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September 25, 2013 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny (DOER), Matt Saunders (AG), Christina Dietrich (ENE), Emmett Lyne (PAs), Lynn Westerlind (National Grid), Lisa Shea (NU), Shaela Collins (PAs), Eric Belliveau (Consult), Mike Myser (Database Contractor), Leo Steidel (Database Contractor), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Lyn Huckabee (DOER)

Agenda:

- Consultant RFR
- Consultant budget
- AESC 2014 modifications
- 2013 turnaround strategies
- Database update
- GWSA
- October agenda

Consultant RFR

- (Halfpenny) Reviewed the proposed scope of work for the consultant RFR
- (Lyne) Asked Halfpenny to circulate a version of RFR to the PAs when it is ready.
- (Halfpenny) No additional input has been received by the Executive Committee. They plan to release the document on October 7th.
- (Saunders) They can push it back if necessary.
- (Halfpenny) October 14th is agreed.
- (Belliveau is asked to enter the room for the remainder of the meeting)

Consultant Budget Update

- (Belliveau) The consultants need to look at rebalancing the consultant budget but they will not need any additional budget. They will present the re-configured budget proposal at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- (Dietrich) Would like clarity on how additional data analysis needs in evaluation will be handled in the budget.
- (Belliveau) Explained that additional needs stemmed from need to work through a backlog of long term planning tasks.
- (Saunders) Would like to see the actual to date spending lined up with the budget numbers at the time of progress reports.

- (Halfpenny) Noted that the consultant invoices are lengthy, difficult to manage, and a challenge to understand. She asked how the consultants could make it more cohesive.
- (Belliveau) Explained the technical challenges with streamlining. He also agreed that they could rethink the simplicity of invoicing under the new work plan.

Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study

- (Halfpenny) How do we handle updates? Changes have surfaced in the price of fuel, gas DRIPE, and GWSA avoided cost.
- (Westerlind) They are working out how to handle with Jeff Schlegel by doing a thorough scenario analysis.
- (Belliveau) The real question is timing. When do updates happen?
- (Lyne) During the scenario planning, only one scenario presented any kind of screening problem so they aren't worried that the AESC will result in catastrophic circumstances.
- (Shea) GDS is doing the scenario planning for the gas PAs.
- (Halfpenny) Asked how we can make the process more transparent.
- (Lyne) The PAs can prepare a presentation but several policy issues still require determination by the DPU. These include gas DRIPE in 11-120.
- (Saunders) Gets the sense that the DPU thinks the 3 year plan dockets are closed.
- (Halfpenny) Suggested that they include the AESC in the October EEAC agenda and noted that she wasn't comfortable with the evaluation studies.
- (Westerlind) HEHE eval issues include increase NTG, decreased NEI, and the fact that the DPU ruled that the NTG could only be applied prospectively although there was debate around the interpretation of the order.
- (Lyne) New evaluation results always considered. The question is how they are applied.
- (Halfpenny) That disagreement creates a question about the results. They collectively decided to pick up this conversation at the next meeting because too much was undetermined at this point.

2013 Turnaround Strategies

- (Halfpenny) Not a great story from Grid. A better story from NStar. At the October EEAC meeting, the consultants should respond to results with interpretation.
- (Belliveau) He will pull together the outline.
- (Lyne) They have a good process in place for presentation. He also pointed out that the PAs are sensitive to the perception that they are having a bad year when they are actually doing well.
- (Halfpenny) The turnaround must be made on the C&I side, especially with Grid. Including the healthcare sector. An industry representative will present to the Council in November.

- (Belliveau) Noted inconsistency in the data available and expressed a desire to see more certainty in PARIS.

Database Update

- (Steidel) Consultant interviews with stakeholders scheduled. 12 interviews IDd, including 7 PAs. They are moving quickly. Should be done in two weeks. The schedule is set to end in early January.
- (Finlayson) They are trying to find space for working group and trying to determine application of open meeting law to tech session.
- A conversation commenced about the open meeting law where it was agreed that DOER would look further in to it to err on the side of safety.
- (Steidel) The proposed subcommittee dates are 10/29, 11/26, 1/13, and 1/28. Mostly the day ahead of EC except 1/13 which is right in front of the EEAC meeting.
- (Finlayson) Asked for warning if any of these dates are fatally flawed within 24 hours.

GWSA

- (Halfpenny) Needs to have a PA conversation before they go to the Council.
- (Lyne) Tilak will be back on Monday. At that time, they can convene a conversation and pass on the information.
- (Halfpenny) Presentation in October will likely be from the state about the requirements of the CECP.

October Agenda

- 11-120 Process (2014 values update)
- Turnaround Strategy
- Database Update
- Data Dashboard (Q3 will arrive in Nov)
- Quick Residential Update (Barriers DPU report)
- Potential CECP Presentation
- Evaluation Strategic Plan from Ralph.
- Healthcare C&I Update
- Next Exec Comm – Q3 numbers with year end projections.