



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2016
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: Eric Belliveau, JoAnn Bodemer, Donald Boecke, Amy Boyd, Joe Dorfler, Betsy Glynn, Jonathan Goldberg, Craig Johnson, Paul Johnson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Jerrold Oppenheim, Alex Pollard, Matt Rusteika, Arah Schuur, Lisa Shea

Welcome and Introductions

Judson welcomed everyone at 2:35 PM and highlighted the agenda. She also praised the PAs for getting the 2013-2015 plan report done on time.

1. Overview of the 2013-2015 Plan Report

Lyne gave an overview of the 2013-2015 plan report (“the Plan”). Lyne noted that as of August 1, 2016 the report is at the DPU and that all of the cases have been assigned docket numbers. He also noted that there will be opportunities to intervene and that the focus of the proceedings would be on results. He acknowledged members of the PAs as well as Councilors that helped to bring the report together. He noted that they spent more time on sponsorships in the report than they had with previous versions at the request of the DPU. Lyne also noted that the data in the report should not surprise the EEAC as there were no large swings in reporting since the PAs had presented their preliminary results. He also highlighted a few high-level notes, including that 2015 had the highest savings that the state had ever achieved, and that benefits, cost to achieve, and benefit cost ratios were all strong. Lastly he noted that the results are based on the EM&V framework and that they are still doing some QA/QC.

Judson asked what the 2015 numbers were. Lyne initially indicated that he was unsure of the exact percentages, but did note that both electric and gas exceeded goals. Later in the meeting, Goldberg indicated that in 2015, electric savings were a little over 3% of sales and gas savings were about 1.23% of sales.

2. Other Updates

Judson mentioned that the Affordable Access to Clean and Efficient Energy (AACEE) Initiative working group is wrapping up its work and that there would be some recommendations coming out of that soon.

Boyd asked if DOER had an update on their energy storage study. Judson indicated that a bill that included energy storage legislation recently passed and that DOER was in the process of looking at how their study fits into that legislation. She indicated that the part of the bill related to energy storage set deadlines to consider whether or not the state should set targets by December 31, 2016, determine what the targets should be if targets are to be set by June of 2017, and report on results three years following that. She noted that its all moving forward and that they expect to release their report by the end of 2016 at the latest.

3. August 17th EEAC Meeting Agenda

Rusteika previewed the proposed agenda for the August EEAC Meeting. He noted that the meeting would focus on the results of the 2013-2015 plan report. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome and Public Comment
2. Council Updates and Business
3. Consultant Work Plan and Budget Vote
4. Performance Incentive Explained
5. 2013-2015 Plan Results
6. Planning Process – Lessons Learned

Lyne indicated that the presentations on the 2013-2015 plan results would largely be data driven.

Boyd asked what the lessons learned part of the agenda was about. Rusteika indicated that the consultant team had produced a memo on the lessons learned from the 2016-2018 planning process and that they would be doing a presentation as a follow up to the memo. Boyd indicated that she initially thought it was on lessons learned from the 2013-2015 plan and that it might be good to do something on that.

4. September EEAC Meeting Preview

Pollard indicated that the focus on the September meeting would be on the commercial and industrial (C&I) sector. He noted that they were thinking about doing an informal session on LED streetlights that would be presented by the consultant team and the PAs. He indicated that during the full meeting, the focus would be on innovation and where there are areas for good opportunities moving forward. He noted that there would be presentations from Richard Malmstrom, the consultant team, and the PAs.

Boyd indicated that she was happy to hear about the informal session on LED streetlight conversions.

5. Consultant Work Plan and Budget

Judson reminded the Executive Committee that the current contract with the consultant team runs through the end of August 2016 and that the goal for the Council would be to have the consultant team's new contract signed before the end of the month. She noted that the

implication of that would be that the Executive Committee would need to reach a consensus on their recommendation to the full Council on the consultant work plan and budget.

Belliveau reviewed the work plan and budget. He began by noting that a large part of what they do year to year stays the same and includes things like administrative work, technical services, and meetings. He noted that there are two areas in the work plan that are different and new compared to past work plans and that those included efforts on non-energy impacts (NEIs) and a focus on demand. He noted that the consultant team had brought on subject matter experts for each of those initiatives. Overall, Belliveau stressed that work plan looks to the future and how to address potential issues that might come down the road.

Belliveau also noted that there had been a request for the team to have more interaction with Councilors. He noted that they have a couple of ideas as to how to achieve that included having office hours where Councilors could arrange meetings with the team and look into setting up a Council retreat a couple of times a year.

Schuur indicated that they were happy to have the Optimal Energy team back on board as the Council's consultants. She indicated that she felt the work plan reflected a lot of the feedback that the Council had given in the past.

Boyd indicated that it would be helpful to specify the term of the work plan and budget. Boyd and Johnson also indicated that there were elements of the work plan from January that represented Council priorities that were not reflected in this version of the work plan. Belliveau indicated that those elements had not been ignored and that they were either already being worked on or were included in other elements of the work plan using different language.

Lyne indicated that the PAs appreciated getting a copy of the proposed work plan ahead of time. He also requested that the consultant team try to fit in more one-on-one discussions with the small PAs.

Glynn indicated that as she read through the proposed work plan she kept thinking about how she thought that the consultant team needs to be nimble because it is difficult to plan everything that is going to happen over the course of a year. Belliveau agreed and noted that they try to leave some flexibility so that if new and unexpected issues come up that they have a process in place for being able to work on those matters.

Boecke indicated that he thought the work plan looked good and reminded others that just because something might not show up in the plan do not mean that the consultant team would not be able to work on it. Malmstrom indicated that he was impressed with the work plan in that it was specific in areas where it needed to be and not in others.

Schuur highlighted two minor changes that she thought would improve the work plan. The first was to clarify the period of the contract and the second was to add some language to specify that the Council priorities from the October 2015 resolution would continue to be an area of focus for the consultant team. The Executive Committee reached a consensus that they would recommend approving the work plan and budget to the full Council contingent on those two changes.

Schuur suggested that the Executive Committee check in with the consultant team in about six months to see how they are doing with the current cycle. She said that there might be an opportunity to draw up the next work plan and budget as a 15 month contract so that they could get the cycle to be in line with the calendar year.

6. Adjournment

Judson adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:37 PM.