



Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

Eversource Offices, 107 Selden St., Berlin, CT – Berlin Auditorium

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Bill Dornbos (Chair), Taren O'Connor (Vice-Chair, phone), Diane Duva, Neil Beup, Mike Wertheimer, Ravi Gorthala (phone), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (phone)

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

Board Members not in Attendance: Eric Brown, Michael Cassella, Chris Ehlert

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

Others: Evan Seratan, Brian Buckley, Rachael Dugan, Walter McCree, Guy West, Steve Bruno, Cheryl Mattson, Craig Clark, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Satyen Moray

Process

Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2015 Special Board meeting. Mr. Beup moved to approve, Ms. Duva 2nd. Five Board members voted to approve; Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Wertheimer abstained. **September 24, 2015**

Minutes approved.

Public Comments

None.

Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Diamond reminded the Board of the EEB and Committee meeting locations in November and December. Mr. Gibbs mentioned the Clean Energy Community (CEC) Awards event that had taken place earlier in the day in Wallingford, CT. Ms. McCarthy-Bercury announced that EnergizeCT had received an award from the U.S. EPA at the CEC Awards event.

¹ Materials for this meeting can be accessed at Box.net: <https://app.box.com/s/rznz79cpp7mmj8cfwvg4e4er9z2ox31g>

Program Updates/Highlights

Recognition of DOE Century Club Award recipients

Mr. Seratan from UIL and Mr. Clark from Eversource presented DOE Century Club Awards to several HES vendors.

Demonstration of new Energize CT website

Ms. Mattson provided a demonstration of the newly designed EnergizeCT Website. She discussed several new features, and compared the new website to the old one. Ms. Mattson said that the new site would go live after more testing was completed.

Programs and Planning

Board letter to DEEP on 2016-2018 C&LM Plan

Mr. Schlegel provided a brief overview of the draft letter. Mr. Beup moved to approve the letter, Ms. Fargo-Johnson 2nd. All present voted to approve the letter, except for Ms. Duva who abstained because the letter will be submitted to DEEP. **Board Letter to DEEP on 2016-2018 C&LM Plan approved.**

Public Input document on 2016-2018 C&LM Plan

The Board had originally intended to vote on the document today, but some additional edits to the document were needed, so the Board agreed to conduct an electronic vote on the document after the draft document was finalized and distributed again to the Board.

EEB Technical Consultants RFP

Ms. Duva asked Mr. Schlegel about his opinion on whether an individual consultant model or a Master Servicer model would be preferable for the EEB. Mr. Schlegel said that a disadvantage of the Master Servicer model is that management resources will tend to add costs to the overall consultant budget. He said that the hybrid approach being proposed to the Board (that is, an RFP that would request either individual or group proposals) is the right approach, and would maximize flexibility for the Board. He said that the Board could decide which model would be preferable based on the RFP responses. The EEB technical consultants suggested that they leave the room to allow the Board to deliberate openly about the draft RFP. The Board agreed, and the technical consultants left the room (the Executive Secretary remained in the room because the Executive Secretary position is not included in the RFP). The Board discussed the RFP, and made several suggestions that will be incorporated into a draft that will be sent to the Board for an electronic vote.

Subsequent to the meeting, an electronic vote was conducted Oct. 21 and 22. Six Board members voted electronically to approve the RFP. Mr. Brown abstained because he was not present at the Oct. 14 Board meeting, and Ms. Duva/DEEP did not vote. **The EEB Technical Consultant RFP was approved.**

Home Energy Labeling Information Exchange project

Ms. Duva provided a brief verbal overview of the project. There was no Board discussion on the topic.

September Financial and Performance Report

Mr. Araujo provided a brief update on Eversource's spending. He said that spending was slower than anticipated on gas measures in the HES program, but that spending was more than anticipated on gas measures in the HES-IE program. As result, Eversource has shifted funds from the HES program to the HES-IE program for gas measures. He also said that spending is short on the Business Sustainability program. Mr. McDonnell provided a brief update on UIL's spending. He said that spending was short on electric measures in the HES-IE program, so efforts there will be increased. He also noted that the HES program had been curtailed for SCG customers because funds has been completely expended in that program.

Update on Oct. 28 Technical Meeting on C&LM Plan

Ms. Duva briefed the Board on the upcoming technical meeting to discuss DEEP's questions to the Companies on the 2016-2018 C&LM Plan. Ms. Duva said that DEEP intends to send questions addressed to the Board today or tomorrow. She said that DEEP would hold a public meeting in early December to discuss DEEP's preliminary findings/decision on the Plan.

Other

Update on state-wide manufacturing seat on Board

Ms. Duva said that DEEP believes it is very important to fill the vacant state-wide manufacturing Board seat in a timely fashion. She also said that filling the vacant residential Board seat is just as important. On a separate matter, Ms. Duva said that Leticia Colon had intended to ask the Board a question about a previous RFP, but was not available to do so. Mr. Gibbs said that Companies were addressing that issue.

Closing Public Comments

None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.