

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board
November 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Claira Monier, Chair
Thomas Moses, Vice Chair
Ken Mailloux
Deborah de Moulpied
James Garrity
Dick Weaver
Ryan Clouthier

Present for the OCA:

Susan Chamberlin
Dr. Pradip Chattopadhyay
Jim Brennan
Jamie Breen

1. **Minutes of October, 2015 Meeting**

Mrs. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She asked the members if there were any corrections needed on the October 26, 2015 minutes. No corrections were needed. Mr. Mailloux moved to accept the minutes and Ms. de Moulpied seconded the motion. The Board unanimously accepted the minutes.

2. **Legislative/OCA Update**

Ms. Chamberlin explained to the Board that the Legislative Bills are in the LSR (Legislative Service Request) stage. She also explained three main areas of OCA interest for 2016. These areas included:

- **Net Metering:** Ms. de Moulpied asked if other states, like MA, are lifting the cap. Ms. Chamberlin explained that MA had draft legislation to lift the cap, but it hasn't gone anywhere yet. Ms. de Moulpied asked if other states pay retail or wholesale price. Ms. Chamberlin said Maine is considering a third party aggregator of DG subject to a valuation study. She did not know what CT and VT pay for DG.
- **Decoupling:** Ms. Chamberlin discussed SB60, and informed the Board that the Final Report was issued by the Study Commission. It recommended that the NHPUC should continue to consider decoupling on a utility by utility basis.
- **PUC Authority:** Ms. Chamberlin also mentioned a new LSR relative to the public utility commission's authority to implement investments in the electric grid for efficiency and reliability.

Ms. Chamberlin expressed to the Board that many of the other LSRs are related to the Site Evaluation Committee, and we're not getting involved in them. However, she will follow along as they progress.

Ms. Chamberlin also informed the Board how she's transitioning for the upcoming Consumer Advocate change. She said she would stay until the position is filled or she gets another job. When she gets another job, she will give proper notice to the Board/OCA. She also explained that she has completed two contracts for consultants and the third contract is nearly completed. Ms. Chamberlin informed the Board that we are in the process of hiring an Attorney III for the OCA. The candidate has experience in the energy field especially.

Mr. Weaver asked what the consultant role for Abenaki is intended. Ms. Chamberlin explained that he's for rates determination on behalf of consumers. Dr. Chattopadhyay conveyed that he's mostly helping on permanent rates.

Ms. Monier asked if the Board have any other questions for Ms. Chamberlin. No questions were raised. Ms. Monier thanked her for her update.

At 2:12 p.m., Ms. Monier requested a motion to go into nonpublic session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Mailloux made the motion to go into nonpublic session, Mr. Weaver seconded the motion.

3. **Report from Personnel Committee**

1. Mr. Garrity made a motion to adjourn the nonpublic session. Mr. Moses seconded the motion. Nonpublic session adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

2. Mrs. Monier requested a motion to go back into public session. Mr. Mailloux made the motion to go back into public session; Mr. Weaver seconded. Names recommended for the position for Consumer Advocate were submitted. Mr. Moses made the motion and Mr. Garrity seconded the motion. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. The Chair agreed to submit the names to the Governor's office for consideration.

3. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Mailloux; Mr. Moses seconded the motion. The Board was unanimous. Public session was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.