



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 5, 2016
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: Marie Abdou, Eric Belliveau, JoAnn Bodemer, Donald Boecke, Amy Boyd, Ian Finlayson, Eugenia Gibbons, Betsy Glynn, Jack Habib, Jodi Hanover, Lyn Huckabee, Craig Johnson, Paul Johnson, Judith Judson, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Matt Rusteika, Arah Schuur, Lisa Shea, Steve Venezia, Danielle Winter

Welcome and Introductions

Judson welcomed everyone at 2:55 PM.

1. Three Year Term Report Letter to the DPU

Judson began by noting that DOER drafted a letter of support for the Three Year Term Report on behalf of the EEAC. She noted that they were careful about putting things in the letter that were forward looking and not in the scope. Boyd indicated that she thought that the letter was great and that she thought it was important for the Council to say something of substance on it. Boecke noted that he thought it was appropriate for the Council to endorse the report but that he did not think that they should say that they explicitly reviewed and recommend approval of the report. He added that he thought the department would feel better if the Council and its consultants have done more than just a sanity check. Lastly, he said he thought the tone was right, but that he was not sure about some of the language. Schuur noted that the timing is a little awkward because the consultants have done a review and will be presenting their thoughts at the November meeting, but that that would be too late for the October timeframe when they would like to send the letter to the DPU.

Lyne noted that the initial feedback from the PAs was that they appreciated the letter and that it had the right tone.

Judson noted that they would take the feedback from the executive committee and revise it before the full Council meeting in October.

2. December Meeting Plans

Judson noted that currently they have a full EEAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 21st and that they wanted to gauge whether or not they should keep or cancel that meeting. Malmstrom and Lyne indicated that he would be okay with cancelling the meeting. Johnson asked

what was on the schedule to be discussed at that meeting. Rusteika indicated that they had not set specific topics for that meeting yet. Boyd suggested that they move the discussion on the Three Year Term Report to December instead of having it as a short discussion in November. Johnson added that he would not be in favor of cancelling any meetings but that a shorter than normal meeting in December could be possible. Glynn and Boecke indicated that they would be okay with having or cancelling the meeting depending on whether or not it is needed. Schuur suggested that they tentatively keep the December meeting on the schedule to cover anything that the Council may not be able to get to in October and November.

3. October 19th EEAC Meeting Agenda

Rusteika previewed the proposed agenda for the October EEAC Meeting. He noted that DOER would open by highlighting the recently released State of Charge energy storage report. He noted that the meeting would focus on peak demand so they have devoted most of the meeting to the PAs for that. He noted that the PAs would begin by reviewing demand priorities, timeline, and next steps. They would also discuss 2017 demand demonstration projects as well as review projects from 2016. Rusteika added that the Council would be asked to support a MTM at the meeting for Eversource and Unitil with respect to their proposed demonstration projects.

Lyne noted that the Council would be receiving a package from each utility that would contain a draft resolution to approve a MTM request and a narrative attachment that would have the details of the proposals. He noted that ask would be for the Council to approve the request at which time the PAs can bring the proposal to the DPU. Habib noted that none of the projects in the proposal actually trigger a MTM, so the draft language in the resolution includes an exemption that will treat them as if they were MTMs. Boecke asked if the guidelines had anything about that approach. Habib noted that these do not rise to the level of a program. Belliveau added that a pilot is defined but a demonstration is not.

Judson asked if in the MTM they could include some language that states that one of the benefits of doing the demonstrations is to learn if the projects are cost effective and to understand how we measure the cost effectiveness. Lyne indicated that they could include some language around that.

Boyd asked if this had to be approved by the Council in October or if it could wait until November. She noted that she wanted to make sure that the proposal is very clear in stating what questions the PAs are trying to answer and that the projects are designed properly to answer those questions. Winter indicated that timing is an issue and that the PAs would be concerned that if they do not get this before the DPU as soon as possible that that could delay the projects and make it more difficult to get usable data for the next plan. Palma agreed and encouraged the Council to vote on the proposals in the October meeting. Judson agreed and added that a month could make all the difference in terms of getting things done.

Venezia requested that the PAs centralize everything to the Commissioner for open meeting law purposes. He added that any collaborative tweaking of the resolution's language would have to take place at the full Council meeting. Lyne indicated that they thought they would be okay as long as there were no deliberations between multiple parties. He clarified that an individual

Councilor could send feedback to them so long as they were not working with other Councilors in doing so. Venezia noted that that was a good clarification.

4. November 16th EEAC Meeting Agenda

Rusteika previewed an early look at the meeting agenda for the November EEAC meeting. He noted that it would include presentations on the consultant team's analysis of the Three Year Term Report, updates on the renter and low-moderate income initiatives, and a forecast of residential savings to show the impact of the reduction in lighting savings. Belliveau added that they have already started the process of getting input from Councilors for this meeting. Glynn suggested that they allocate more time for the renter initiative portion of the meeting.

5. Other Discussion

The executive committee had planned to discuss 2017 meeting topics and Council priorities, however they ran out of time. Schuur recommended that they revisit those topics at the November executive committee meeting.

6. Adjournment

Judson adjourned the Executive Committee at 4:05 PM.