Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Councilors Present:

Voting	**Present (designee)**	**Non-Voting**	**Present (designee)**
Heather Clark		Derek Buchler	X
Martha Coakley	Jed Nosal	James Carey	X
Residential Rep		Penni Conner	X
Lucy Edmondson	X	Alisha Frazee	
Philip Giudice	Frank Gorke	Kevin Galligan	Margaret Downey
Debra Hall	X	George Gantz	Scott Alpert
Charles Harak	X	John Ghiloni	
Elliot Jacobson	X	Paul Gromer	X
Samuel Krasnow	X	Andrew Newman	
Rick Mattila	X	Richard Oswald	X
Robert Rio	X	Michael Sommer	X
		Timothy Stout	X

DOER: Steven Venezia

Consultants: Paul Horowitz, Jeff Schlegel, Nick Schlegel, Tom Franks

Present:

Marc Breslow	Lyn Huckabee	Meera Reynolds
Jeanne Cherry	Susan Kaplan	Lori Segall
Larry Chretien	Emmett Lyne	Lisa Shea
MaryJo Connelly	Erin Malone	Tilak Subrahmanian
Michael Donlan	Jeremy McDiarmid	Christine Vaughan
Jack Habib	Peter Mills	
Natalie Hildt	Jeremy Newberger	

I. Introduction

Gorke convened the meeting, noting the great progress that has been made and the ongoing efforts of all the participants to this process. He confirmed that Council accepted the draft agenda and noted that it reflects the Council's wish expressed at the last meeting to focus on specific topics.

II. Evaluation, Measurement & Verification (EM&V) –

J. Schlegel noted that the Consultants have received many comments from their August 4th memo on EM&V. He provided an overview of the presentation. Horowitz then presented on the importance, uses, types, and administrative and implementation structures of EM&V. The presentation included consultant recommendations and a description of roles various stakeholders may play in EM&V. Schlegel then summarized the interplay of independence, objectivity, and public perception and the critical role EM&V has in the public policy realm.

Newberger responded on behalf of the PAs. He noted key points of difference with the Consultant proposal, in particular the PAs ultimate responsibility for documenting results before the DPU. He expressed concern that the level of Consultant involvement in decision-making might inhibit effectiveness and flexibility. He noted that the PAs support a hybrid audited approach.

Councilors expressed concern about the level of Council involvement, supported the need for both reality and perception of objectivity, acknowledged the value of PA participation and in-process program adaptation, and discussed the locus of responsibility. Gorke noted that investment in EM&V is good practice. The Council not ready to take action on the Consultant proposal, the consensus was to bring this to the next meeting to a vote and ask the PAs and Consultants to continue work towards resolutions of differences. Harak asked that the proposal be provide four full working days ahead of the next meeting, or the Wednesday before.

III. Financing and On-Bill Repayment

J Schlegel presented on financing and on-bill repayment, noting that these are two separate, but related issues. He described a host of administrative, legal and regulatory issues that must be resolved to implement on-bill repayment and a potential mechanism for attracting external capital.

Councilors raised issues about consumer protection & disclosure, potential impacts on consumer credit reports, targeting programs to the hard to reach population with incomes close to median, and the need for due consideration. The Consultant's proposal includes a working group to address this issue, reporting to the Council during September.

IV. Work Schedule

Schlegel presented a revised Council work plan and schedule. He noted that the PAs had proposed presentations on benefit cost analysis, bill impacts, and savings & budgets later that the Consultant's proposed and that the work plan date of September 15th is a compromise. Lyne, on behalf of the PAs, expressed concern that this date is unachievable. The PAs are committed to presenting these analyses as soon as possible. The PAs had proposed an additional meeting in October. Schlegel noted that presentation in early October does not give the Council adequate time for review. He supported the

recommendation of the third meeting and an incremental approach to review. The PAs and Consultants will continue working and will keep the Council apprised of progress.

V. Public Comment

A. Larry Chretien – Energy Consumers Alliance –

Mr Chretien supported the need for financing mechanisms, noting current market failures that inhibit adoption of energy efficiency. He noted that a population of concern is 60-120% of median income. He asked what would happen if the program cannot attract outside capital. He volunteered his organization's staff resources to support the Council on this issue and urged a cautious approach.

B. Paul Johnson

Mr. Johnson supported on-bill repayment and external financing. He noted that utility companies bring credibility to the marketing of energy efficiency measures as consumer trusted sources. He mentioned Clean Renewable Energy Bonds and gave examples of business lost due to the financing barrier. He volunteered to serve on a on-bill repayment study group.

VI. Adjourn 5:26.