



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 12, 2016 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Conference Room B, 2nd Floor, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Members in Attendance: Abigail Anthony, Bob Bacon, Joe Cirillo, Roberta Fagan, Marion Gold, Michael McAteer, Shigeru Osada, Chris Powell, Betsy Stubblefield Loucks, Karen Verrengia, Diane Williamson

Members Absent: Jennifer Hutchinson

Others Present: Brian Buckley, Kat Burnham, Mike Guerard, Alice Hourihan, Rachel Henschel, Chris Kearns, Ryan Mulcahey, Jeremy Newberger, Matt Ray, Laura Rodormer, Paul Ryan, Brigid Ryan, Rob Sherwood, Rachel Sholly, Raquel Webster, Chon Meng Wong

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chris Powell called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM.

2. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Joe Cirillo made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Betsy Stubblefield Loucks seconded and all approved.

3. Executive Director Report

Commissioner Marion Gold reported that the final roster of nominees to the Council has been submitted. They are awaiting advice and consent from the Senate. The Governor has nominated two existing Council members – Ms. Anthony and Ms. Stubblefield Loucks – for re-appointment. Joe Newsome decided that he did not wish to be re-appointed, therefore, there are three new appointments pending advice and consent from the Senate. Anthony Hubbard of YouthBuild Providence has been nominated as the low income representative. Kat Burnham from People's Power & Light has been nominated as the small non-profit representative. Tom Magliocchetti of Rhode Island Hospital has been nominated as the large non-profit representative. They should be onboard by mid-June.

4. Executive Committee Report

Abigail Anthony reported that the Executive Committee has executed the contract with Synapse to study demand response in Rhode Island. Work on that has begun and Doug Hurley will likely present to the Council at an upcoming meeting. Additionally, the consultant team is working to finalize a matrix that outlines the various activities of the Council including those not directly related to energy efficiency. The matrix and an associated memo will be available soon. In addition, it was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that there are some questions about how energy savings are measured and verified. There will be a presentation on evaluation, measurement and verification (EM&V) to the Council at either the June or July meeting. Lastly, a meeting on PUC Docket #4600 was convened and the PUC is expecting that the outcome of this process to be guidance for regulators and utilities on how to think about rate design.

5. Presentation on Energy Expo Results

Representatives of the Rhode Island Builders Association presented on the results of the 2016 Energy Expo at the Rhode Island Home Show (*see attached*).

6. Presentation and Vote on Final EERMC Annual Report

The OER and consultant team presented the final 2016 EERMC Annual Report for approval to submit to the General Assembly and Governor and to distribute to key stakeholders (*see attached*). Shigeru Osada expressed concern about the authenticity of the energy savings numbers reported and referenced data from the Energy Information Administration. Mr. Guerard noted that the consultant team has looked at these numbers and the upcoming EM&V presentation will be a useful context in which to continue this discussion. Ms. Anthony said that it will be good to get Mr. Osada's input on the agenda for the EM&V presentation to ensure that his questions are addressed in that meeting. **Ms. Stubblefield Loucks made a motion to approve the final EERMC Annual Report. Karen Verrengia seconded and all approved.**

7. Updates on Energy Efficiency Programs and System Reliability Procurement

a) First Quarter Energy Efficiency Program Results

National Grid representatives presented the results of its energy efficiency programs for the first quarter of 2016 (*see attached*).

8. Policy and Planning Issues

a) PUC Review into Changing Distribution System

Mr. Guerard noted that Ms. Anthony gave a good update on Docket #4600 proceedings during the Executive Committee report. He added that the consultant team is continuing to monitor and contribute to the process on behalf of the Council.

b) Savings Targets Process Update

Mr. Guerard updated the Council on the savings targets development work including stakeholder engagement (*see attached*). Chairman Powell asked how delivered fuels are addressed in this process. Mr. Guerard explained that Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds were used to develop a white paper on delivered fuels, so the scale and potential is known. The real challenge is a lack of funding.

c) Update on Synapse Contract for Demand Response Consulting Services

Mr. Guerard reiterated that the Synapse contract has been executed and added that the consultant team is supporting some of the data analysis.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Joe Cirillo made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bacon seconded, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.