

6/27/2012 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Sub-Committee – Final

Attendees: Christina Halfpenny, Nancy Seidman, Jeremy McDiarmid, Christina Dietrich, Matthew Saunders, Shaela Collins, Steve Venezia, and Kathryn O'Rourke.

Start: 4 pm

End: 5 pm

Minutes:

- **Performance Reports and Performance Incentives:** Essentially, the PAs have been collecting performance incentive money, but it's when they book it. McDiarmid stated that a 3-year approach could be a larger swing – and he's not clear about the connection between 3-year approach and annual performance. Venezia added that theoretically the PAs could have to payback incentives. The sub-committee agreed that performance metrics need to be maintained on an annual basis so there can be an annual check and that the Annual Reports need to be streamlined. Halfpenny noted that there will be more work for the Consultants and we need to understand the additional responsibilities, and the Consultants and Council need to keep that in mind. Venezia stated that the DPU straw proposal would force the Council to look at the individual companies and not just statewide.
- **Energy Efficiency Surcharge Filings:** Saunders stated that the 2% trigger has no mention of a PA timeline, and there needs to be a timetable. McDiarmid added that annual seems to be the way to go and Collins stated that PAs haven't discussed timing, but they wouldn't be frozen out.
- **Mid-Term Modification:** Halfpenny stated that 08-50 guidelines need to be reviewed – specifically the triggers and the DOER wants the 08-50 guidelines addressed through 11-120. Collins said that she doesn't think the 08-50 guidelines can get changed through 11-120 and that the DPU likes to close out a docket before it opens another. The sub-committee universally agreed that the MTMs triggers need to be addressed. McDiarmid added that there needs to be a regulatory backstop. Halfpenny stated that if there is an impasse, there needs to be a timeline when the DPU needs to weigh in on them and asked if the Council decision would hold until the DPU rules? The Council needs to weigh in on the MTMs since it impacts them so much. Collin suggested that there might be an opportunity to coalesce with the PAs on comments, but Venezia added that it would be tough coming to a consensus given the timeline and amount going on.