

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board
May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Claira Monier, Chair
Tom Moses, Vice Chair
Dana Nute
Herb Vadney
Ryan Clouthier
Kenneth Mailloux
James Garrity

Present for the OCA:

D. Maurice Kreis
Pradip Chattopadhyay
Brian Buckley
Jamie Breen

Guest Speaker: Madeleine Mineau, Executive Director of Clean Energy NH

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

1. Minutes of March 18th Meeting

Ms. Monier moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Moses seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously.

2. Presentation by Madeline Mineau

Ms. Mineau shared with the Board that in 2019 the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association and NH Clean Tech Council rebranded to become Clean Energy NH (CENH). Combining these two entities allows CENH to assist ratepayers, businesses and municipalities in a variety of ways. Their 501(c)3 non-profit 500 membership-based organization includes nine Board of Directors and five Staff members. CENH advocates and promotes local energy solutions, technical assistance, clean energy technology (programmable thermostats, support services, and electric vehicles), energy efficiency, renewable energy and peak demand reduction. The organization also represents its members in policy matters at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), as well as the State House. Ms. Mineau noted that in many PUC dockets the positions of the OCA align with those of CEHN. CENH does occasionally diverge from the objectives pursued by the OCA, Ms. Mineau explained. For example, their office represents businesses and municipalities in promoting and lobbying for updated energy efficient street lighting. CENH supports off-shore wind, which she characterized as a great business opportunity for New Hampshire that offers clean technology and economic development.

3. Legislative Update

Mr. Kreis elaborated on following bills:

- **SB 284** An act establishing a statewide, multi-use online energy data platform, introduced at the request of the OCA and likely to be presented to the Governor for his signature.

- **HB 183** Establishing a committee to study the changes in law necessary to allow for microgrids in electrical supply, which now includes an amendment providing for the creation of mandatory purchases by Eversource of Renewable Baseload Energy Credits from wood-burning generators.

4. **Case Update**

Mr. Kreis updated the Board on the following dockets:

- **DE 19-064** Liberty Utilities Rate Case
- **DE 19-057** Eversource Rate Case
- **DG 17-152** Liberty natural gas Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan
- **IR 15-296** Grid Modernization

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

Mr. Moses stated that the subcommittee on consumer advocate reappointment met recently and was wrapping up its evaluation process. He said the subcommittee would be tendering a recommendation to the RRAB Chairperson in June for consideration by the full Board at the July meeting.

6. **Public Input**

There was no public input.

Ms. Monier moved to adjourn. Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.