

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board
January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Tom Moses, Chair
Dana Nute, Vice Chair
Claira Monier
Ryan Clouthier
James Garrity
Matthew Kfoury
Kenneth Mailloux-via teleconference

Present for the OCA:

D. Maurice Kreis
Pradip Chattopadhyay
Christa Shute
Jamie Breen

Guests: Patricia Martin, John Tuthill

Guest Speakers: Dianne Martin, Chairwoman and Michael Giaimo, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission

Mr. Moses called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Introductions were made around the room.

1. Minutes of November 25th Meeting

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

2. Presentation by Chairwoman Martin and Commissioner Giaimo

Chairperson Martin and Commissioner Giaimo both provided the Board with their backgrounds and education prior to introducing the attached slide presentation to the Board, answering questions throughout. The key issues they discussed were:

- PUC Mission Statement
- The PUC's Budget and Org Chart
- The PUC's responsibility to balance ratepayer and shareholder interests
- PUC's Level of Regulation Varies by Industry
- Safety
- Key Stats: Dockets/Orders/Inquires
- Electric Rates-Bill Components
- Key Cost Drivers for Electricity
- Evolution of the Region's Energy Mix
- Role of Natural Gas in Regional Energy Portfolio and Cost
- Fuel Mix and Cost Change During Cold Spells
- Wholesale Power cost Breakdown: Energy and Capacity
- New Hampshire's Share of regional transmission costs
- What the PUC is watching for in regional discussions

3. **Legislative Update**

The Board received a current list of House and Senate Bills prior to the meeting. There was discussion of the following bills being monitored by the OCA:

- **HB 1429** relative to distribution plans of energy utilities
- **HB 1262** relative to the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers
- **HB 1396** relative to notice required for the termination of service of a public utility
- **HB 1405** relative to the installation of wireless electric meters
- **HB 1445** adding a building scientist to the building code review board
- **HB 1479** relative to municipal energy commissions
- **HB 1342** establishing a program for installation of heat pumps for low-income housing

4. **Case Update**

Having previously provided a current Activity List, Mr. Kreis further elaborated on the OCA's work in the following dockets per request:

- **DG 17-198** Liberty Granite Bridge
- **DG 19-161** Liberty Natural Gas Rate Case
- **DE 19-197** Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform (implementing RSA 378:50-53, adopted at OCA request)

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

Mr. Kreis asked the Board if it had any suggestions of a topic or interests in a guest speaker for the April 20th meeting. Ms. Monier expressed interest in learning more about docket DE 19-197. Other members were interested too. Mr. Kreis said that Jim Brennan would be a good person to do this presentation.

Mr. Moses moved to adjourn. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.