

March 18, 2015 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Dan Burgess (DOER), Emmett Lyne (Rich May Law on behalf of the PAs), Don Boecke (AG), Rick Malmstrom (Business Customers), Amy Boyd (Acadia), Elizabeth Glynn (Residential Customers), Paul Johnson (Small Business), Elliott Jacobson (LEAN), Paul Gromer (Energy Efficiency Business), Carol White (National Grid), Maggie Downey (Cape Light Compact), Tom Palma (Unitil), Margaret Song (Cape Light Compact), Lisa Shea (Eversource), Joanne Bodemer (BCK Law on behalf of Cape Light Compact), Shaela Collins (Rich May Law on behalf of the PAs), Eric Belliveau (Consultant), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Steve Venezia (DOER), Maggie McCarey (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Aimee Powelka (DOER)

Agenda:

1. EEAC Resolution Overview (10:00-10:15)
2. ExCom discussion and feedback on resolution (10:15-11:05)
3. Next steps and planning for 3/23 ExCom (11:05-11:30)
4. Resolution, MTMs, facilitation budget, 3/31 Council agenda

REVIEW OF DRAFT EEAC RESOLUTION ON 2016-2018 THREE YEAR PLANS

- Acting Commissioner Burgess thanked all participants and contributors for their efforts at the EEAC workshops, noting that in total more than 30 hours of public meetings were held to solicit input to the EEAC.
- The draft resolution language from the workshops was distributed to the ExCom on March 13, with the preamble following on March 17, 2015.
- Amy Boyd provided an overview of the draft resolution. It consists of three parts drafted by Amy Boyd and DOER.
- The first part, the introductory language, is largely the same language as 2009 and 2012 resolutions and provides the rationale for the resolution.
- The second section outlines the high level priorities of the Council.
- The third section contains the content from the workshop recommendations. Recommendation language was modified to resolution language for more measurable, actionable language while keeping character and impetus behind the recommendations.
- Acting Commissioner Burgess framed the discussion, suggested first general comments, then section by section comments.
- Several Councilors and the PAs expressed thanks for the work done on the draft resolution language, noting that it captures the spirit of the workshops.
- Emmett Lyne noted the tone of the collaborative spirit is apparent. The PAs will provide mark-up language on specific items.
- Discussion ensued about including the workshop recommendations in an appendix, scope of services, or otherwise separated. Acting Commissioner Burgess noted the challenge is to provide concise, clear direction from the Council while still providing substantive comments that reflect the work that has occurred since November.
- Discussion ensued about the number of recommendations in the draft resolution. Acting Commissioner Burgess noted the process for prioritization will occur after the PAs provide the first draft plan by April 30 through public workshops to be held in May.
- Discussion on the draft resolution language pertaining to the HEAT loans and whether it accurately reflected the workshop consensus. Points included 0% versus 2% for market-rate customers and potential additional costs for different interest rates and marketing confusing. Language clarification is desired.

- Discussion on inclusion of renewable thermal in energy efficiency programs in the draft resolution and how to clarify what is appropriate. Points included potential competition between renewable thermal and energy efficiency and that the future will involve more coordination between program/technology types to enhance customer experience. Language clarification is desired.
- Discussion on inclusion of specific sectors, such as non-profits, in the draft resolution and how to clarify what is appropriate. Noted that reporting on sector-specific initiatives reporting recommendation from workshops is largely absent. Language clarification is desired.
- Elliott Jacobson offered that LEAN will be providing some suggested language.
- All further comments should be submitted to DOER by mid-day on March 19 for inclusion and redistribution on March 20.

NEXT EXCOM MEETING

- Next scheduled ExCom meeting on March 23. Scheduled 2:30-4. ExCom agreed to extend to 2:30-5 if needed.
- Agenda will include all mid-term modifications other than Cape Light Compact, which we will address today, and the agenda for 3/31 EEAC meeting.

MID-TERM MODIFICATIONS

- Maggie Downey presented an overview of the mid-term modifications (MTM) that Cape Light Compact (CLC) will be submitting to the Department of Public Utilities for approval. A shorter form has also been provided for the EEAC. CLC is filing MTMs because the residential whole-house is so successful with over 70% conversion rates. The HEAT loan is a very popular program mostly used for high efficiency heating systems. Both of these have triggered a need to file MTMs and will have a bill impact. The CLC governing board unanimously voted for MTM with bill impacts over shutting down program in July. The presentation is available on the CLC website. The bill impact will be mitigated by the change from higher winter peak pricing to the lower summer peak pricing. Other MTMs include upstream lighting within C&I was more successful than expected. And the sponsorship MTM had to be filed due to the extremely small budgets.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am