



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: JoAnn Bodemer, Donald Boecke, Amy Boyd, Betsy Glynn, Jonathan Goldberg, Michael Goldman, Craig Johnson, Paul Johnson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Jeremy Newberger, Jerrold Oppenheim, Matt Rusteika, Jeff Schlegel (via phone), Arah Schuur

1. Call to Order

Judson called the meeting to order at 2:50 PM.

2. October 19th EEAC Meeting Agenda

December Meeting Agenda

Judson noted that the plan for the December meeting was for it to be shorter than normal. She indicated that the focus would be on the consultant team's (C-Team) review of the PA's Three Year Term Report and on the Council's Priorities for 2017.

Schlegel indicated that the C-Team's presentation would be a high level summary and that Councilors could find more detailed information in the report itself. He added that it is expected to be used as a resource document and that it is all in the spirit of reviewing what the Council has learned over the last three years and how that can help the Council moving forward.

Lyne noted that the PAs were appreciative of the C-Team for running questions and content of their report and presentation through them.

Newberger asked if there were any specific outcomes for the Council as part of the C-Team's review and report. Judson indicated that the review is simply the Council doing its due-diligence. Boecke added that it was meant as a resource to show what each of the individual PAs developed in their own reports but in one, singular document.

Judson noted that the Cape Light Compact (CLC) had made a request to give an update on their peak demand demonstration projects that they were unable to get to at a previous Council meeting. Bodemer noted that CLC had discontinued their residential behavior feedback program and were moving some money around as a result. She added that CLC wanted to give an update

to the Council so that they are aware of what and why CLC is doing. Rusteika indicated that they could fit them in after the normal business at the beginning of the meeting.

Johnson recommended that they should consider adding a quick update on the status of the Eversource and Unitil demand response demonstration project filings. Judson asked if there was any update on that matter. Goldberg noted that hearing officers had been assigned but that nothing beyond that has occurred. He also noted that the PAs are doing as much as they can while they wait for a ruling from the DPU. Judson asked if they were anticipating it being a lengthy review. Goldberg noted that the filing was put together so as to avoid anything that would result in a lengthy review.

January Meeting Agenda

Rusteika noted that the theme for the January meeting would be a kickoff for 2017. He indicated that there would be presentations on the schedule of milestones for the year, a monthly data dashboard, and an overview of the DOER grant programs.

Malmstrom asked if DOER would be able to give an update on who was awarded the grants. Schuur indicated that if they have been awarded then yes, otherwise no.

3. Council Priorities for 2017

Judson noted that the goal was for the Executive Committee (ExCom) to finalize the document so that it could be voted on at the EEAC meeting in December. She noted that a new item since the last time the ExCom reviewed the document was a request for the PAs to update the Council on the progress made towards each of the priorities. Lyne indicated that the PAs were okay with that idea as long as it is intended to be a high-level overview. Glynn suggested that the language for this item be located in the opening paragraph rather than as a discrete priority. She added that the request for check-ins is not a discrete activity so much as it is a procedural item. Judson and others agreed.

Boyd noted that she was not in favor of using the word “precipitously” in the second priority. She noted that she did not think it did the Council any favors. Oppenheim disagreed and noted that the use of the word is appropriate in that residential lighting measures are expected to decline significantly. He added that removing that word might be perceived as the Council trying to hide or ignore that fact. Boecke noted that there should also be some language in this area to indicate that the savings are not actually going away, rather that the PAs ability to claim savings is.

Boyd noted that she felt the second bullet in the fourth priority was worded too negatively. She suggested that more positive language be used as opposed to referencing the release of the online technical reference manual as being delayed.

The ExCom also discussed whether or not there should be language in the priorities document that addresses the statewide database issue. Boyd indicated that she felt the language had gotten away from where it had been in stressing the need for the database. Johnson agreed and added

that it had been a major priority of the Council in years past and that it should be revisited. Boecke disagreed and noted that the issue is at and awaiting a hearing from the DPU. He suggested that he felt the Council had done all they could do on the matter until the DPU makes a ruling. Boyd noted that her point is that she felt the Council should include it to send a message to the DPU that it is still a priority of the Council's.

Lyne noted that the PA's goal and effort was to have the Mass Save Data website be the statewide database. He added that the PAs would be wary of having the Council send a message to the DPU that might indicate they are not satisfied with the platform that they have invested in and built.

Judson recommended that the priorities document be kept actionable. Schuur added that to address the topic they have an update and presentations from both the C-Team and PAs so that the Council can be brought up to speed on where things stand.

Schuur noted that DOER would make additional changes to the document and that they would send out a revised version to the group once more before the December meeting.

4. Adjournment

Judson adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:45 PM.