EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2019
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Executive Committee Members Present: Don Boecke, Amy Boyd, Elliott Jacobson, Emmett Lyne, Rick Malmstrom, Maggie McCarey (for Judith Judson)

Other Attendees: Eric Belliveau (via phone), Maggie Downey, Audrey Eidelman, Rachel Evans, Jonathan Goldberg, Frank Gundal, Adam Jacobs (via phone), Craig Johnson, Emily Powers

1. Call to Order

McCarey, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

2. Executive Committee Updates and Business

McCarey noted that the Cape Light Compact (CLC) and Eversource filed their Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) on September 27, 2019. Downey noted that she was hopeful that the compliance filing would be approved without any feedback or additional requests from the DPU. She added that she was also hopeful that the filing would be approved as soon as possible so that the CLC can get ready for next summer’s programs.

Boyd noted that she found Councilor Johnson’s outbursts in recent meetings to be problematic. She added that she felt it reflected poorly on the Council to ignore the outbursts and questioned if there were any steps the Council could take to address the issue. Jacobson noted that he thought others shared those concerns. Malmstrom agreed. McCarey noted that, as Chair of the EEAC, DOER has heard similar concerns from other Councilors and has taken steps to address the issue. McCarey noted that Commissioner Judson has formally notified Councilor Johnson in writing following Council meetings if ground rules were broken. McCarey also indicated that the Chair planned to continue to enforce Ground Rules during Council meetings. Boecke noted that he felt the Commissioner was doing the right thing by tracking instances of outbursts and added that he did not feel that Councilor Johnson’s outbursts were on purpose. Malmstrom agreed but noted that Councilor Johnson’s delivery has been unacceptable when he has disrespected individuals.
Downey indicated that Councilor Johnson had apologized to her personally for his instances of outbursts. Lyne added that he was appreciative of the active efforts that the Commissioner has taken to ensure that the Council’s ground rules are being abided by.

**Technical Consultant Procurement Update**

Powers noted that the request for response for the technical consultant procurement was released on September 27, 2019. She noted that the Executive Committee (ExCom) would hold two additional meetings in November to review and that those would occur on either November 14th or 15th and November 21st or 22nd. McCarey added that they might not need both meetings depending on how many proposals are submitted.

**Council Resolution Planning**

McCarey noted that the Council would likely have several resolutions that it would need to draft between October and the beginning of 2020 that she wanted to start thinking about with the ExCom.

First, McCarey noted that the DPU only approved the daily dispatch programs as demonstrations and that the Council would receive a preliminary report on the results of those programs in November. She added that the final evaluations would be completed in January. McCarey indicated that the goal was for the Council to review a resolution in January with the hope of voting on it in February so that the program administrators (PAs) could file for approval with the DPU by the end of February.

Next, McCarey noted that the DPU would be holding a public hearing at the end of October for the PAs 2016-2018 term reports with the procedural schedule likely to follow in the first quarter of 2020. She indicated that to the extent the Council wishes to submit anything as part of that, it would need to do so in that timeframe.

McCarey noted that the Council typically does forward looking priorities and that it usually votes on them in January or February. She suggested that the Council’s priorities for 2020 be forward looking and backward looking on priorities established for 2019. She added that this would be discussed at the November meeting with the goal of having a draft ready for December or January. Boyd agreed that having forward- and backward-looking priorities made sense. Jacobson agreed. He added that the priorities are sometimes taken too literally which can make it look like they have failed even if the results have been positive. He suggested that backward looking priorities might help with that. Lyne noted that the PAs are typically concerned with making sure they are focused on delivering the plan and getting results and not getting stalled too much on process.

McCarey noted that CLC would be presenting on its Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) at the November Council meeting and asked what the timing for a resolution would be. Downey noted that the CLC was hoping for a resolution from the Council at its December meeting on whether they support the CVEO. She added that they would likely not seek to file with the DPU without the Council’s support. McCarey asked if the resolution would need to come in the form of a mid-term modification. Downey indicated that it could, but that she was
not sure at the moment. Downey added that the CLC could draft resolution language for the Council as part of what they present to the Council in November.

3. Upcoming Meeting Agendas

October Council Meeting
McC Carey reviewed the agenda for the October Council meeting, which included presentations from the PAs on commercial and industrial (C&I) program implementation, HVAC and controls, and lighting and controls. She added that the consultant team would give a presentation on a C&I lighting white paper that they were developing.

Boyd asked if the consultant team’s C&I lighting white paper would be available in advance of the Council meeting. Belliveau indicated that the goal was to complete and post the white paper to the meeting materials at least a week in advance of the meeting.

Future Council Meetings
McC Carey reviewed the list of potential topics for the November Council meeting. These included an update on active demand reduction, new program enhancements not included in the 2019-2021 Plan, CLC’s CVEO update, an update on the third quarter report and key performance indicators, and a discussion on Council priorities. McC Carey noted that she felt that this was too many topics and that she was interested in hearing from members of the ExCom on what they felt should be removed from the agenda. She added that she felt that an update on new program enhancements could be pushed to December or January.

Belliveau asked when the consultant team could expect to see third quarter data and updates on the key performance indicators. McC Carey indicated that they should receive that the Wednesday before the Council meeting in November. She suggested that the PAs could do a report out on the third quarter report in November and then have the consultant team give a presentation on it in December along with the PA’s year-end forecast. The ExCom agreed with this approach.

McC Carey suggested that they could push back the update on active demand until after they receive evaluated results. She noted that the Council would still like to hear an update on what the PAs have planned for winter active demand in November.

4. Adjournment

McC Carey, as Chair, adjourned the Executive Committee at 11:00 AM.