

June 25, 2014 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny (DOER), Matt Saunders (AG), Christina Dietrich (ENE), Elliot Jacobson (LEAN) - phone, , Paul Johnson (Greentek), , Emmett Lyne (PAs), Shaela Collins (PAs), Marie Abdou (NGrid), Lisa Shea (NU), Eric Belliveau (Consult), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Steven Venezia (DOER), Lyn Huckabee (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Maggie McCarey (DOER)

Agenda:

- Budget Request to DPU
- C/I Deep Dive
- July EEAC Agenda

Meeting began at approximately 10:20am

BUDGET CONTRACT

- (Halfpenny) The Executive Committee weighs in on the budget and asks for approval from the DPU. The EC is asking for \$402k number plus the \$1.1M number on the budget overview spreadsheet.
- (Belliveau) Mentioned that the gas companies pay Optimal directly
- (Halfpenny) Steve Venezia has the letter drafted to the DPU but that it needs modification before it is sent. She then asked for approval from the EC, which they gave.
- (Halfpenny) Asked why gas companies don't pay for the EEAC budget in RGGI?
- (Belliveau) Agreed that the separate gas payments create system inefficiencies.
- (Lyne) Believes that the gas companies pay separately because the ISO administers RGGI
- Lyne and Saunders agreed to check on whether the gas companies could pay their share through RGGI.

C/I DEEP DIVE

- (Halfpenny) Passed around the deeper dive memo saying that it outlines what information the consultants have but emphasized that more information is still needed.
- (Belliveau) Explained that the consultants will not get some of the information they asked for from program administrators and that some of the information he will get won't arrive until after the July meeting. He also explained that the deeper dive is not a "1 and done" discussion and that there will be follow up after the meeting.
- (Halfpenny) Asked for a better idea of what is still missing if it will provided and if they can move ahead without it.

- (Belliveau) The consultants have not yet received the pipeline so they won't have it for July. Without the pipeline information, it looks like 25% of the C/I savings goal for the 3 year plan could be unknown until Q4 of 2015!
- (Saunders) Asked how frequently the consultants wanted this information and how granular it needs to be.
- (Belliveau) Responded that he is concerned with the one-time ask right now although he eventually wants to see it quarterly. Additionally, he anticipates that there will be continuing discussions about the level of granularity.
- (Halfpenny) Asked if the consultants knew if the PAs tracked the information they wanted.
- (Lyne) Responded that different PAs track data differently. Lyne then handed out CIMC notes for the deep dive materials and mentioned that the 2013 PY reports will include vastly expanded information than previous reports, including some end use data for Grid.
- (Belliveau) Acknowledged that this information would be of significant help but admitted that the consultants will still need more and believes that the PAs need to track this information to effectively implement.
- (Saunders) Wanted to know why 2011 DNV KEMA analysis is still underway and questioned whether 2012 would also take this long.
- (Belliveau) Explained that DNV KEMA is automating tools that will make the process easier in the future.
- (Abbdou) Added that they did 2012 first and then went back to do 2011.
- (Lyne) Added that the PAs are studying 2013, which is where DNV KEMA analysis left off. He also mentioned that they are trying to balance frequency and granularity and expect to do more forward looking analysis in the 2nd half of this year. The PAs are holding back a bit out of concern over day-to-day consultant micromanagement of the pipeline.
- (Halfpenny) Interjected that a lot of discussions were underway and the deeper dive will either refine understanding of the issues or be used to justify revised goals.
- (Belliveau) Countered that the consultants don't want to manage the pipeline on a regular basis – they want to understand PA strategy based on that pipeline. Using past performance is not a good methodology for determining whether the PAs are on course.
- (Jacobson) Likened the C&I pipeline to the LI Multifamily pipeline in that it is difficult to predict because all projects go in at once and so much can derail them. He also explained that he would rather see implementers implementing than answering questions.
- (Lyne) Reiterated the PAs' concerns and offered their understanding of what the consultants could bring to the table which included suggestions on retro commissioning and street lighting.
- (Dietrich) Appreciates that this is a difficult conversation to have but admits deep concern over a potential shortfall. In light of this concern, she would like to see the consultants tracking forward looking strategy on a large scale.

- (Abdou) Admitted that the timing for this information is tough and that the conversation will sound differently after the July meeting when more info is available.
- (Lyne) Assured the EC that the PAs have included forward looking information in the July presentation.
- (Belliveau) Reminded all that the consultants are concerned with the speed and method of implementation of good ideas.
- (Halfpenny) Suggested that it would be worth having a conversation about deployment strategies. She then asked if there was value redirecting the conversation from data precision to implementation strategies.
- (Belliveau) Thought that July EEAC meeting would mark a good pivot point.
- (Johnson) Would like to see a chart tying existing issues to new ideas.

JULY EEAC AGENDA

- (Halfpenny) Began by indicating that the 2013 PY reports will be ready for the July meeting, the presentation will include the changes to the Grid BC models, and that the C&I deeper dive will be presented. She asked how long the PAs needed to present.
- (Abdou) Added that last month's 2014 data dashboard was skipped so it should be added.
- (Halfpenny) Remembered that the winter peak discussion was also skipped in June so she wanted to pick it up in July. She would also like to have a preliminary discussion on 3 year planning to avoid the challenges faced in 2012 when the initial plan submissions didn't meet Council expectations.
- (Johnson) Wanted to recap November and December discussions at some point. He also pointed out that Charlie Olsson is retiring and that the Council should recognize his contribution to EE. Additionally, he wanted to establish a timeframe and charter for the residential subcommittee of the council.
- (Saunders) Suggested an update on RCS discussions (agreed by Halfpenny)
- (Dietrich) Also wants clarity about subcommittees and deeper conversations.
- (Halfpenny) Suggested to Johnson that he put together a proposal for a subcommittee for her to review. She is looking for a clear process with a positive outcome. She expects July agenda to go over 15 minutes with a break.
- Someone reminded the group that the database hearing was on July 14th at 1pm.
- The July agenda was agreed to include the following (not in order):
 - 2014 Dash Board
 - 2013 PY Report (30) – focusing on the changes from the Q4 report
 - C&I Deep Dive (PA 45 min)
 - Winter peak (update)
 - Public comment (no noticed received so far)
 - Break
 - RCS (update)

- Consultant report (update)
- Carbon/database upcoming hearings