

## **Mary Wambui**

*(a) Why am I interested in being part of the Executive Committee?*

I believe it is important for the voice of the people, the consumer to be heard at all times and having representation at the Executive Committee will accomplish that purpose. Energy efficiency is a quality of life issue and citizen participation is a fundamental right. Studies have shown that consumer behavior is key to energy demand reduction and I would like to hear more about the people just as much as I hear of data, new technology and utility companies, the few meetings I have attended at the EEAC continue to reveal to me that there is need to amplify the “people” conversation and responsibility in the future of energy efficiency.

*(b) What unique characteristics do I bring to the table?*

To begin with, I have participated in the implementation of past three year energy efficiency plans. Energy efficiency is a passion for me because it is linked to social justice, equity and fairness. I am completing my studies in urban and environmental policy at Tufts University which demonstrates my commitment to environmental stewardship as a human being living in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additionally:

- (1) I have experience of being part of, overseeing and contributing to complex transactions including energy efficiency projects.
- (2) I have a record of accomplishment in delivering energy efficiency results for low income neighborhoods without breaking the bank.
- (3) I have a track record of using my voice for advocacy. Those who know me well will tell you that I have consistently spoken on behalf of the weak and treated people with fairness as well not been afraid of being a lone voice in representing issues of concern.
- (4) I am a consensus builder. I have worked with various stakeholders to solve complex problems.