



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
100 Cambridge St, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees: Eric Belliveau, Don Boecke, Amy Boyd, Cindy Carroll, Rachel Evans, Jonathan Goldberg, Frank Gundal (via phone), Lyn Huckabee, Craig Johnson, Judith Judson, Derek Kimball, Emmett Lyne, Richard Malmstrom, Jeremy Newberger, Jerrold Oppenheim, Matt Rusteika

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM.

2. Update on Demand Demonstration Hearings at the DPU

Commissioner Judson asked the PAs to give a quick update on the status of the demand demonstration hearings at the DPU. Lyne noted that the DPU issued orders on the demand demonstration filings and that the results were favorable for the most part. He indicated that the C&I piece of Until's proposal was not approved by the DPU due to its small size.

Carroll added that they could still do a demonstration for large demand customers if they identify a project that fits within their existing budget and is cost-effective. Goldberg indicated that they would like to give the Council an update on the timeline of activities at the November meeting. Commissioner Judson agreed that that would make sense.

Commissioner Judson also recommended that the PAs focus the discussion on November 15th on how they were planning to follow the DPU's order. Specifically, she asked the PAs to explain their methodology for calculating localized avoided transmission and distribution costs, which are benefits that the DPU order requires the PAs to develop and account for in screening demand management programs for cost-effectiveness.

3. Update on Vacant Councilor Seats

Commissioner Judson announced that Mary Wambui, asset manager at Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, had been selected to fill the vacant residential seat on the Council and that she would be at the November Council Meeting. Boyd asked if Wambui would join the Executive Committee (ExCom) directly or if she would need to be voted in. Rusteika indicated that she would need to be voted in.

Commissioner Judson also announced that the municipal seat on the Council would be opening as the City of Boston is planning on stepping down. She indicated that Rebecca Davis, Deputy Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, would be filling the seat.

Rusteika added that the DPU is moving forward with ethics training for Wambui and Davis and that they have both been officially seated on the Council.

Belliveau noted that the consultant team (C-Team) has been working on developing a handbook for Councilors and that this would be a good time to try it out.

4. Unitil MTM Request

Carroll indicated the Unitil would be seeking the Council's approval for a mid-term modification (MTM) to its residential sector. She indicated that they have experienced higher demand in their residential products program and that they would be asking for a \$590,000 increase from the approved budget. She added that this would be a Category 1 MTM which means it only needs Council approval.

Belliveau indicated that the C-Team asked Unitil about the difference between the increased budget and the corresponding savings. Specifically, the C-Team asked if Unitil had insight on the drivers of that difference. Carroll indicated that there is not a one-to-one relationship between spending and benefits. She added that the measure mix and the cost to achieve affect the relationship between spending and savings. Carroll also noted that in this case, the difference is largely a result of measure mix as well as a decrease in lighting measure lifetimes. Kimball added that they are expanding their reach in retail locations for lighting measures as well as increasing participation in ECM motors.

Belliveau indicated that the C-Team supports Unitil's MTM. Rusteika indicated that the ExCom did not need to vote on it, but that they would need to support it at the November Council meeting. Commissioner Judson asked ExCom members if they could support the MTM request. Member of the ExCom indicated that they would support the MTM request.

5. Upcoming Meeting Agendas

November EEAC Agenda

Rusteika indicated that the November meeting would be focused on active demand management and would include updates on demonstration projects, a discussion on how demand management

will be addressed in the PAs' various potential studies, and a discussion of cost-effectiveness. He added that DOER, the C-Team, and the PAs have been working on putting together content.

December Council Meeting

Rusteika indicated that the December meeting would include a third quarter report from the PAs, a discussion on Council priorities for 2018, and a review of the preliminary recommendations that come out of the planning workshops. He added that other items that could be added to the agenda might include updates on recent DPU rulings and LED streetlight conversions. Boyd added that the Council should discuss a preliminary schedule for 2018.

Newberger asked what the expectations were for the Council priorities. Rusteika indicated that they would have a draft ready for review ahead of the December ExCom meeting. He added that the plan would be to discuss them in December and vote on them in January. Judson suggested that an update on the 2017 priorities at the December meeting might be useful.

Lyne asked that the PAs be allowed to weigh in on the recommendations coming out of the workshops so that they can express their feelings on them.

Malmstrom indicated that he felt there was not enough information on the demand side coming out of the workshops. He asked if it would make sense to schedule a Demand Subcommittee meeting in early January. Boyd agreed that that would be useful. Goldberg indicated that early February would make more sense since the PAs would be getting some demonstration results in at that time.

Newberger noted that the PAs are still learning on the demand demonstrations and that having language that allows the PAs to do more as they learn will be important.

Judson recommended that some time at the December meeting be allocated to the PAs to give an update and summary on the DPU orders.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Judson, as Chair, adjourned the Executive Committee at 3:37 PM.