



EEB Residential Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Webinar Only

MINUTES¹

In Attendance

Voting Committee Members: Amy McLean (Committee Chair), Brenda Watson, Mike Li
Utility Committee Members: Ron Araujo, Diane Del Rosso, Will Riddle, Jerry Graham, Larry Rush

Board Consultants: Richard Faesy, Craig Diamond, Glenn Reed

Others: Donna Wells, Tim Fabiuen, Pete Carlson, Joe Buonnata, Michelle Long, Patrice Gillespie, Madeline Priest

Process for Public Input/Comments

Ms. McLean presented a few Powerpoint slides outlining the process of public input at the Residential Committee meetings. Ms. Colon provided comments on the process later in the meeting.

Public Input/Comments - none

Approve 2/13/20 Residential Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. McLean moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Li 2nd. Ms. Watson abstained. Minutes approved.

Updates

- Status of EEB Residential seat appointment - Mr. Li noted that Ms. Watson had been appointed to the EEB for its Residential seat. Ms. Watson said she was honored to be appointed to the EEB, and she looked forward to working with everyone. She provided a brief overview of Operation Fuel.
- CTAC - Ms. Del Rosso said that CTAC had formed a subgroup to work on a brochure for recruiting field staff. Ms. Colon said she would like to review the public input process which was discussed earlier in the meeting. She said she would like to make a presentation to the Residential Committee and the EEB on workforce issues.
- PURA's Equitable Grid Modernization Docket - Ms. McLean suggested that the EEB should take advantage of PURA's current activities and look for opportunities for input. Ms. Watson said it was important to consider the impact of these activities on the LMI community.

¹ Meeting materials available in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/lv4hsai5hy990ab39pue9ciz7sgufjvy>

Follow-up from 2/13/20 Residential meeting questions

- 2019 UI & CNG Residential Behavior Program spending and savings results and explanations - Mr. Riddle provided an update.
- Report on PURA-required outreach events: participation, participant survey results; outreach status and plans for LMI engagement - Mr. Riddle provided an update for UI. He said that the outreach events had been successful. He said that UI was developing plans for future events. Mr. Araujo said that the update for Eversource was similar to UI's update.

Update on 24 Conditions of Approval

The Companies provided a presentation on the following Conditions of Approval: Crumbling Foundations (Condition 23), Low-Income Customer Qualification (Conditions 3,4,5), Heat Pump Plans (Conditions 7,8,15,17,22), and RNC Program direction (Conditions 19, 20, 21).

Clarify Additional DEEP Information Requests

- Other residential energy efficiency programs explored previously - Mr. Araujo said that he would like additional guidance from DEEP regarding this request. Mr. Li said that DEEP would get back to Mr. Araujo on this.
- Breakdown of housing types that receive HES or HES-IE - Mr. Li said that DEEP had requested an analysis of homes to see which ones were being served and which ones were being underserved. He said that 2-4 unit homes were perceived to be underserved. He said that it would take some time for the Companies to provide this data to DEEP. He noted that some of this information might have already been presented at previous Residential Committee meetings, including LMI presentations from the Companies and Green Bank's GHFI work. Ms. Priest said she would follow up with Mr. Araujo on this.

Agenda Items for Future Residential Committee Meetings

The following agenda items will be considered for future meetings:

- Strategies to engage community-based organizations to increase program participation
- E For The Future contractor survey results
- Workforce development
- After RSIP ends, integrating energy efficiency with solar

Public Input/Comments

Leticia Colon - Ms. Colon said that the proposed public input process for the Residential Committee meetings was good, except that the proposed 1 minute duration for comments during Residential Committee meetings was too short because it would not provide enough time for experts to provide input during the meetings. She said that workforce development was the largest barrier right now to the state achieving its energy efficiency goals. She said that the second largest problem was indoor health and safety barriers to participation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.