



EEB Residential Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Webinar Only)

Meeting Materials: <https://app.box.com/s/pejhens5o8tb5zb0ccnola8x73s7sq1f>

1. Welcome - Amy McLean

a. Roll Call of Committee Members: Amy McLean, Brenda Watson

Attendees: Catherine Klinger, Diane De Rosso, Glenn Reed, Kim Stevenson, Lawrence Rush, Madeline Priest, Richard Faesy, Ron Araujo, Stephen Cowell, Amber McDonald, Art St. Armand, Brendan Thomas, Brent Borgnine, Claire Sickinger, Damaris Velez, Donna Wells, Edgardo Mejias, Elizabeth Murphy, Encio Jones, Guy West, James Correira, Jamie Watson, Jerry Graham, Joe Roy, Joel Kopylec, John Greeno, Kate Donatelli, Lorenzo Wyatt, Michael Cresta, Michelle Long, Mike Li, Mike McKnight, Patrice Gillespie, Ralph Valente, Shubha Jaishankar, Tammy Wilson, Tasha Perreault, Tiffany Cunningham, Vivian Perez

b. Meeting Procedures and Process Update Reviewed by Ms. McLean.

2. Approve 10/14/2020 Residential Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved

3. Public Input/Comments

Mr. Stephen Cowell announced the Northeast Clean Energy Council will recognize DEEP and Eversource on efforts for back to work protocols.

4. Quarterly Report – Companies

Mr. Araujo gave the Energy Efficiency Results Q3 Presentation for Eversource.

a. Electric savings are on target; HES is slightly behind due to COVID; income eligible is improving, however behind due to COVID; HVAC and Retail products are on target. ES for Natural gas is on target due to a strong first quarter.

b. Multi-family has been impacted being behind in goals with increased activity predicted for Q4 with robust activity on the gas side.

c. HVAC performance – fairly strong compared to 2019 with the exception of furnace fans (legacy item). Geothermal and central heat pumps have strong activity due to enhanced incentives on July 1, 2020.

d. New construction is trending towards higher tiers.

Ductless heat pumps are increasing in installation because of incentives to convert in multifamily. Multi-family new construction has a lot of ductless heat pumps. Passive house incentives are increasing in 2021 in alignment with Massachusetts. Incentives for homes heating with propane have been reduced.

Mr. Rush presented UI Q3 results.

a. Electric savings are slightly behind due to COVID with 41% of the budget expended. NG side 51% of the budget is spent. System updates are back on track with new rebates in process. CNG low-income projects are behind due to COVID.

b. Income Eligible Multi-family is increasing with projections being close to 100%, however, market-rate multifamily is behind expectations due to COVID.

- c. Unit counts are a little lower than 2019, however the trends from year to year are similar hoping for more at Q4.
- d. Residential is trending upwards in Q3.

5. HES Program Co-Pay and Insulation Incentives Plans – Companies

Mr. Araujo presented HES/HES-IE incentives for 2021 as previously approved by DEEP and planned ASHP incentives for 2021. It was noted Connecticut’s incentives are the same as in Massachusetts. Heating capacity ratios are used for cold climate heat pumps rather than NEEP specifications.

6. Connecticut Green Bank Update – Madeline Priest, Kim Stevenson and Catherine Klinger

Ms. Priest provided an overview of health and safety programs. Ms. Stevenson reviewed the multifamily programs and the Health and Safety Revolving Loan Fund. Ms. Klinger provided an update on the Connecticut Green and Healthy Homes Project and the cost benefit ratios of the program’s study phase. With buy-in from state agencies, funding for a pilot is underway as well as trying to relate the program to an investment of LIHEAP dollars and Medicaid funding.

7. Weatherization Barriers Coordination Workshop Plans – Amy McLean

Ms. McLean presented the workshop agenda for the 11/18/20 meeting, invited attendees and an overview of the workshop’s planned accomplishments.

8. Equity Metrics Discussion – Companies & Consultants

Mr. Faesy discussed starting points for 2021 and showed a list of Environmental Justice Communities and available data for a baseline and measurements. Mr. Araujo discussed the draft equity metric for residential customers using data sets of customers enrolled in the Matching Payment Program in 2014 – 2021 and the increased participation percentage over time. The group agreed to move forward using this data set.

a. DEEP Equitable Energy Efficiency Proceeding update – DEEP

No discussion.

9. Public Comments -- None

10. Agenda items for future Residential Committee meetings

- Next Three-year Plan priorities, changes, and enhancements
 - Codes and Standards Initiative plans
- Heat Pump Installation Growth
- Residential New Construction
 - All-electric new homes
 - Passive House
- Benchmarking HES and HES-IE against other programs in the region
- Transformation of the Residential lighting market

11. Adjourn at 12:02 pm