

EEAC Executive Committee Candidate: Seat Representing the Residential Sector, Including the Low-Income Sector

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EEAC Seat Representing Low-Income Weatherization and Fuel Assistance Network

This next three year planning process will create new challenges for the EEAC. The “low-hanging fruit” has been picked, and state policy requires the EEAC to achieve deeper savings, reach customers who have been underserved previously, and increasingly promote new technologies and carbon reduction strategies.

As one of the founding members of the Low-income Energy Affordability Network (LEAN), I will help ensure we equitably meet those challenges. LEAN has delivered approximately \$2 billion of high-quality energy efficiency services to low-income households during its two-plus decades. The dollars we spend are allocated in proportion to the low-income population, and we’ve spent every dollar we’ve received. Each member LEAN agency has staff who speak multiple languages, reflecting the languages of those we serve. In recent years, we have successfully served one of the hardest-to-reach populations: those living in small- to medium-size multifamily buildings. Those buildings now reflect the plurality of multifamily buildings that we serve. I believe this track record and my experience will provide a valuable contribution to the EEAC ExComm.

I’m interested in remaining on the ExComm. The daunting challenges ahead require leadership that has helped us through perilous waters before.

In terms of my bio, briefly:

- *A member of the EEAC and ExComm since each was founded.*
- *Part of the coalitions in 1997 and 2007 that led to passage of the Restructuring Act and Green Communities Act.*
- *Founding Chair of LEAN, 1997 to date.*
- *VP of energy services at Action, Inc. since 1977. Founded Action’s energy program, oversaw the creation of and continue to oversee implementation of the Action low-income energy efficiency contracts with Mass. Electric and Boston Gas (now merged as NGRID); oversee implementation of federal low-income energy efficiency and energy assistance programs as well as low-income energy efficiency under other government and other programs and grants.*
- *Taught environmental science at U. Mass.-Amherst and helped create its environmental program (1973-75).*
- *Member of executive committee, federal DOE Weatherization Advisory Board, 1991-2016.*