



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Executive Committee Members Present: Don Boecke, Elliott Jacobson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Rick Malmstrom

Other Attendees: Eric Belliveau (via phone), JoAnn Bodemer, Maggie Downey, Rachel Evans, Ian Finlayson (via phone), Jonathan Goldberg, Frank Gundal, Craig Johnson, Maggie McCarey, Alex Pollard, Emily Powers

1. Call to Order

McCarey, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM.

2. 2019 EEAC Budget Request to the DPU

Powers noted that for the purpose of developing the budget for consultant costs, DOER took the approved average monthly spend for the Consultant Team's (C-Team) contract through the end of their contract in August and applied that to the final four months of the year. She added that they also requested an additional two-hundred thousand dollars for an operating budget, which is lower than what was requested in past years.

Boecke asked how the allocation of costs between the electric and gas PAs was determined. McCarey noted that the DPU assigns the allocation. Goldberg added that he thought that it was broken out by customer accounts.

3. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

McCarey began by noting that that goal was to narrow the original list of nine KPIs down to six. Belliveau indicated that the C-Team and the PAs have meetings scheduled to narrow down and come to a consensus on the final KPIs. He added that there has been more discussion on the residential side than on the commercial and industrial (C&I) side. Belliveau also noted that much of the data that was presented for the C&I KPIs were less controversial than the residential ones.

McCarey noted she did not think there would be a formal recommendation at the February Council meeting, however they would plan to have a status update from the C-Team.

4. Overview of DPU Order on 2019 – 2021 Plan

McCarey noted that the 2019-2021 Plan was broadly approved with a few exceptions. She added that the performance incentive pool was also approved with the exception of the renter component which was pulled out and not reallocated. McCarey also noted that any programs that were implemented and did not achieve a total resource cost above 1.0 would be removed from the performance incentive allocation. McCarey went on to note that the DPU did not approve the avoided cost of compliance of the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) component, but that they did choose the greenhouse gas emissions reductions value from the Avoided Energy Supply Cost study.

McCarey noted that the DPU Order also set new requirements for future potential studies to ensure that the PAs are more coordinated on outputs and definitions. She noted that the requirement also requires the PAs to set a deadline for completing potential studies with the Council before the next three-year plan. McCarey also noted that the Order asked the PAs to go back and think about how they do the calculation of electric MMBtu savings.

McCarey noted that DOER was in the process of a second review of the Order to make sure that all next steps and follow ups were accounted for. She added that the Council meeting schedule for the year may be updated based on that if necessary.

Downey noted that some of Cape Light Compact's initiatives were not approved by the DPU and as a result they may not be able to achieve their savings and demand goals in the term sheet.

5. 2019 Council Priorities

McCarey gave an update on the 2019 Council Priorities document. She noted that amendments were made based on feedback from the previous Council meeting and as a result of the DPU Order. She noted that language was added to the first priority to meet Councilor Gromer's request for a priority related to An Act to Advance Clean Energy. She added that Gromer had preferred that it would be a standalone priority but that ultimately he was receptive to it being included with one of the existing priorities.

Boecke and Malmstrom both indicated that they would vote in favor of the document as presented.

Lyne noted that the PAs might not have something to report in every quarter for every item in the priorities document. As a result, he wanted to set an expectation that not every quarterly report would contain updates on all items from the Council's priorities document. Boecke recommended that if or when that is the case that the PAs still report on the item, but with language to indicate that they had nothing to report on at that time. Malmstrom and Commissioner Judson agreed.

6. Executive Committee and EEAC Surveys

Powers noted that DOER would be sending out surveys on the Council's website, its consultant services, and how the meetings are run. She added that the responses to the surveys would be treated anonymously.

7. February EEAC Meeting Agenda

Powers walked through the agenda for the February Council meeting. She noted that it would include a review and vote of the Council 2019 Priorities document, an overview of the DPU Order on the 2019-2021 Three Year Plan, updates from the PAs on new incentives launched in January of 2019, an update and discussion of KPIs, and an overview of preliminary 2016-2018 term results.

Pollard asked if the PAs could also give an update on the vendor open houses as part of the new incentives update. Lyne was receptive of that idea.

Lyne asked if Councilor Cellucci could have some time to give a brief update on the Greater Lawrence efforts. McCarey noted that the meeting was already tight on timing. She suggested that if time allows, it would be most helpful to have an update on the enrollment status of that effort.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:40 PM.