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05/18/2013 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Executive Committee Notes

Start – 10:05am

End – 11:15am

Attendees: Tina Halfpenny (DOER), Elliott Jacobson (LEAN), Christina Dietrich (ENE), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Lynn Westerlind (NGrid), Matt Saunders (AG), Rita Carvahlo (LEAN), Steve Venezia (DOER), Peter Shattick (ENE), Lisa Shea (NStar), Emmett Lyne (PAs), Shaela Collins (PAs), Lyn Huckabee (DOER), Paul Johnson (Small Contractors - 10:15 am), Jeff Schlegel (Consultant - via phone)

Agenda:

- Energy Policy Review Commission Update
- Reporting/Council Resolution
- June EEAC Agenda
- Legislation

Notes:

Energy Policy Review Commission Update

- Jacobson – Report on price impacts of energy policies due at the end of June. The group is struggling with its mission because there is overlap between with Commission and the Council but they are trying not to rehash the same programmatic decisions that are the purview of the Council. However, Mass Save program design issues are weighing down the more appropriate conversation.
- Collins – Comments on Policy impacts at large were due on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Unutil and CLC submitted comments.
- Halfpenny – There is some discussion about the possible extension of the Commission because there is a concern that report to Legislature will not be finished in time. There is also some discussion of an additional annual report which would not likely be a good use of time and effort.
- Lyne – More practically, the DPU 11-120 tech session discussed cataloguing all reports generated in EE processes and indexing their purpose. The DPU has requested it and the coalition is currently working with the consultant team to do this.

Reporting Draft Resolution

- Halfpenny – At the last meeting, we promised a resolution about streamlining reporting for the next meeting and we agreed that the Council needed to weigh in on the process. Jeff Schlegel put together an outline of what the Council could say in the resolution which includes objectives

of streamlining, lays out the types of reports generated, and references some citations requiring reports.

- Schlegel – Reviewed outline document content. The discussion should focus on the parameters of DPU input. He was not sure how much detail the Council would want, so he left placeholders where the document would go from broad to specific so more detail can be added if necessary.
- Halfpenny – The background is good but there is actually too much detail for the Council. (Saunders agreed) The document should only include the actual council direction. The next step is that the Council needs to hear from the DPU on further direction or have another tech session before the June EEAC meeting.
- Lyne – Although they have not heard anything yet from the DPU, the PAs are still interested in talking to the consultants about pulling the reporting list together. They are also looking for clarification about the content of annual plan updates, including information such as what should be in them and why we need them.
- Halfpenny – This report will be important to the Council with the advent of true 3 year plans. Although they should not be as much work as previous annual plans, they should offer PAs opportunity to recalibrate annually if needed based on evaluation.
- Westerlind – PAs are discussing applying evaluation on an annual basis.
- Halfpenny – Annual application of evaluation for the previous year is important, but it is also important to apply evaluation prospectively to future years. We don't want to be guessing by year 3.
- Westerlind – They haven't worked through the details yet.
- Jacobson – We also need to have a reasonable idea of results by early 2015 so we have enough time to plan for the next 3 years.
- Lyne – The PAs hear Halfpenny's concerns but appreciate that change can be complicated so they will tackle additional conversations between now and next EEAC meeting.
- Schlegel – We clearly need to recalibrate but the question is how often is often enough? No one wants PAs to continually update and file new plans.
- Halfpenny – The goal is to recalibrate before we make meaningful changes.
- Lyne – PAs promise to work on a possible joint PA/consultant straw plan.
- Saunders – We need to take care to ensure that the resolution sends the right message to the DPU.
- Lyne – PAs want an answer about what happens short of an MTM.
- Halfpenny – DPU sees overlap between reporting discussion and database discussion. She sees 2 points for Council input clarify bounds of each effort. Reports should be quarterly (by statute) and the monthly reports are on a volunteer basis. Next steps: Lyne, Schlegel, Belleveau, and PAs need to meet and Halfpenny will make their output more succinct. She's send to Saunders for a first-pass redline before sending to whole Council. We may need another EC to discuss before the June EEAC meeting.

- Halfpenny – we will need plenty of time to discuss reporting resolution and the Avoided Energy Cost Study.
- Schlegel – we will have a draft of the AESC by the June Council meeting which will give us time to consider comments before final draft on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Halfpenny – in an upcoming meeting, we should talk about the EM&V plan but not in June. Maybe July.
- Westerlind – Just an FYI, IEPC during August EEAC meeting scheduled time.
- Halfpenny – There is some interest in cancelling either the July or August meeting. In June, we should have a conversation about larger evaluation goals and a presentation on the HES program.
- Lyne – PAs are ready to present. They will share drafts with Margie ahead of time.
- Halfpenny – Council should have more formal introduction to new residential consultant team.
- Deitrich – Can we get an update on the database RFR?
- Halfpenny – Finlayson sent it out yesterday. (A quick explanation of state procurement processes followed.)
- Lyne – PAs are planning a data dashboard next month.
- Johnson – There wasn't enough discussion of quarterly report with consultant comments last month.
- Halfpenny – Councilors should bring up their questions with PAs and Consultants directly but she does recommend that presentations get delivered far enough in advance that Councilors can formulate questions before presentation. There will be more discussion for the Q2 quarterly report because it will mark the first report of benefits. In June, we'll schedule 10 minutes for Consultants to comment on the dashboard.
- Halfpenny – Executive Committee needs reauthorization and a discussion about term limits.

#### Proposed Legislation

- Halfpenny – The legislature has proposed a number of bills concerning energy efficiency. Bills on contractors, street lighting, and program reporting. We've never talked about legislation beyond responding. Do we need to take more proactive steps? (there was no clear consensus on how much involvement the EEAC would have in the bills)