



Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT (Hearing Room 1)

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Neil Beup (Chair), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (Vice-Chair, phone), Michael Li, Taren O'Connor, Amy McLean, Jack Traver, John Wright, Bruce McDermott, Eric Brown (phone)

Utility Board Members: Andy Brydges, Ron Araujo, Will Riddle, Elizabeth Murphy

Board Members Not in Attendance: Scott Whittier

Board Consultants: George Lawrence, Glenn Reed, Richard Faesy, Lisa Skumatz, Craig Diamond

Others: Donna Wells, Steve Bruno, Guy West, Shannon King, Amanda Trinsey (phone)

Process

Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019 Board meeting. Mr. McDermott moved to approve, Mr. Brown 2nd. Vote: all present voted to approve, except Ms. O'Connor who abstained. **December 11, 2019 meeting minutes approved.**

Public Comments

Mr. Brown introduced Shannon King, a Policy Lobbyist at CBIA. He said that Ms. King would be taking over responsibility for energy policy for him at CBIA.

Vote: 2020 EEB Consultant Workplans and Budgets

Mr. Reed provided a presentation on the proposed 2020 EEB Consultant workplans and budgets, including those for the Executive Secretary. There was no Board discussion. Mr. Traver moved to approve the 2020 EEB Consultant workplans and budgets as proposed by Mr. Reed. Mr. McDermott 2nd. All present voted to approve. **2020 EEB Consultant workplans and budgets approved.**

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/uugloaj4awy1053slsw34tru217dh83b>

Residential Committee membership

Ms. McLean said she has been appointed by the Residential Committee as its new Chair. She asked the Board if any other members would be interested in joining the Residential Committee. Mr. Li said that DEEP would be sending names of potential appointees for the EEB Residential seat to the Governor's office fairly soon. Mr. Beup also said that the Residential Committee would benefit from an additional Board member.

Programs and Planning

2020 Plan Update

- DEEP approval of Plan Update - Mr. Li said DEEP was planning to approve the 2020 Update by the end of January, or before the beginning of the 2020 Legislative session.
- Revisions to Table Cs - Mr. Bruno said the Table Cs would be revised for the March 1 filing.
- DEEP Public Information meeting - Mr. Li noted that responses to DEEP's questions on the Plan Update, in addition to public comments, were due on January 15.

EEB Focus Areas

- Follow-up on Labor/Administrative costs (from the December Board meeting) - Mr. Reed said there would be follow up on this topic at the February Board meeting.
- Performance Management Incentives - Mr. Reed provided a presentation. Ms. Fargo-Johnson asked where additional funds would come from if the Companies were to achieve higher than the 4.5% goal over the course of a three-year Plan. It was agreed that some Board members would look at this and other questions regarding the PMIs (e.g., spending efficiency and the relationship between spending and savings). It was noted that such questions on the PMIs might be discussed at the June EEB planning meeting.

Update on PURA Equitable Grid Modernization Dockets

Mr. Faesy provided a verbal update on the Energy Affordability part of this Docket. He noted this had been discussed at the morning's Residential Committee meeting. Ms. McLean said that there was a large intersection between PURA proceeding and work of EEB/Residential Committee, and that it was helpful for the Board to be aware of these PURA proceedings. She said that an example was that DEEP was waiting on the EV Roadmap because of the PURA work on this topic.

Eversource responses to Consultant customer engagement recommendations

Mr. Bruno provided a presentation. He said there had been 54 recommendations from the Board Consultants on the CEP. He said that Eversource had addressed 48 of them, and that six of them were still in progress.

Update on HES/HES-IE realization rates

Ms. Skumatz provided a presentation. Mr. Reed noted that this had been a Board condition of approval of the 2020 Plan Update, and that his issue had now been resolved.

Update on Thermal Renewable Portfolio Standard

Mr. Li said DEEP had held public meetings on the topic of a Thermal Renewable Portfolio Standard. He noted that DEEP was statutorily required to provide comments/guidance on this topic, which DEEP would do within the next month. He said the standard was about non-electric (heat, solar) energy resources. He said there was an open question about how the Thermal Renewable Portfolio Standard related to a RPS.

Committee Updates

Mr. Traver and Mr. Lawrence provided an update on the January 7 C&I Committee meeting. Mr. Lawrence said Connecticut was implementing best practices for Retro-Commissioning, but there was still room for considerably more participation in the state. Mr. Beup said that the lighting market was fragmented, and that posed a challenge for upstream incentives. Regarding the Residential Committee, Mr. Faesy noted that the uptake on the Heat Pump pilots had been slow, and there were some elements of efforts in other states that could be looked at to help boost participation in Connecticut. Mr. Bruno said that Eversource had 25 project participants to date. Mr. Riddle noted that DEEP would make a decision on the HES co-pay at end of January, when it provides a decision on 2020 Plan Update. Ms. Fargo-Johnson said that the Consultant Committee would be developing an RFP for the Executive Secretary position in 2020.

Other

None

Closing Public Comments

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.