



Energy Efficiency Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 PM
10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT (Hearing Room 1)

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Board Members: Bill Dornbos (Chair), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (Vice-Chair), Adrienne Houel, Diane Duva, Taren O'Connor, Jack Traver, Ravi Gorthala (phone)

Utility Board Members: Ron Araujo, Chris Plecs, Pat McDonnell

Board Members Not in Attendance: Neil Beup, Mike Wertheimer, Eric Brown, Roddy Diotalevi, Justin Connell

Board Consultants: Craig Diamond, Glenn Reed, George Lawrence, Jeff Schlegel (phone)

Others: Mary Sotos, Steve Bruno, Will Riddle, Larry Rush, Pam Penna Verrillo, Kyle Ellsworth, Donna Wells, Guy West, Jane Lano (phone), Matt Pekar (phone), Amanda De Vito Trinsy (phone), Mark Scully (phone), Anthony Clark (phone), Diane Del Rosso (phone)

Process

Minutes

The Board considered whether to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2018 Board meeting. Ms. Houel moved to approve. Mr. Traver 2nd. All present voted to approve.

Minutes approved.

Public Comments

Linda DeVore, Residential customer. Ms. DeVore said that many of the responses to her questions provided by Eversource were incorrect. She said many of her questions had not been answered. She said she wanted to know who audits the Residential contractors. Mr. Araujo provided his phone number to Ms. DeVore, and suggested that she call him to discuss her concerns.

Fireeye product eligibility issue

Mr. Plecs said there had been additional communication between Fireeye and the Policy Working Group. Mr. McDonnell said that it was important that an independent 3rd party assessment be done. He said that conversations were still on-going, and that the Companies would provide an update at the next Board meeting. It was agreed that no Board action was needed at this meeting.

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/fatxv5tii3caxbo6aqtbp32bz4jf64mu>

EEB December meeting schedule

Mr. Dornbos suggested that the December 12 meeting should be put back on the calendar, and that the Board could then revisit whether that meeting was needed. It was agreed that the December 12 EEB meeting would be put back on the calendar.

Programs and Planning

Quarterly financial report, including status of program availability and impact of program curtailments

Mr. Bruno provided a presentation for Eversource, and Mr. McDonnell provided a verbal overview for UIL.

2019-2021 C&LM Plan development

Mr. Schlegel noted that the draft C&LM Plan assumes no further legislative diversion. He encouraged Board members to be forward-looking when considering the Plan. He said that the overall funding for the Plan would still not be fully adequate to achieve our goal, so the Board should establish priorities.

- Update on key issues and themes. Mr. Lawrence provided a presentation on C&I issues and themes. There was some discussion about demand response opportunities in the Plan. Mr. Reed provided a presentation on Residential issues and themes.
- Plan priorities. Mr. Bruno provided a presentation on behalf of ES and UIL. He noted that the Companies would be enhancing their Plan Priorities 8, 9, and 10. He also noted that they would try to enhance the Business Energy Sustainability program. Ms. Duva said she wanted the Board to briefly discuss the input of CT Industrial Energy Consumers (CIEC). Mr. Lawrence said CIEC had requested some changes to the C&LM funding mechanisms for C&I customers. He also said that CIEC had questions/requests regarding how incentives and baselines were calculated. He said CIEC would continue to stay involved in the C&LM planning process. Ms. Duva asked about the Energize CT Center. The Companies said they were proposing to close the Energize CT Center in 2020 because they would be able to terminate the lease at that time. Mr. Traver asked if closing the Energize CT Center made sense in the context of the goal to increase the education budget. He asked if the Center could be made more cost-effective, rather than closing it. Mr. Gorthala said he agreed with Mr. Traver. Ms. Fargo-Johnson said she would prefer to use sponsorships of exhibits, rather than keep the Center open if it's not cost-effective. Ms. O'Connor said she agreed with Ms. Fargo-Johnson. Mr. Schlegel noted that the Plan Text and budget would be voted on at the September meeting, and that the goals would be voted on at the October meeting. Mr. Plecs recommended that the Board consider demand reduction issues, heat pumps (lighting phase out), and HES cost-effectiveness after lighting savings go away. He suggested that these three issues should be discussed by the Board before it discusses the Energize CT Center because they are more important issues. Mr. Dornbos said he was pleased to see greenhouse gas reduction listed as a priority in

the Plan. He also suggested that the Plan should address equity issues and underserved markets, and that these should be priority issues. Ms. Houel said she would like to see the Priorities re-organized to have high level issues with bullets under the high level issues. Mr. Schlegel suggested that the Consultants and Companies could work on revising the list of priorities over the next week, and then send the list back to the Board for comments. Mr. Bruno provided a presentation on the proposed 2019-2021 revenues and budget. He said they should be able to provide draft savings numbers to the Board consultants in about two weeks.

SBEA recapitalization

Mr. Clark provided an update. He said that Eversource was still working through details with Amalgamated Bank, and working on the term sheet. He said that UI had provided some cost estimates. He said their goal was to bring a recommendation to the Board in September on how to move forward with the UI component. Mr. McDonnell said the Green Bank modelling for UI showed \$58,000 in savings and about \$650,000 in costs.

C&I incentive changes in 2018 – update from C&I Committee

Mr. Lawrence provided a brief update on the C&I Committee's discussion yesterday of the incentive changes. He said that there was general agreement that the upstream incentive change delay did not result in a significant impact, but the Companies were asked to look at their processes regarding incentives, to prevent delays from happening in the future.

DEEP update on cost-effectiveness testing process

Ms. Duva provided a presentation. She discussed the seven step process for reviewing cost-effectiveness testing, as adopted from the National Standards Practice Manual. She said that DEEP would be following this process. She said DEEP was proposing public meetings in September and November of 2018, and in March of 2019. She said this process would include DEEP consultation with the Board in April and May of 2019. It was agreed that the first meeting would be held on September 13. Ms. Sotos said that DEEP did not have pre-conceived ideas or conclusions about what changes, if any, should be made to cost-effectiveness testing in CT. She clarified that any changes would be in 2020 or 2021, not in 2019.

Other

Mr. Plecs said that Pam Penna Verrillo would be moving to the Transmission group at Eversource, and would no longer be working in Eversource's energy efficiency group. Ms. Duva said that Donna Wells had joined the DEEP staff. Ms. Duva said that DEEP would extend the terms of all applicable Board members for one or more years.

Closing Public Comments

Guy West, Clean Water Fund. He said he would like to receive information on how the Companies were quantifying return on investment for the EnergizeCT Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.