



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: JoAnn Bodemer, Donald Boecke, Amy Boyd, Austin Brandt, Betsy Glynn, Jonathan Goldberg, Lyn Huckabee, Craig Johnson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Jeremy Newberger, Alex Pollard, Matt Rusteika, Jeff Schlegel (via phone), Arah Schuur, Lisa Shea

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Judson called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM.

2. General Updates

Commissioner Judson noted that Eric Winkler was no longer working at ISO-NE and that they had been working on finding a replacement for him. She announced that ISO-NE had appointed Victoria Rojo as his replacement.

3. March Meeting Agenda

Huckabee reviewed the proposed agenda for the March Council meeting. She noted that it would include year-end results for 2016 with presentations from the program administrators (PAs) and the consultant team (C-Team), a request from the Cape Light Compact (CLC) to have the Council approve a resolution regarding their mid-term modification (MTM), as well as updates from the PAs on the status of their demand demonstration projects.

Commissioner Judson asked for a status update on the Eversource and Unitil demand demonstration proceedings at the DPU. Shea indicated that the PAs have been responding to questions and that discovery would be ending on March 3, 2017. She also noted that a technical session was requested and that they were agreeable to that and that they were looking for dates prior to the hearings.

Malmstrom asked what the theme of the questions were that they received. Shea indicated that most of the questions were clarification type questions.

Malmstrom also asked if the C-Team had looked at what other jurisdictions are doing for demand response. Schlegel indicated that C-Team did look at that and had talks with the PAs

about it. He added that they did not plan to present on that at the March meeting. Schuur suggested that it might be good to hear more about those talks at a future demand reduction subcommittee meeting. Malmstrom agreed.

4. April Meeting Agenda

Rusteika began by noting that the April meeting had been moved from its usual date to April 26, 2017 in order to avoid holding the meeting during school vacation week. He added that the new date was publicly noticed. He went on to highlight the proposed topics for the meeting, which would include updates on the renter and moderate income initiative and the Residential Contractor Working Group, as well as presentations on new incentives structures in new construction programs and using air-source heat pumps for electrification.

Glynn recommended that the update on the renter and moderate income initiatives include any performance metrics that are being tracked as part of a target. She added that she would like to hear how the PAs are doing on those targets, whether or not they feel they have been successful, and if not, what they can do to remedy that. Commissioner Judson agreed.

5. Future Meeting Topics

Commissioner Judson noted that there had been some discussion amongst Councilors at previous meetings about an update on the Mass Save database and its alignment with the Council's request for a statewide database. She asked if anyone had thoughts as to when that might be appropriate. Lyne indicated that the PAs definitely wanted to have that discussion in 2017, but that they were not aware of a target date. Newberger recommended that if they wanted to do that with 2016 data that they should target that discussion for a meeting after the plan year report and numbers are finalized in June.

Rusteika noted that they also wanted to start thinking about planning workshops. He noted that they envisioned that those would likely happen in the fall and that they would be sector-oriented. He asked if anyone had any thoughts on that idea. Boecke noted that the previous iteration of workshops were helpful and well put together and suggested that it would be good to get those on the schedule as soon as possible. Lyne agreed, noting that there is a lot of effort that goes into the briefing materials for the workshops.

6. Cape Light Compact MTM Update

Austin Brandt, on behalf of CLC, gave an update on their proposed MTM for their demand response demonstration offering. In his presentation, Brandt reviewed the original planned offering, gave an overview of the MTM request, described the new commercial and industrial (C&I) demonstration project along with the research questions they would like to answer, highlighted changes to the original Residential Behavior/Feedback initiative, and showed what the new budget and bill impacts would look like.

Commissioner Judson asked why the DPU wanted CLC to seek Council approval since their proposal does not technically trip any of the guidelines for an MTM. Brandt indicated that he

thinks the DPU was just not comfortable with their proposal without the Council's review. Bodemer added that there is a shift in budget between sectors and that there is a void in the guidelines that the DPU may not have wanted to rule on without Council review.

Boecke asked if CLC could provide a detailed breakdown of the budget items. Brandt indicated that that would be in their filing to the DPU. Boecke, Boyd, and Glynn also expressed concern that it looked like they were eliminating budget from a residential offering and moving that money to a C&I offering. Brandt and Bodemer indicated that they would not be using residential collections to support the new C&I offering. They added that the result of the MTM would be that there would be less collected from residential and more from C&I.

Malmstrom and Commissioner Judson indicated that they were on board with CLC's MTM request, noting that these are small budgets for demonstration projects and that CLC had determined that their current offering was not performing to expectations.

On the proposed C&I offering, Boyd noted that the proposed technology is well-studied and asked why they felt they needed five to ten separate demonstrations. Brandt indicated that they wanted to test the technology for custom acceptance for a variety of customer segments.

Brandt indicated that CLC would make a variety of adjustments to their presentation for the March meeting to include a more detailed budget breakdown and clarification that there is no cross-subsidization between sectors as part of the request. He also indicated that they would look to provide more information on the new C&I offering with regards to their research questions and field deployment.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Judson adjourned the Executive Committee at 4:05 PM.