



Energy Efficiency Board

March 10, 2021 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Documents for the meeting are located here:

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1. Process

A. Roll call - Board Members present: Neil Beup, Amy McLean, Ron Araujo, Steve Bruno, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Joel Kopylec, Mike Li, Elizabeth Murphy, Jack Traver, John Viglione, Brenda Watson, Scott Whittier, and John Wright

Others in Attendance: Alex Sopelak, Daniel Robertson, Donna Wells, Kyle Huston, Matt James, Pete Chapman, Randy Vagnini, Anne Hulick, Bernard Pelletier, Claire Sickinger, Devan Willemsen, Erin Kempster, Glen Eigo, Jerry Graham, John Smith, Kate Donatelli, Leticia Colon de Mejias, Lorenzo Wyatt, Marc Riel, Matt Menard, Michael Santangelo, Michelle Long, Patrice Gillespie, Philip Mosenthal, Rebecca Collins, Rose Croog, Samantha Caputo, Samuel Schneider, Stephen Cowell, William Giblin, Glenn Reed, Jamie Klase, Lawrence Rush, Richard Faesy, Violette Radomski, Charlie O'Neill, Dennis Robb, George Lawrence, Jodi Sullivan, Loida Ayala, M. Uhl, Mark Thompson, Nicholas Zuba, Sarah Leveque, and Thomas Martinez

B. Minutes – Approve minutes from February 2021 Board Meeting

Ms. Fargo-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February board meeting, which was seconded by Ms. McLean. The vote passed and the minutes were approved with no oppositions or abstentions.

C. Public Comments: There were no public comments

2. Programs and Planning

A. Summary of Public Input Session

Mr. Beup gave a quick update on the Public Input Session and noted there was good dialog with the commercial contractors group, as well as a letter from Opower. The consultants will summarize materials they receive and provide feedback to the Board.

B. 2022-2024 Three-year Plan: Residential and Low-Income Opportunities

Mr. Faesy gave a high-level update on budget observations and insights. Focus has successfully shifted to address all fuels in an effort to more effectively serve all customers. 60% of the fuel savings come from two programs; Home Energy Solutions and Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible. There will be a big challenge in new construction, as most of that is using gas right now but state policies are trying to move toward more electrification.

Mr. Araujo talked about weatherization considerations for the upcoming Three-year Plan. He noted that they often run into barriers such as 25% of income eligible homes are unable to run a blower door test due to issues such as mold. He also discussed how programs like LIHEAP could help eliminate some of the barriers that exist, as well as some other measures to implement such as HVAC offerings, Wi-Fi thermostats, and duct sealing.

Mr. Rush discussed the details of equity, strategic electrification, and demand response. He noted that the assumption is over the next Three-year Plan most new construction will switch to electric heating and cooling. There is a growing focus on heat pumps and a pilot is happening right now. There are also some promising upcoming pilots with regards to hot water heaters, battery storage, and demand response.

Mr. Beup asked about the effects of adhering to stricter codes. Mr. Li mentioned that it would certainly affect contractors, but it's something they're keeping a close eye on to make sure everything is working as intended.

C. Filed 2020 PMIs

Mr. Reed gave an overview of the Companies' filed 2020 Performance Management Incentives (PMIs), and noted there will be a more in-depth discussion in May of PMIs in the next Three-year Plan. He discussed the structure as well as the metrics which go into the PMI calculations. If a company achieves 100% of their goals the payment would be 4.5% of their budget spend. There is a range of payouts based on how much the companies under/overperform from 2% (75% of goal) up to 8% (135% of goal). Several of the 2020 PMI goals had been adjusted due to the impact of COVID.

D. 2021 Plan Update filing, DEEP Approval, and Annual Legislative Report Submission

Mr. Bruno went over some of the stats from the Annual Legislative Report. There was a statewide budget of \$250 million with annual savings of 224 gigawatt hours and 99 megawatts including active demand response. Additionally, there were 5.6 million annual CCF savings and over a million gallons of fuel oil savings.

Mr. Beup added that since the Annual Legislative Report is the only institutionalized method of communicating with the legislature and a broader set of stakeholders the Board should provide more input in the future on the high-level messaging.

E. Company Updates

a. Community Engagement Plan

Mr. Araujo discussed how they have met with a couple of the stakeholders that provided input back during the December meeting. There is a roundtable for further discussion scheduled for March 19th. They are working on a draft addressing DEEP compliance items and have hired someone to manage community engagement.

b. Energize CT Website Update

Ms. Radomski mentioned they are moving into the next phase of website changes. The RFP process for a web partner to provide maintenance, design, and development for the new sites is nearly complete. She also showed some of the expected costs and metrics over the next three years, as well as the timeline for key milestones leading up to the site's completion.

F. Weatherization Barriers Update

Ms. Sickinger gave an update that DEEP is very dedicated to this work but don't have anything more to share at this time.

G. Other - Legislative Update

Ms. Wells mentioned that there is proposed legislation related to expanding Board membership. DEEP would like to add a representative for low-income residential customers and for municipalities. The legislative package also looks at stretch codes for buildings, appliance standards, and requirements around reporting home energy scores or energy usage.

3. Closing Public Comments

No public comments.

4. Adjourn

Ms. Fargo Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Watson. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.