

## **June 17, 2015 EEAC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Executive Committee Attendees: Judith Judson (DOER), Amy Boyd (Acadia), Rick Malmstrom (Business Customers) - phone, Betsy Glynn (Residential Customers), Don Boeke (AG), , Emmett Lyne (PAs),

Non-Executive Committee Attendees: Eliot Jacobson (LEAN), Paul Johnson (Small Business), Shaela Collins (PAs), Carol White (National Grid), Lisa Shea (Eversource), Riley Hastings (Eversource), Danielle Winter (Liberty Utilities), Joann Bodemer (CLC), Eric Belliveau (Consult), Ian Finlayson (DOER), Lyn Huckabee (DOER), Maggie McCarey (DOER), Alex Pollard (DOER), Steven Venezia (DOER), Quinton Zondervan

### **Agenda:**

- 2014 Plan Year Results
- Resolution on April Draft
- Consultant Budget Update
- Key Drivers Analysis Update & Schedule
- Mid Term Modifications
- June Council Agenda

MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 10:02 AM

### **2014 RESULTS**

- (Judson) Congratulations to PAs and Council because 2014 was a successful year. Requested a short presentation on the results as a preview of the longer presentation planned for the 6/29 meeting.
- (Hastings) Presented the brief presentation. Highlights include:
  - 2014 was the PA's best year yet for annual and lifetime savings.
  - Gas is on track for the 3-year goals, electric is a little bit behind.
  - Costs to achieve are in line with other states although the savings are much higher.
- (Boyd) Asked for a slide added for the full presentation that shows results that separate out the large project that occurred in 2014 that the PAs do not feel is replicable. PAs agreed.

### **EEAC RESOLUTION ON APRIL DRAFT**

- (Judson) The goal is to turn the comments and workshop discussion in to a formal resolution.
- Councilor requests included:

- (Glynn) Need to address high level goals that didn't make it in to workshops (to be addressed at 6/29 meeting)
  - (Johnson) Would like to see more detail in the PA's comments matrix.
- (McCarey) McCarey walked through the proposed process and schedule for drafting and finalizing the resolution. The end result will take the form of a letter to the DPU with overall comments and the detailed workshop recommendations. The schedule also identifies EC members who will work with DOER staff on moving the resolution forward.
  - DPU letter drafted by 6/29 (cross-cutting issues meeting)
  - Full resolution with recommendations to full Council by 7/1
  - Comment from Councilors submitted to EC by 7/7
  - Presentation of comments to EC on 7/8 or 7/9 (meeting date TBD)
  - Updated resolution to full Council on 7/10
  - Council Vote on Resolution on 7/21
- The EC then discussed the additional information needed and updates expected by September.
- (McCarey) Asked to move EC meeting scheduled for 7/8 to 7/9 with a 30 minute extension, for a total of 2 hours. May be conflicts, McCarey will update EC on final date once determined.

## **CONSULTANT BUDGET UPDATE**

- (Belliveau) Discussed that the planning process was more labor intensive than it was in 2012 so he wants to flag to the EC that the budget is overspent to date. Because he expects the rate of spending to slow in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year, he will update in September whether a budget increase is needed for 2015 and, if so, will provide the budget increase amount requested.

## **KEY DRIVERS ANALYSIS**

- (Judson) The goal is to finalize the schedule for term sheet negotiations and the key drivers analysis is needed to better understand the gap between the PAs and the Consultants.
- (Belliveau) Consultants and PAs need to share more information on Lighting, CHP, Res sector costs, behavior, C&I large retrofit, and PA potential studies. Discussions so far have been intense and focused primarily on understanding each party's methodology.
- The EC then discussed the amount of information the Council would receive in the key drivers time slot at the 6/29 meeting. Consultants will present and update on both quantitative differences and scheduling agreements.
- Much of the discussion focused on agreeing to deadlines for the analysis. The EC agreed that the analysis couldn't be finished until after 8/1, which is the deadline for EM&V

studies to be included in the prospective plans, but agreed that updates on major drivers should be presented during June and July EEAC meetings.

## **MTMs**

- (Lyne) PAs aren't looking for approval at this meeting but they wanted to give advanced notice to the EC that Liberty Utilities, Eversource, and National Grid electric and gas are looking for budget increases.
- (White) The adjustments requested require EEAC but not DPU approval. The DPU prescribed rate impact analysis is available to the Council. The electric request is urgent because, without approval, the Residential Lighting initiative could shut down by the end of June. This is in addition to their last request. In addition, the % increase in savings is expected to be bigger than the % increase in budget.
- A discussion ensued about the amount of notice given for such a critical request. Grid acknowledged that the notice was generally inadequate but asked that, if the Council wanted to prioritize MTMs, that they vote on Grid Electric's first. The EC agreed to prioritize the National Grid Electric MTM for vote at the June meeting but all agreed that future MTM requests should be liberal enough to last through the year.
- (White) The other, lower priority, electric requests include a decrease for the Low Income Hard to Measure program and a shift from C&I Retrofit to New Construction. The gas request includes an increase to the Residential Whole House Program (which must be submitted to the DPU) and Low Income Whole House Program, a decrease in the Low Income Hard to Measure program, and a relatively small increase in the C&I Hard to Measure program. Grid did the bill analysis for one year but they are asking to recover the funds over 3 years. This will mean that bill impacts will be 1/3 of what the submitted analysis shows.
- (Shea) Eversource needs a small increase (no DPU approval needed) for electric Residential Products program.
- (Winter) Liberty Utilities needs an increase to the Residential Whole House Program.
- The EC agreed to vote on the rest of the MTMs in July and expressed general support for the PA requests.

## **JUNE EEAC AGENDA**

- The proposed agenda was distributed. McCarey asked to switch the Resolution with the Key Drivers.
- (Finlayson) Ralph Pahl will be available at a publicly noticed brown bag lunch before the meeting if Councilors have EM&V questions that can't be addressed in his allotted 30 minute EEAC time slot. EC supported this idea.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 12:01PM