



## **EEB Residential Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Webinar Only)**

Meeting Materials: <https://app.box.com/s/6i25temfl4bw9m6tr2bzs9t0j38in2tc>

1. Welcome - Amy McLean

a. Roll Call of Committee Members: Amy McLean, Brenda Watson; and, Mike Li

Attendees: Amber McDonnell, Andy Winslow, Anne Hulick, Art St. Armand, Ashley Marshall, Brendan Thomas, Bryan Evans, Claire Sickinger, Damaris Velez, Diane Del Rosso, Donna Wells, Glenn Reed, Guy West, Jerry Graham, Joe Roy, Joel Kopylec, Kate Donatelli, Lawrence Rush, Leticia Colon de Mejias, Lisa Skumatz, Lorenzo Wyatt, Lynn Stoddard, Madeline Priest, Meghan O' Connor, Michael Cresta, Michelle Long, New Opportunities, Inc., Patrice Gillespie, Pete Carlson, Richard Faesy, Ron Araujo, Rose Croog, Subha Jaishankar, Stephanie Weiner, Stephen Cowell, Tammy Wilson, Tanya Henriksen, Tasha Perrault, Tim Fabuien, Violette Radomski, Vivian Perez, and William Wesson.

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

2. Approve 11/12/2020 Residential Committee Meeting Minutes. Moved by Ms. Watson and seconded by Ms. McLean. Minutes were approved.

3. Public Input/Comments – None

4. Program Status Update – Companies

Mr. Araujo stated Eversource anticipates to expend 92% of budget on the electric side by year end and achieve slightly over 100% of the lifetime savings. Gas expenditures will be 100% and slightly over 100% on the lifetime savings. All programs are anticipated to be near 95% of their budget spending and savings for both gas and electric with the exception of Home Energy Solutions (HES). The HES forecast is 76% of electric budget and savings; and new residential construction program anticipates to spend 55% of the budget and achieve 76% of its savings. These numbers are closely following the forecasts from September.

Mr. Rush updated the group that 70% is anticipated to be spent and 75% of savings will be realized as projected with UI continuing to push more projects forward. HES-IE is lagging based on multi-family program deficits from earlier in the year. HVAC is anticipated to go up with heat pump water heater mailers sent out. SCG has 75% spent with 80% savings; new construction is lagging, however campaigns and TV ads are out to generate business through the end of the year. CNG is at 50% spent and 55% savings, again with a new construction lag due to COVID-19, but new promotions are out and a program push will continue through the end of the year.

5. 2021 Community Engagement Plans – Companies

Mr. Araujo explained the plan is designed to engage communities through two approaches: 1) an application process with pre-determined funding limits for any community groups working with a municipality and 2) an RFP process strategically targeted outreach for specific segments on the population (under-indexed or distressed) that are not addressed through the application process. Both approaches focus on residential and small business customers. Specific

information about both applications, scoring and financial awards are located at the meeting material link <https://app.box.com/s/5lr2o4dlrc28ol5j20bq6qr4czxpwukd>. Stakeholder input can be sent to [Shanice.ricketts@eversource.com](mailto:Shanice.ricketts@eversource.com). and the companies will work with DEEP for approval prior to finalizing the Community Engage Plan.

6. Federal Lighting Standards (EISA) Update – Consultants

Mr. Reed discussed that the 2020 Federal Lamp Standard was put off at the federal level since the DOE determined the requirements for the standard had not been met and others are contesting that. The upcoming federal administration is considering the revival of the lamp standard; however, the timing is uncertain, therefore, the companies need to be apprised of changes and keep vendors and retailers informed of possible changes.

7. Weatherization Barriers Resources Coordination

a. November 18 Workshop Report – Ms. McLean provided an update on the workshop and thanked DEEP for their leadership of the workshop.

b. Workshop Survey Results – DEEP Ms. Sickinger reviewed the workshop survey results and topics for the next workshop.

c. Next Workshop Plans – DEEP Ms. Sickinger discussed next steps including another workshop in planning stages for mid-January.

8. Equity Metrics Discussion – Companies

Ms. O'Connor discussed participants in Eversource's Matching Payment Program (MPP); a relief program for customers in arrears. The years of 2017 – 2020 were compared, showing volatility due to legislative budget reductions, suspension of the programs from a participation basis and a jump in increased the enrollment of the MPP program in 2020 due to COVID. Ms. Watson asked clarifying questions about the success of the MPP enrollments participating in HES and HES-IE programs and if MPP enrolled customer are income eligible. Ms. O'Connor is breaking that data out. It was noted this data does not include multi-family renters. Ms. McLean commented the detailed data review is important to continue in order to understand more about the various participants of the residential sector and discover the populations that are underserved.

Mr. Rush presented a baseline analysis for UI comparing MPP auto-enrollments and HES/HES-IR completed projects for 2018 and 2019 and will be looking at 2020 program numbers for the January meeting.

Larry Rush announced UI has a new HES-IE PM, Tonya Henriksen is joining the team from Scottish Power.

9. Public Comments

Mr. Cowell mentioned a plan in Massachusetts where all low income approved customers receiving assistance are eligible for an electric rate discount, resulting in a lower amount of unpaid bills. Low-income agencies also have a strategy to deal with health and safety barriers

for customers. In a study for E4theFuture, Mr. Faesy is looking into these programs that leverage funding for weatherization barriers and other models, including WAP and LIHEAP. The National Consumer Law Center is also working on this topic and this is on PURA's docket as a rate change.

10. Agenda items for future Residential Committee meetings Ms. McLean provided an overview and Mr. Araujo requested community engagement plan update to add to the upcoming agenda items.
  - a. Equity Metrics
  - b. Weatherization Barriers Resources Coordination
  - c. DEEP Decision on 2021 Plan
  - d. Strategic Electrification Direction
  - e. GC3 Updates
  - Transformation of the Residential lighting market
11. Adjourn at 11:54 am