

November 10, 2015 EEAC Executive Committee DRAFT Notes

Executive Committee Attendees: Judith Judson (DOER), Arah Schuur (DOER), Betsy Glynn (Residential Customers), Don Boecke (AG), Emmett Lyne (PAs), Jodi Hanover (PAs), Rick Malmstrom (Businesses and Large Commercial & Industrial-phone)

Non-Executive Committee Attendees: Paul Johnson (EE Small Business), Marie Abdou (National Grid), Lisa Shea (Eversource), JoAnn Bodemer (CLC), Elliott Jacobsoen (LEAN), Eric Belliveau (EEAC consultants-phone), Kate Galbo (Climate Action Business Association), Jonathan Goldberg (DPU), Steve Venezia (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Alissa Whiteman (DOER)

AGENDA

1. Introductions and updates (10:30-10:40)
2. EEAC November and December meeting agendas (10:40-11:15)
3. Consultant contract recommendation (11:15-11:25)
4. Closing (11:25-end)

Introductions & updates

Venezia provided an update on key items/dates in the DPU process for reviewing the draft 2016-2018 Energy Efficiency Plan. More information is available in Procedural Schedule and Ground Rules for D.P.U. 15-160 through D.P.U. 15-169

- Pre-hearing statements have been filed.
- PA Council track intervenors are DOER, the AG, CLF, Mass Energy, Acadia Center, and LEAN. NEEC sought to intervene as a Limited Participant. Interrogatories from these intervenors are due November 27; responses due 12/4/15.
- Non-council track interventions are due on 11/13/15.
- 12/1/15—potential technical session
- 12/7/-12/15/15—DPU hearings
- Initial briefs due 12/30/15
- Reply briefs due shortly after 1/1/16.

Jacobson and Lyne pledged that the PAs and LEAN will work together to determine how to proceed with the low income program in January and February 2016 (i.e., before the DPU rules on the 2016-2-18 EEIP.)

EEAC November and December Meeting agendas:

- Schuur expressed the importance of keeping the December meeting (rather than canceling it, as has occurred in the past) in order to appropriately begin 2016.
- DOER (Schuur and Judson) provided an overview of the draft agendas below.

- There was a discussion about the topics/agendas. Key areas of discussion are summarized below. DOER will review the feedback provided and develop agendas for the meetings.

November Agenda:

1. Public comment (1:00-1:10)
2. Council Updates and Business (1:10-1:30)
 - December meeting date change to Dec 16th at 1 Ashburton Cafe
 - Council Meeting Minutes Approval – October 16th
 - Council Meeting Minutes Approval – October 21st
 - Council Meeting Minutes Approval – October 26th
 - DPU Process Update
3. Consultant Team Contract Extension – Vote – (1:30-1:40)
4. Peregrine Energy Group presentation on report from Northeast Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) -- An Industry Transformed: The Impact of the Green Communities Act of 2008 on the Energy Efficiency Industry in Massachusetts (1:40-2:00)
5. PA presentation on Q3 results and year end projection (2:00-2:30)
6. Break – (2:30-2:45)
7. DOER Nest Pilot Program Presentation (2:45-3:00)
8. Discussion of Council priorities (3:00-4:00)
 - Council priorities for 2016
 - Topics for meetings in 2016

December Agenda:

1. Public comment (1:00-1:10)
2. Council Updates and Business (1:10-1:30)
 - 2016 Meeting Schedule
 - Group Picture at January 2016 meeting
 - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Approval – November 10th
 - Council Meeting Minutes Approval – November 18th
 - Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Approval – December 2nd
 - DPU Process Update
3. PA Data Dashboard Presentation (1:30-1:45)
4. “Super peak” avoided cost study update from PAs – (1:45-2:00)
5. Follow-up discussion of 2016 Council priorities – to be voted on in January (2:00-2:30)
6. Break – (2:30-2:45)
7. Review proposed topics 2016 Q1/Q2 meetings – (2:45-3:00)
8. EEAC Three-year Plan planning process lessons learned (3:00-4:00)

Council priorities and topics of interest for 2016:

- Schuur and Judson clarified that this agenda topic is to ensure that updates specified in the EEAC resolutions are provided in a manner consistent with the intent of the Resolution.

- It was agreed that, based on discussion of this topic at the November EEAC meeting, DOER will develop a draft “update schedule” for 2016 EEAC meetings; this draft schedule will be reviewed and discussed at the December EEAC meeting.

EM&V report results

- PAs and Optimal expressed some concern that this topic is premature for the November EEAC meeting, and that it may be more appropriate to have an overview in November and a detailed discussion in December.
- PAs and Optimal will discuss and provide further feedback to DOER.

EEAC three year plan planning process lessons learned:

- Johnson expressed that this topic should also consider what lessons learned from the 3 year planning process can/should be integrated into 3 year plan implementation.
- There was some concern by various attendees that this topic is premature for the December meeting, since it requires some “distance” from the experience and reflection.
- It was decided that, at the November meeting, a list of “3 year planning process learned” would be provided, for discussion at the December meeting.

Three year plan highlights and lessons learned from the plan:

- Lyne expressed that this topic is premature, and would be more appropriate in early 2016.
- Judson expressed that this topic can include discussion of Optimal’s work.

Other:

- Due to the DPU hearing schedule, the December EEAC meeting will most likely be moved from December 9 to another date in December. December 16 was discussed.

Consultant contract recommendation:

- Background: The contract with Optimal expires on 12/31/15.
- Judson proposed extending the Optimal contract through August 2016 to ensure continuity & follow-up with the 2013-2015 EEIP, and going out to bid for a Council consultant prior to that in 2016.
- ExCom members agreed with DOER’s proposal; this will be brought to a vote at the November EEAC meeting.