

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
November 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

***Present for the Board:***

Claira Monier, Chair  
Tom Moses, Vice Chair  
Ryan Clouthier  
Matthew Kfoury  
Dana Nute  
Kenneth Mailloux  
Jim O'Brien  
James Garrity

***Present for the OCA:***

D. Maurice Kreis  
Pradip Chattopadhyay  
Brian Buckley  
Jamie Breen

**Guest Speaker:** Joseph Fontaine, Technical Programs Manager, Department of Environmental Services

**Guest:** Patricia Martin

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Introductions were made around the room, welcoming Matt Kfoury, the Board's newest member (representing the interests of residents of low income housing) and introducing guest speaker Joe Fontaine.

**1. Presentation by Joe Fontaine**

Mr. Fontaine made a presentation concerning Benefits and Costs of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), welcoming questions from the Board, OCA staff and guest:

- How does current RGGI program work?- a Market-based approach
- Environmental and Economic Benefits
- 2016 Program Review Recommendation for post-2020
- Projected bill impacts

The Board asked Mr. Fontaine to provide a link to his presentation and a link to the SB 125 Study Committee minutes and report.

**2. Minutes of September 18, 2017 Meeting**

Mr. Mailloux moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Nute seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously.

**3. Presentation by OCA Staff on proposed generation asset divestiture plan of PSNH d/b/a Eversource, New Hampshire**

Mr. Kreis presented information to the Board regarding the pending proposal for PSNH generation asset divestiture. Key points included:

- Auction process
- Sale of Hydro Assets
- Sale of Fossil Fueled and Wood-Fired Assets ("Thermal Assets")
- Estimate of Securitization Amount

#### 4. Legislative Update

Discussion focused on these bills that have been introduced for the 2018 session:

- **HB 1555** Relative to participation by the PUC in regional activities
- **HB 1481** Relative to intervention in administrative law cases and matters before the PUC by members of the court.

Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Kreis if the OCA tracked Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) proceedings, mentioning the Seacoast Reliability Project (2016). In particular he raised the question of whether the amount of time SEC proceedings take has adverse ratepayer impacts. Mr. Kreis indicated that the OCA would consider that possibility but that the OCA generally leaves involvement in SEC proceedings to the statutorily designated public advocate.

#### 5. Case Update

Mr. Kreis briefed the Board on the status of these cases:

- **DE 17-124** Sale of Generating Facilities
- **DE 17-136** 2018-2020 Energy Efficiency Resource Standard
- **DE 16-576** Net Metering (Working Groups)
- **DE 15-464** Northern Pass Lease of PSNH Transmission Right-of-Way
- **DW 17-114** Proposed Eversource Acquisition of Aquarion

#### 6. Any other topics or issues that the Board wishes to discuss

Ms. Monier asked members their preference of how often they would like to meet in 2018. The Board agreed that they would like to continue to meet bi-monthly as opposed to quarterly. These are the Monday meeting dates for 2018 from 2-4 PM:

**January 22**

**March 19**

**May 21**

**July 23**

**September 17**

**November 19**

Also Ms. Monier expressed that anyone interested in running for Chair in January should do so at that time.

#### 7. Public input

Ms. Martin pointed out a recent filing to the Board, Docket DG 17-068(Liberty Utilities-Keene Division, Petition for Declaratory Ruling) filed by Richard Husband in November. She was also interested in obtaining the SB125 Report. Mr. O'Brien was able to furnish her with the report via email at the meeting.

Ms. Monier moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.