

EEAC Executive Committee meeting minutes
Monday 3/23 2:30-5:00
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor, Boston

In attendance:

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), Elliott Jacobson (LEAN), Nancy Seidman (MassDEP), Cindy Carroll (Unitil), Lisa Shea (Eversource), Joanne Bodemer (BCK Law on behalf of Cape Light Compact), Jodi Hanover (Rich May Law on behalf of the PAs), Eric Belliveau (Consultant, by phone), Steve Venezia (DOER), Maggie McCarey (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Aimee Powelka (DOER), Alissa Whiteman (DOER).

Agenda:

- Mid-term modifications (MTMs)
- Facilitation Budget
- Resolution
- EEAC 3/31 Agenda

Mid-term modifications:

- Berkshire Gas, Cape Light Compact, Eversource, and Unitil will request EEAC approval to seek mid-term modifications (MTMs) to their efficiency program budgets. The EEAC consultants and PAs are working through various issues regarding the MTMs and expect to resolve them quickly, at which time they will make a recommendation to the Council.
- There was discussion regarding whether each PA's proposed budget modification will result in an increased consumer surcharge. The MTM background provided by each PA will state whether the MTM will result in an increased consumer surcharge.
- A draft resolution approving the MTMs will be provided to the full EEAC in advance of the 3/31/15 EEAC meeting, and a vote will be taken on the resolution at that meeting, assuming outstanding data points and questions are resolved between the consultants and the PAs.

Facilitation Budget:

- The Executive Committee reviewed the budget provided by Raab & Associates for additional services to facilitate two workshops following submission of the draft efficiency plan on April 30, 2015. Commissioner Burgess requested more detail on the preparation tasks to be completed by Jonathan before the Council vote on budget on 3/31/2015.

Resolution:

- There was discussion regarding the draft EEAC resolution entitled "EEAC Resolution Concerning its Priorities for the Development, Implementation and Evaluation of the 2016-2018 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans."
- The following topics were discussed:
 - List of high-level Council priorities;

- The relationship between the three-year plan priorities and the emission reduction goals stated in the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act and the Clean Energy and Climate Plan;
- The extent to which PAs should provide updates on progress toward implementation of the specific recommendations in the resolution, including the frequency and manner of such updates;
- Commercial/industrial sector recommendations, including potential rate impacts from LED streetlights retrofits;
- Residential sector recommendations, including whether the low income program should be expanded to cover residents whose income is between 60% and 80% of area median income;
- The number and timing of requested reports and studies.
- A few edits were made during the meeting. Executive Committee voting members were supportive of the draft resolution.
- The resolution will be provided to EEAC members on March 24, 2015 and a vote on the resolution will occur at the March 31, 2015 Council meeting.

EEAC 3/31/15 Agenda:

- Executive Committee agreed on the following agenda:
 1. Public comment
 2. Updates
 3. Council planning: April and May
 4. Resolution
 5. Break
 6. Mid Term Modifications and Blackstone Gas/National Grid framework
 7. DPU 11.120 - PA proposed reporting template for the 2013-2015 Plan
 8. Avoided Energy Supply Cost study update
- There was discussion regarding whether to have an EEAC meeting in April, and if so, whether that meeting should include a discussion regarding savings goals. No decision was reached.