

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board

July 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Claira Monier, Chair
Thomas Moses, Vice Chair
Amy Manzelli
Ken Mailloux
Deborah de Moulpied
James Garrity
Dick Weaver

Present for the OCA:

Susan Chamberlin
Dr. Pradip Chattopadhyay
Christina Piccione Martin
Jim Brennan
Jamie Breen

Guests: Tom Frantz, Director of the Electric Division for the Public Utilities Commission

Guest Speakers: Dena Lee DeLucca, Lisa Sheehy, Brenda Inman & Mark Dean from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC)

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions ensued.

Ms. Monier expressed regret that Mr. Jortner was not in attendance again. She asked when she would meet the OCA's new attorney. Ms. Chamberlin stated that the board will not meet Mr. Jortner as he has resigned from the OCA to relocate to Vermont. Ms. Piccione Martin informed the board that Mr. Jortner expressed his deep regret that he did not meet the board and thanked them for their hospitable welcome to the OCA.

1. **NHEC presentation regarding AMI, Dynamic Pricing & Prepaid Metering**
(Presentation Attached) Dena DeLucca and Brenda Inman led the presentation and answered questions from the Board and OCA Staff.

2. **Minutes of April, 2015 Meeting**

Ms. Monier stated that she was ok with the edited version of the minutes supplied by Ms. Piccione Martin. Ms. Monier asked the board if there were any other edits to the minutes or a motion to approve them as edited. Mr. Mailloux motioned to approve the edited version of the minutes, Mr. Moses seconded the motion. All board members agreed, except Ms. Manzelli who abstained.

3. **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
- DE 15-082 Unitil Reliability Enhancement Plan & Vegetation Management
- DG 14-380 Liberty Transportation Agreement

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Monier asked the OCA to compile a summary of the dates and deadlines for the Kinder Morgan pipeline. Dr. Chattopadhyay said he would produce the summary.

Ms. Manzelli points out that the OCA doesn't get involved in transmission or generation projects. Ms. Monier explains that she would like the summary for her own knowledge when people call her for information.

- DG 15-155 Valley Green Franchise Approval
- DT 12-263 Dixville Joint Petition with Balsams for Transfer of Assets
- IR 14-190 Investigation into Line Extension

Ms. Chamberlin asked the board if they have any thoughts or concerns about the line extension policies that are in place or being proposed, please let us know.

- IR 14-338 Review of DS Procurement Process for Electric Distribution Utilities
- IR 15-124 Investigation into Potential Approaches to Ameliorate Adverse Wholesale Electricity Market Conditions

4. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Chamberlin updated the board on the below bills currently at the Legislature:

- SB 60
- SB 170

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Chamberlin told the board that North American Power, LLC has been accused of using deceptive marketing tactics in Connecticut. Ms. Chamberlin said she will take a look and see if we should be filing anything similar for NH.

- SB 221
- HB 208
- HB 297

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

Ms. Monier asked what the status is on our open board positions. Ms. Chamberlin stated that she did not know. Ms. Monier expressed that she will follow up with Jennifer Kuzma.

6. **Opportunity for public input**

Hearing no public comments Mr. Garrity motioned to go into nonpublic session regarding a personnel matter. Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to go into nonpublic session at 3:17pm.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

1. A motion was made to recommend to the Governor and the Executive Council not to reappoint Susan Chamberlin as the Consumer Advocate. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Mailloux moved to leave nonpublic session. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.