

Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board  
Energy Efficiency Committee

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Remote Meeting

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**Draft Minutes**

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. In attendance: Liz Nixon (DOE), Mary Downes (Unitil), Rep. Vose, Carol Woods (NHEC), Paul Dexter (DOE), Philip LaMoreaux (NHDES), Marc Lemenager (Eversource), Jack Ruderman (NHHFA), Don Kreis (OCA), Ryan Clouthier (SNHS), Eric Stanley (Liberty), Chris Skoglund (CENH), Scott Balise (DOE), Doria Brown (NH Municipal Association), Mark Toscano (DOE), Becky Ohler (NHDES), Kathy Fox (Bernstein Shur, Representing Great River Hydro), Joe Fontaine (DES), Jacqueline Trottier (DOE), Mark Sanborn (NHDES), Ray Burke (NHLA)

2. Review of 2024-2026 EE Plan Timeline – NH Energy Utilities

- a. Utilities welcome feedback and explained there is some flexibility on dates but the idea was to lay out a road map for getting the plan filed timely.
  - i. The items highlighted are sessions for stakeholder input
    1. Assumption is that the EESE Board EE Committee would participate in the stakeholder sessions
  - ii. Put draft together before Education and Outreach Committee got underway so not expecting to have a discussion in this group early on about that topic.
- b. Keep in mind that any discussion of federal funding is a moving target because we will likely receive more info and details at a later date and time.
- c. Any significant changes to the process for this three year planning cycle that we need to keep in mind?
  - i. Need to keep in mind that the PUC has concluded there is a new requirement that 65% of savings must come from both lifetime and annual electric savings.
  - ii. The recent legislation and PUC orders also make clear that we have a limited amount of funding now so the discussions should focus on what we can accomplish with that funding rather than on what the goals should be.

- iii. Also still need to keep in mind the changes to the lighting market and how that will impact that plans going forward
      - iv. We also don't have an outside consultant to help us with the planning process this time
    - d. Discussion of PUC orders re: 65% savings coming from lifetime and annual electric savings
      - i. Is this a crisis that should not be ignored because of the negative impact on the residential sector?
      - ii. Plan will look substantially different from current offerings if this requirement is not changed.
      - iii. What would happen if you exclude the HEA Program? This could help but it would not completely solve the problem.
      - iv. This really limits what the utilities can do in terms of weatherization involving oil, propane, kerosine and wood. Also potentially prevents utilities from promoting fuel switching. Currently incentivizing heat pumps and the utilities were initially hoping to study and promote conversation of fossil fuels to electricity but under current rules it would be difficult to implement that.
        - 1. What happens if heat pumps were exempted? It's a very interesting question but utilities are not in a position to answer right now.
        - 2. Is there other money to incentivize heat pumps that would help and that would allow the utilities to direct weatherization at electric savings? Something similar is done in VT. It's unclear where this funding would come from.
      - v. Is there a conflict between the requirement to use 20% of SBC funding on low-income programs and the new requirement to meet 65% of savings from lifetime and annual electric savings?
3. Discussion of Potential Changes and Next Steps
  - a. What topics should we discuss first?
    - i. The new 65% savings requirement is a top candidate for a first discussion in a stakeholder group
    - ii. Equity discussion is another top candidate
      - 1. Have to make a decision about going deep or going broad. Lighting is also involved in this discussion.
  - b. Consensus was to start off with the equity discussion on 7/29/22 and then turn to the 65% savings discussion in August
    - i. Chris and Ray will work with the utilities on an amended timeline. Stakeholders can send questions about the topics to Ray and Chris in advance of the stakeholder sessions. Ray and Chris will then compile the questions into one document for the utilities to review and use to help plan the meetings.

4. Other Business
  - a. No other business discussed.
5. Adjourn