates/Highlights**

##### New ENERGY STAR lighting specifications and potential implications for future residential lighting

Mr. Reed, Mr. Pernia, and Ms. Estremera provided a presentation. Mr. Schlegel asked if the Board and Program Administrators should be concerned about the variance of quality in LED bulbs. Mr. Araujo said that the Program Administrators rely on Energy Star certification to minimize the presence of lower quality bulbs in the market. He also noted that they would be watching to see the extent to which halogens might displace CFLs.

#### **Programs and Planning**

##### 2015 preliminary year-end performance report

Mr. Gibbs provided a high level preliminary estimate of 2015 performance for Eversource, and Mr. McDonnell provided a high-level preliminary estimate of 2015 performance for UI, SCG, and CNG. Mr. McDonnell also discussed a few UIL accomplishments for 2015. Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. McDonnell noted that a final and more detailed report would be provided on year-end 2015 results at the February Board meeting.

#### DEEP's Final Approval with Conditions of 2016-2018 C&LM Plan

Mr. Schlegel discussed five DEEP conditions in which the Board has specific responsibilities in meeting those conditions. Ms. Fargo-Johnson asked about the HES co-pay condition, in particular whether the Companies were going to increase efforts to communicate the value of HES in advance of the scheduled co-pay increases. Mr. Araujo said that the Companies do plan to do that, and mentioned that one focus would be communicating non-energy benefits (e.g., comfort). Mr. McDonnell noted the good work of the Board, Consultants, and DEEP for helping to conduct a thorough and expeditious planning process. Mr. Traver asked for clarification on the rationale for increasing the HES co-pay. Mr. Araujo and Mr. Schlegel explained the goal of stretching rate-payer dollars and enhancing customers' perception of the value of HES.

#### EEB coordination/collaboration with CMEEC and WED

Mr. Reed and Mr. Tumidaj provided a presentation. Mr. Cassella said it has been important to CMEEC for its energy efficiency programs to be consistent with the Companies' programs, but over time some differences in the programs have emerged. He said that CMEEC is committed to trying to increase the consistency between the programs. Ms. Emmons said that Mr. Cassella's comments about increasing consistency of programs apply to WED as well. Mr. Cassella noted that CMEEC has an advisory committee that meets monthly, and that he will be inviting EEB Consultants, the Green Bank and the Companies to participate in those meetings.

#### Other

#### Update on RFP for Clean Energy pursuant to Public Act 15-107, process regarding consultation with EEB

Ms. Duva said that a draft of the RFP is available for comments, and that the final RFP is scheduled to be issued on January 28. She said that the RFP will include energy efficiency procurement, and that utilities are invited to submit proposals. She said that if the utilities do submit proposals, they would need to consult with the EEB (as required by the statute). She noted that the deadline for proposals will be March 31; therefore, the EEB would need to put the Companies' consultation with the EEB on the agenda for February and/or March.

**Closing Public Comments – none.**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.**