

12/08/2011 Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Executive Committee Notes

Start – 1:08 PM

End – 2:42 PM

Attendees: Tina Halfpenny, Emmett Lyne, Shaela Collins, Steve Venezia, Don Wells, Katie O'Rourke, Carol White, Elizabeth (Liz) Cellucci, Danielle Rathbun, Jeremy McDiarmid, and Elliott Jacobson

Notes:

- The Draft EEAC December 2011 Agenda will be the agenda for this meeting (Tina). Copies of the Draft EEAC December 2011 were passed around at the meeting.
- Summaries of this EC meeting and 2011 and 2012 MTM updates will be provided at Tuesday's EEAC Council meeting.
- NOI on Carbon Cost
  - Last Tuesday DPU ordered an investigation of net to gross savings and cost-effectiveness testing (Tina).
  - The DPU asked for joint comments where possible. The PA's are working on joint comments, but may not have complete/full consensus. The PA's are meeting next week, then with Council consultants. The PA's are looking at gross vs. net savings and hoping for 100% consensus on net to gross issue (Emmett).
  - AIM is contemplating putting together a 30-day extension on comments (Danielle).
  - It would be good for the EEAC consultants to weigh in and present impacts and information on the net to gross issue (Jeremy). People not optimistic that we'll have consensus on this issue by January 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion around what path to move forward with. Either A) prepare comments for January 11, but also keep moving forward with discussions after or B) ask for the DPU to give provide a 30-day extension so we'll have a better handle on where we all are (Emmett). Sooner the better (Carol). As we're talking this through, the parallel path approach may be better (Emmett). There is a concern about retroactively changing things halfway through (Elliott).
  - The question was posed if it would be awkward to reach out to the DPU (Elliott), but it was stated that they probably can't give us an answer. However, it would good to make them aware that timing is critical (Danielle). Suggested that through individual comments, there should be language about timing for planning and request a tech session.
  - Ultimately the EEAC Council should weigh-in on the issues given the weight it would carry (Jeremy). Suggested that the Council should put forth a letter to the DPU stating that the Council is researching these issues and will put forth a suggestion at a later date. Danielle and Jeremy are going to draft a letter and circulate to the Council on Tuesday.

- RFR on Economic Assessment - RFR on economic assessment due on Friday. Not much more to say at this time. Agreed that this committee will meet to review the proposals on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.
- Update on NGRID and NSTAR Market Assessment – PA’s will give a quick update of where the draft is at on Tuesday, and propose to present a formal presentation to the Council when the report is complete (Carol).
- EMV Review – Check with Eric and Jeff on EMV Review (Tina).
- January Meeting
  - January’s meeting time will be used as a public meeting time forum. This needs to be articulated in the public meeting notice and manage expectations (Tina).
  - This won’t be the only opportunity for stakeholder input, as the PA’s are planning to host an invite-only “Appreciative Input Inquiry.” (Carol) This would be great for the EEAC Council to hear (Tina).
  - There was a question about if people are going to have a set amount of time for comments (Carol). The process is still being developed, and we’re encouraging written comments (Steve).
  - Looking into hiring a stenographer (Tina/Steve).
  - Suggestion of organizing public comment by subject matter (Liz).
- Q3 Reports – Carol presenting
- ISO EE planning – Carolyn O’Connor presenting from ISO. Having presentations like this are helpful to show how other program impact EE (Carol).
- CMIs – Green Justice presentation on CMI and NSTAR presentation with New Bedford CMI.
- Wanted to know if the DOER would like pathway for 3-year plan (Emmett). Important message is EEAC Consultants are working with PA’s on a collaborative schedule.