

## Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board

January 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes

### ***Present for the Board:***

Claira Monier, Chair  
Thomas Moses, Vice Chair  
Amy Manzelli  
Deborah de Moulpied  
James Garrity  
Dick Weaver  
Ryan Clouthier  
Ken Mailloux-via teleconference

### ***Present for the OCA:***

Susan Chamberlin  
Dr. Pradip Chattopadhyay  
Nicholas Cicale  
Jim Brennan  
Jamie Breen

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Mailloux was on teleconference at this time. Ms. Monier informed the Board that as of January 13<sup>th</sup>, no name had been nominated for the Consumer Advocate position. She stated that the Governor should bring forth a name at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Governor and Council meeting. She called the Governor's office, as well as, Executive Councilor Chris Pappas to find out if there has been any movement on a new Consumer Advocate. As of 2:05 p.m. today, she hadn't heard from them. She recommended that any Board member that wishes to call the Governor's office should do so. Ms. Manzelli commented that there has been a lot of communication already with the Governor's office. Ms. Monier said she's done all that she can do to follow-up on the position to be filled. Mr. Garrity stated the Board has fulfilled its duty and it's up to the Governor and Council at this time.

#### 1. **Minutes of November 20, 2016 Meeting**

Ms. Monier stated that she approved the minutes supplied by Ms. Breen. Ms. Monier asked the board if there were any other edits to the minutes or a motion to approve them. Mr. Moses motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion. All Board members agreed, except Ms. Manzelli who abstained.

Ms. Chamberlin introduced the OCA's new attorney, Nicholas Cicale. She informed the Board of his experience working in CT and on cases before FERC.

#### 2. **Case Update**

Ms. Chamberlin briefed the Board on the status of several active dockets, including:

- DE 11-250 PSNH Investigation into Scrubber Costs
- DE 14-238 PSNH Determination Regarding Generation Assets
- DW 15-199 Abenaki Change in Rates

- DW 15-209 Lakes Region Water Company Change in Rates

Ms. Chamberlin and Dr. Chattopadhyay briefed the Board on:

- DG 15-155 Valley Green Petition for Franchise
- DG 15-289 Liberty Utilities Petition for Franchise

Mr. Brennan briefed the Board on:

- DE 15-137 Energy Efficiency Resource Standard
- IR 15-296 Grid Modernization

Mr. Cicale briefed the Board on the following FERC dockets:

- EL 13-33
- EL 14-86
- EL 11-66
- ER 15-414
- EL 16-19
- EL 16-15
- CP 16-21

3. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Chamberlin informed the Board that she is not currently attending the legislative meetings due to the transition with the Consumer Advocate position. She stated that it is important for the next Consumer Advocate to choose which bills are important for the OCA. She does, however, follow the Legislature through colleagues to keep informed.

4. **Any other topics or issues that the Board or OCA wishes to discuss**

Ms. Monier commented that it is election time for the Chairman position for the Board for 2016. Mr. Garrity motioned to re-elect Ms. Monier. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to re-elect Ms. Monier as Chair. Ms. Monier motioned to elect a Vice-Chairman for 2016. Mr. Mailloux motioned to elect Mr. Moses as Vice-Chair. Mr. Garrity seconded. The Board voted unanimously to re-elect Mr. Moses as Vice-Chairman.

5. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

6. **Executive Session**

The Board agreed that an Executive Session was not needed.

Ms. Monier motioned to adjourn. Mr. Mailloux agreed to the motion. Ms. de Moulpied seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.