



**EEB Residential Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Webinar Only)**

Meeting Materials: <https://app.box.com/s/jy5g1hvne66bjis29mqsd503k7ukffz2>

1. Welcome – Ms. McLean
  - a. Roll Call – Board Members - Amy McLean, Donna Wells, Ron Araujo, Brenda Watson, Joel Kopylec.  
Other Attendees - Art St. Armand, Brendan Thompson, Damaris Velez, Diane Del Rosso, EFA, Glenn Reed, Guy West, James Correira, Jerry Graham, John Greeno, Joseph Roy, Kara Marshall, Kate Donatelli, Lawrence Rush, Linda King, Lorenzo Wyatt, Madeline Priest, Meghan O'Connor, Michael Cresta, Michelle Long, Patrice Gillespie, Pete Carlson, Rebecca Baez Castro, Richard Faesy, Rose Croog, Shubha Jaishankar, Stephanie Weiner, Steve Cowell, Tammy Wilson, Tanya Mulholland, Timothy Fabuien, Violette Radomski, Vivian Perez
  - b. Meeting procedures and process update were discussed by Ms. McLean.
2. Approve 12/9/2020 Residential Committee Meeting Minutes - Minutes were approved.
3. Public Input/Comments – Mr. Cowell thanked the group for progress on the weatherization barriers and asked if the Residential and C&I Committees would be merged. Ms. McLean noted the merging of committees was for the CTAC meetings and it will be discussed during this meeting during number nine on the agenda.
4. DEEP Decision on 2021 Plan – Ms. Wells announced the 2021 plan is still under review.
5. Program Status Update – Mr. Araujo provided preliminary year end performance for Eversource on the electric and gas side for both residential and commercial industrial activities. Approximately 87% of the electric budget was spent with 77% of lifetime energy saving goals met. Natural gas spending was around 96% of the budget with a 92% of lifetime energy savings achieved. An estimated \$8.5 million of electric spending will be carried over for program activities as of March 1, 2021; likewise, a reduction in natural gas spending is expected with revenues at 85% of the forecast. A report out in February will focus on individual programs from an expenditure of budget and savings.  
  
Mr. Rush updated the group with UI spending 70% and 67% of savings achieved; SCG was 74% spent with 64% of savings achieved; and, CNG spending was at 53% with 69% of lifetime savings achieved.
6. Community Engagement Plan Update – Ms. Radomski provided an update on the feedback received on the plan and its processes. Clarifications received included: clarification on who can apply for the application versus the RFP; the award of \$150,000 may change depending on the number of applicants, program needs, proposed metrics; and, community goals. Ms. McLean suggested linking greenhouse gas emission goals to this program since it is a state-wide goal. Additional suggestions may be sent to Ms. Radomski at

[violette.radomski@eversource.com](mailto:violette.radomski@eversource.com).

7. Equity Metrics Discussion – Mr. Araujo reviewed the draft metric proposed in December from Eversource with Ms. O’Connor discussing the formula developed by Eversource. Mr. Rush reviewed UI’s metric formula and responded that the planned annual participation rate increase would be different for each utility rather than a flat rate across the state due to different baselines. Mr. Araujo explained the proposed “0.5 percentage point increase” should account for anomalies in data, for unexpected market trends. He requested additional feedback on that percentage point so a final product can be presented at the February EEB meeting for the March 1 filing deadline. Mr. Faesy will highlight this discussion at the EEB meeting later today.
8. Weatherization Barriers Resources Coordination – Ms. Croog updated the group on the follow up from November Workshop. DEEP is looking at potentially funneling LIHEAP funds through HES-IE instead of WAP to work with the larger contractor network. Ms. Croog also shared the draft agenda for the January 20 workshop with the group. Ms. McLean announced another potential add to the agenda would be showcasing the One Touch tool by a contractor. Mr. Faesy noted Energy Futures Group has been hired to complete a resource assessment for Connecticut’s industry to incorporate into One Touch while coordinating with DEEP.
9. CTAC Update – Ms. Donatelli noted the residential and C&I meetings will meet together on even months to address topics like COVID that are common to both groups. Odd numbered months will be residential only. These changes and meeting links will be on the DEEP website. Mr. Faesy added that the contractors may find crossover business opportunities with the new CTAC schedule.
10. Public Comments – Ms. Radomski announced a new full-time position with Eversource will be hired to work with communities.

Mr. Cowell mentioned a PURA docket for Massachusetts’ low-income discount rate might be introduced in Connecticut; meaning customers do not have to go through a second income verification process to qualify for LIHEAP and EE programs. Experience in Massachusetts showed lower arrearage amounts per capita. Also, there is good progress on data sharing between DSS and the utilities which will bolster HES and HES-IE programs.

11. Agenda items for future Residential Committee meetings - Reviewed by Ms. McLean
  - a. 2020 Year End Results & Q4 Update Report (HVAC, MF, RNC, DR)
  - b. 2022-2024 Plan Priorities
  - c. Equity Metrics
  - d. Weatherization Barriers Resources Coordination
  - e. Strategic Electrification/Next Generation Energy Efficiency Direction
12. Adjourn - Ms. Watson moved and Ms. Wells seconded a movement to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am