



EEB Residential Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 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: Diane Del Rosso, Tasha Perreault, Ron Araujo, Will Riddle, Tammy Wilson, Jerry Graham, Larry Rush

Board Consultants: Richard Faesy, Glenn Reed, Craig Diamond

Others: Donna Wells, Michael Grimaldi, Suzanne Fascione, Craig Olisky, Michael Malmrose, Patrice Gillespie, Steve Cowell, Dartanyen Byrd, Heather Stokes, Alfred Bildodeau, John Greeno, Michelle Long, Pete Carlson, Brendan Thomas, Madeline Priest, Stephanie Weiner, Lindsey VanLew, Joe Buonatta, Lorenzo Wyatt, Joe Szweg, On Nomoto, Amy Varricchio, Brian Robbins, Vivian Perez, Michael Frownfelter, Michael Cresta, Rebecca Baez, Jane Bourdeau, Guy West, Brent Borgnine, Sonia Cruz, Art St. Armand, James Correira, Tiffany Cunningham, Charles Anderson, Anne Hulick

Meeting procedures and process update

Ms. McLean provided a brief overview of the Residential Committee's process for public input during the meetings.

Public Input

Steve Cowell, E4TheFuture, said that his organization was working on efforts to obtain personal protective equipment at bulk prices for energy efficiency vendors. He also noted that there would be a training for vendors on May 14 that was being provided by the Companies.

Approve Meeting Minutes

The Committee considered whether to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2020 meeting. Mr. Li moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Mclean 2nd. All three members voted to approve the April 8, 2020 minutes. **Minutes approved.**

Legislative Update

Ms. McLean provided an update on the CT General Assembly. She said that a legislative session would not occur before May 6. She said it was possible that there could be a summer session, but it would be limited in scope and focused primarily on Covid-19 issues.

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/ue7qdhbmb3uvm5g4x67qe69bwtd64784>

She also noted that Connecticut Industrial Energy Consumers (CIEC) had submitted a petition to PURA for rate relief due to Covid-19 impacts.

Companies' Updates

The Companies provided a presentation providing updates on their responses to Covid-19. They provided an overview of expenditures and savings through March (with tentative results for April). They then discussed their 5 phase plan for addressing Covid-19. The plan's phases are safety (March-May 20), engagement (March - Aug), innovation (March - Sept), planning (April - Sept), and resumption of on-premises work (May-Dec). The Companies then discussed their Phase I and II training efforts to date, and the results of a four-state survey of vendors on training needs and priorities. They then discussed relaxation of certain requirements and deadlines, including: progress payments, rebate application processing, virtual inspections, energy efficiency loan deferrals, and energy savings kits. Then they discussed planning for the resumption of on-premises work, including: developing a robust pipeline of projects, marketing activities, and safety requirements/training. Finally, the Companies provided an overview of changes to heat pump and insulation incentives.

Mr. Faesy presented an overview of upcoming deadlines for several DEEP Conditions of Approval and Covid-19 contingency planning.

2021 C&LM Plan Update

Mr. Faesy and Ms. McLean discussed the 2021 Plan Update. They discussed follow-up from the May EEB meeting regarding residential technology and market transformation; other Connecticut energy resources to leverage outreach and services to vulnerable populations; and some potential changes to existing Residential programs and new opportunities.

Agenda items for future Residential Committee meetings

Mr. Faesy noted the following potential agenda items for future meetings:

- Additional DEEP information requests that include: other residential energy efficiency programs explored previously; the mechanics of the process of a HES or HES-IE project; and the breakdown of housing types that receive HES or HES-IE services
- Report from the Governor's Council on Climate Change
- Update on PURA energy affordability docket

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.