



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY &
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Bureau of Audits Conference Room, 4th Floor
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Attendance: Ryan Crowley, Marisa Desautel, Marion Gold, Mike Guerard, Joe Newsome, Chris Powell, Rachel Sholly, Nicholas Ucci

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chris Powell called the meeting to order at 10:30am

2. Vote on Cost-Effectiveness Memo (10 Min)

Mike Guerard outline the information included in the Cost-Effectiveness Memo. He noted that the date the dockets are filed will need to be added, and the docket numbers of the filings for the Energy Efficiency Program Plan and the System Reliability Procurement Plan will need to be added. Jeremy Newberger, who joined the meeting via conference call, confirmed the Energy Efficiency Program Plan docket number will be 4580 and the System Reliability Procurement Plan docket number will be 4581. Mr. Newberger also noted that he expects the items to be filed on October 15, 2015. Mr. Guerard added that the Cost-Effectiveness memo itself does not need to be filed until October 30, 2015. Chairman Powell asked that the document the Executive Committee will approve should remain intact, with the exception of the addition of date and docket numbers. Mr. Newberger confirmed that what National Grid will file will be almost exactly the same as what the draft memo was based off of.

Chairman Powell and Mr. Guerard were in agreement that the final section should read “and voted to approve the report provisionally, with direction to the Consultant Team to finalize the Cost-Effectiveness Report with minor changes, e.g. inserting the dates and the docket numbers once assigned.”

Joe Newsome made a motion to approve the cost-effectiveness memo. Chairman Powell seconded and all approved.

Mr. Guerard and Marisa Desautel confirmed they would work collaboratively to submit the memo. Ms. Desautel noted that should would sign her signature under the preface of “on behalf of the

Energy Efficiency and Resources Management Council.” Mr. Guerard added that all signatories of the collaborative working group were included with the exception of Tec-RI.

3. Update on PUC Rate Design Proceeding (10 min)

Ms. Desautel reported that she and Scudder Parker worked on the testimony over the weekend. Mr. Parker forwarded the material to Francis from VEIC, who will be copy editing the testimony. Ms. Desautel assured the council that a finalized version would soon be available. Comments are due to the PUC by October 23, 2015. Chairman Powell noted that the next full Council meeting would include a copy of the testimony that is provided for members to review and ask questions. He added that it should be highlighted in the November 5, 2015 Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Desautel added that the Consultant Team may provide a copy to the Council list server but cannot provide written commentary in the correspondence.

4. Review of Draft November Executive Committee Meeting Agenda (10 min)

The November Executive Committee agenda will include a review of finance expert contract, update on the rate design docket, discussion on preparing for next three year savings targets work, revision to EERMC 2015 budget and review of draft EERMC 2016 budget, discussion on protocol requests for stakeholder funding, and a vote on Marisa Desautel’s funding.

Mr. Guerard noted that the discussion on preparing for next three year savings targets work is important because the subject matter has the potential to be continuous.

Chairman Powell added that a permanent member needs to be selected for the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would be made up of Chairman Powell, Abigail Anthony and one other member. He requested that members be contacted and asked to volunteer, if interested, for a one year term on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee should gather the names of volunteers and discuss them, then the full council should vote at the November 12 Council meeting.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:04pm.

Full EERMC Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 3:30-5:30 PM; Conf. Room B

Next Exec. Comm. Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2:00-3:30 PM; Conf. Room B