



EEB Residential Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Webinar Only

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Committee Members: Amy McLean (Committee Chair), Brenda Watson, Mike Li

Utility Representatives: Ron Araujo, Will Riddle, Diane Del Rosso, Larry Rush, Tammy Wilson, Jennifer Gray, Jerry Graham, Mark Foley

Board Consultants: Richard Faesy, Glenn Reed, Craig Diamond

Others: Donna Wells, Brian Biernat, Madeline Priest, Brendan Thomas, James Correira, Jamie Watson, Lorenzo Wyatt, Tim Fabuien, Craig Olisky, Theresa LaVoie, Michael Cresta, Steve Cowell, Stephanie Weiner, William Wesson, Blaine Fox, Guy West, John Figlewski, John Cassiano, Vivian Perez, Anne Hulick, Joe Roy, Chris Jobson, Peter Carlson, Michelle Long

Review of Process for Public Input

Ms. McLean provided a brief presentation (in Box folder) on the process for public input at the Residential Committee meetings.

Public Input/Comments

John Cassiano requested that the HES co-pay be lowered to \$0 when HES visits are re-instated. He said that would help incentivize customer participation, which would be greatly needed to stimulate demand for the program.

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Watson moved to approve the March 11, 2020 Residential Committee meeting minutes.

Ms. McLean 2nd. All Board members present voted to approve the minutes. **Minutes approved.**

Operation Fuel Overview

Ms. Watson provided a presentation (in Box folder) on Operation Fuel.

CT Contractor Workforce Report

Mr. Cowell with E4TheFuture provided a presentation (in Box folder) entitled “Can Connecticut’s Energy Efficiency Industry Survive Covid-19?”

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/qgjl4lf7df1brxx6wtk3zf5x73rzcu6>

Companies' plans for COVID-19 response

Mr. Araujo and Ms. Del Rosso provided a verbal update on all the Companies' current activities and planned Covid-19 contingency actions.

CARES Act potential resources for programs

It was noted that the Companies and DEEP had hosted a recent webinar which provided an overview of resources available to businesses in the energy efficiency industry in Connecticut. A verbal summary of those resources was provided at this meeting.

Update on DEEP Conditions of Approval

Mr. Riddle provided a verbal update on the status of the 24 Condition of Approval for the 2020 Plan Update.

Deep dive focus area on Residential Planning for May EEB meeting

Mr. Faesy suggested that the Residential deep dive be approximately 40 minutes in length. He suggested both a quantitative and qualitative approach to the deep dive. Mr. Faesy provided some options. Mr. Cowell said that FCM and RGGI funds for health & safety barrier mitigation had been used in other states. Mr. Araujo said that RGGI funds were used for fuel oil and propane homes under HES and HES-IE. Mr. Araujo noted that the topic of strategic electrification was a delicate issue with the EEB because some Board members had previously not supported the use of C&LM funds for electrification.

Public Comments

- John Cassiano - he requested that the HES co-pay be lowered to \$0 when HES visits are re-instated.
- Leticia Colon - she said she appreciated the training being offered by the Companies, but she noted that it was difficult to reach out to staff that had been furloughed to encourage them to participate in the training. She requested that the vendors be allowed to choose their own training. She said that the vendors were under great duress and were being asked to do certain work tasks without compensation. Ms. Del Rosso said that the Companies had not considered reimbursement for training-related activities, but she said she was open to receiving suggestions on that.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.