



Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT (Hearing Room 1)

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

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

Utility Board Members: Matt Gibbs, Pat McDonnell, Ron Araujo, Michael Cassella
Board Members Not in Attendance: Chris Ehlert

Board Consultants: Les Tumidaj, George Lawrence, Phil Mosenthal, Jeff Schlegel, Glenn Reed, Craig Diamond

Others: Sharron Emmons, Julia Dumaine, Steve Bruno, Walter McCree, Eric Gribbin (phone), Adrienne Houel (phone), Maggie McCarey (phone), Satyen Moray (phone), Lisa Skumatz (phone), Guy West

Process

Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2016 Board meeting. Mr. Dornbos moved to approve, Ms. Duva 2nd. All voted to approve. **Minutes approved.**

Public Comments - none.

Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Diamond asked Board members if they would like to make changes to the 2016 EEB meeting schedule with the goal of reducing the number of Board meetings in the middle of the year. The Board agreed to the following schedule changes: 1) move the June 8 EEB meeting to June 22, and combine the Board meeting with the June 22 Board Retreat; and 2) remove the July 13 Board meeting, and have no Board meeting in July. It was agreed that all other meetings, including Committee meetings, would remain as scheduled.

Board Consultant 2016 Work Plans

- *Summary of Schlegel & Associates team, revised work plans, and budget.* Mr. Schlegel provided an overview of the Schlegel & Associates work plan, budget, and team. Mr. Mosenthal provided some brief remarks about Optimal Energy and the

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/ysal5y0bhu4742z80jes4tbuiyoqrpa>

company's experience in the northeast and nationally. Mr. Lawrence, of Optimal Energy, briefly introduced himself.

- *VOTE: EEB discussion and action on 2016 revised work plans and budget.* Mr. McDonnell asked about the term of the Schlegel & Associates work plan. It was clarified that the work plan was for 11 months (Feb. – Dec. 2016), with the option for the Board to extend it for two more years. Ms. O'Connor said that the Consultant Committee had discussed the proposed workplans, and that the Committee was recommending the workplans and budget as proposed. **A motion was proposed to approve the Schlegel & Associates workplan, Executive Secretary work plan, and EEB Consultant budget.** Mr. Wertheimer moved to approve, Ms. Fargo-Johnson 2nd. All voted to approve, except Mr. Brown who was not on the phone during the vote. In a subsequent email vote on February 11, Mr. Brown voted to approve. **2016 EEB Consultant work plans and budget approved.**

Program Updates/Highlights

Mr. Reed and Mr. Lawrence provided a presentation on Industry Trends Affecting Energy Efficiency and Distributed Energy Resources. Mr. Brown asked about how greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced from the transportation sector. Mr. Schlegel noted that transportation is not within the scope of the CT Energy Efficiency Fund and the EEB. Ms. Duva noted that transportation was very important at the state level, and was being addressed through the Comprehensive Energy Strategy. Mr. Brown also asked about bio-heat (blended fuel oil and bio-fuels) products. He asked if the Board could learn more about it, to determine if there was technical merit to the technology. It was suggested that the topic could be addressed at a future Board meeting or at the Board's annual retreat.

Programs and Planning

2015 Year-End Performance Report

Mr. Gibbs provided a presentation on Eversource's 2015 performance and key accomplishments. Mr. Bruno then presented on Eversource's 2015 performance incentive metrics. Mr. McDonnell provided a presentation on UIL's performance and key accomplishments, and on UIL's performance incentive metrics. Mr. McDonnell also discussed its January 20, 2016 letter to DEEP regarding the SBEA program; the letter said that UIL will make only one \$100,000 loan per municipality in 2016. Mr. McDonnell also discussed UIL's February 4, 2016 letter to DEEP regarding SCG's spending rate; the letter said that 50% of SCG's 2016 C&I budget had been expended in January. It was agreed that the Board would discuss SCG's budget issues at the March EEB meeting.

2016-2018 Evaluation Projects List

Ms. Skumatz discussed a February 9 memo the Evaluation Administrators submitted to the Evaluation Committee entitled "2016-18 Evaluation Plan - Revised Project List update." The memo recommended a revised 2016 Evaluation projects budget of \$3,559,000, and compared CT's Evaluation budget to those of other states. Ms. Duva said that she would like to clarify some points raised in the memo. She said that DEEP was retaining the \$4 million annual budget, but capping process and impact evaluations at \$3 million per year,

meaning that approximately \$1 million of projects should be managed outside of the Evaluation Committee. She also said it is important to look at what metrics will be used in the future. She said that DEEP would like to see more cost-savings from that. Ms. Duva also said that DEEP was recommending putting the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) membership into the budget. She said that the Companies had agreed to become members of NEEP. She also said that DEEP was cognizant of ISO's evaluation requirements, but she asked the Board to look at the proposed studies and assess whether some of the studies could be managed outside of the Evaluation Committee. Ms. Skumatz said that a minimum of \$3.5 million of projects is needed to meet ISO requirements. Ms. O'Connor said that the Office of Consumer Counsel had some questions about DEEP's request to move \$1 million of projects outside of the Evaluation Committee. Ms. O'Connor invited Board members to look at the projects list and participate in upcoming Evaluation Committee meetings when the projects list and budget would be further discussed.

Demand reductions, including demand response: suggested next steps and schedule

Mr. Schlegel provided a brief status update, and said that demand/demand response would be on March Board agenda. He said that the Companies would submit a report to DEEP in April, per DEEP's Approval with Conditions. Mr. McDonnell noted that two issues needed to be addressed: the Supreme Court decision on demand response, and rate design, in particular how to structure demand response in a competitive retail environment. Mr. Gibbs reminded the Board that the Companies already have a demand response program for managing summer peak demand.

Other

Update on meeting with Energy & Technology Committee Co-Chairs

Ms. O'Connor provided a brief update, and noted the Board's recent response to questions asked by the Committee Co-Chairs. Mr. McDonnell asked if there could be an opportunity to present the annual report to the Co-Chairs or full E&T Committee after the report is published. Ms. O'Connor said that she and Mr. Dornbos would explore that opportunity.

Status of appointment of EEB Residential Board seat

Ms. Duva said that DEEP getting is very close to appointing an individual.

Update on DEEP RFP for Clean Energy pursuant to Public Act 15-107: Companies' consultation with EEB on possible proposals

Ms. Duva said that the RFP would be issued within the next few weeks.

Mr. Gorthala noted that there was a new lighting technology being developed at MIT. He said it was a new incandescent technology.

Ms. Duva announced a DOE-sponsored meeting on evaluation on March 30, and a NEEP conference on evaluation on March 31. Both meetings will be in Hartford.

5. Closing Public Comments - 3 minutes per organization

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.