

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
April 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

***Present for the OCA:***

D. Maurice Kreis  
Pradip Chattopadhyay  
James Brennan  
Christa Shute  
Jamie Breen

**Guest:** Patricia Martin

**Guest Speaker:** James Brennan, Finance Director, Office of the Consumer Advocate

Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order No. 12 issued on March 23, 2020, this public body met electronically via WebEx.

Mr. Moses called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. All Advisory Board members, OCA members and guest stated their names for the record by roll call.

**1. Minutes of January 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Mr. Moses moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion. Board members agreed unanimously by roll call vote.

**2. Presentation by James Brennan**

Mr. Brennan reviewed the attached presentation "SB284 2 Page Brief," answered questions, and engaged in discussions across the following areas:

- Brief history of SB284 Statewide Multi-Use Energy Data Platform from a technical perspective
- Review of SB284 goals and the proposed flow of energy data, noting that data held in different formats and across numerous utility and non-utility systems, is to be organized into a common statewide standard format within the platform, and used to enable the creation of new energy products and services envisioned in grid modernization, energy efficiency and other critical energy dockets before the NHPUC.
- Use cases as a means of describing how the system could be used by illustrating specific examples of the SB284 platform sharing data with other systems while strictly adhering to security and data privacy policies of New Hampshire
- Challenges and opportunities facing stakeholders in the SB284 data docket [DE 19-197](#)

3. **Legislative Update**

The Board received a current list of House and Senate Bills prior to the meeting. Mr. Kreis noted that due to COVID-19 pandemic that legislative activities have been suspended through May 4. Mr. Kreis did further elaborate on the following:

- **HB 1429** Relative to least-cost integrated resource plans of energy utilities. This bill was introduced at the request of the OCA but sent to interim study rather than being reported to the floor of the House.
- **HB 1664** Establishing a climate action plan, an office of environmental advocate, and oversight commission on environmental services.
- **HB 1364** Relative to payments to the PUC in lieu of meeting renewable portfolio standards.

4. **Case Update**

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

- **EL 20-42 (FERC)** New England Ratepayers Association Petition for Declaratory Order
- **DE 19-057** Eversource Rate Case
- **DE 19-064** Liberty Utilities Rate Case
- **DE 20-xxx** 2021-2023 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan

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

Due to a scheduling conflict in July, Mr. Kreis requested the Advisory Board to change its next meeting date from July 20 to July 27. The Board agreed to the change in schedule and asked Ms. Breen to email the new date to the members. Ms. Shute asked the Board if they would like the OCA Activity List set up in a different order. Mr. Mailloux asked if she would rearrange the list by 'type of case' and then by 'deadline status.' Mr. Nute noted that three Board members' terms are expiring in July; Mr. Moses described the process of assuring that the positions are duly filled, by appointment of the Senate President. Ms. Monier remarked that she noticed that AARP had intervened in Docket DE 19-057(*Eversource Rate Case*), and that she also noticed their petition filed recently requesting Eversource to roll back their temporary rate increase. Mr. Kreis told the Board that Eversource filed an objection to AARP's request.

Mr. Moses moved to adjourn. Ms. Monier seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously by the Board by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.