

Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board Meeting  
September 10, 2007

Present for the Board were:

Lawrence Kelly, Chair  
Claira Monier  
Gloria Seldin  
Dwayne Wrightsman  
Louis E. Pare  
Kenneth A. Mailloux  
Richard L. Russman  
Nathan Cass

Present for the OCA were:

Meredith A. Hatfield  
Kenneth E. Traum  
Rorie E.P. Hollenberg  
Christina Martin  
Stephen R. Eckberg

Ms. Martin declared a quorum present and the meeting began at 2:10 pm.

Ms. Hatfield announced to the board that Mr. Kelly would be late and then asked Mr. Pare to chair until Mr. Kelly arrives.

1. Review Minutes of June 18, 2007 and August 6, 2007  
Mr. Pare suggested that the minutes be approved. Mr. Russman moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Mailloux seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. OCA Activity Update  
The Board reviewed the OCA's Active Case list. The Board heard generally from OCA staff about many of the dockets and activities listed. More detailed discussions related to the DE 07-064, the Commission-initiated investigation of decoupling for electric utilities; DE 06-061, the Commission's investigation of certain electric standards and policies required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005; DT 07-011, the Commission's review of the proposed sale by Verizon of its landline business in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont to FairPoint Communications; and DG 06-107, the docket related to the merger of KeySpan and National Grid. With regard to DT 07-027 TDS Alternate Form of Regulation, the Board discussed the upcoming public statement hearings in the company's service territories. Board members were encouraged to attend.

The Board discussed the fact that the next legislative session is about to begin, and that OCA Staff is watching for utility-related legislation. Items of interest include the held-over bill concerning the reparations authority of the PUC, bills concerning energy efficiency, transmission and renewable energy initiatives, and a Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) bill that is being drafted for this session.

The Board briefly discussed the rulemaking regarding the RPS bill that was passed last session, and the activity of the Telecommunications Advisory Board, which will be working on the development of a state broadband plan. The Board discussed its interest in staying up to date on a state broadband plan, and the possibility of meeting with Senator Deb Reynolds regarding broadband. Mr. Kelly said that he would speak to Senator Reynolds about this idea.

The Board briefly discussed a meeting with Representative Neal Kirk regarding a water issue in several communities around Goffstown that was held on the prior Sunday afternoon.

3. Nonpublic Session

Mr. Kelly asked Ms. Hatfield to leave the meeting for the discussion about her nomination for the position of Consumer Advocate following the expiration of her current term in November.

Mr. Kelly then announced the intention to go into a Closed Session. The Board unanimously approved going into Closed Session.

(See non-public minutes of Closed Session).

After ending its Closed Session and returning to Public Session, Mr. Kelly announced that the Board voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Hatfield for a full term. Ms. Hatfield stated that she was delighted to stay on and serve as Consumer Advocate, and thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Kelly stated that he would write a letter to the Governor on behalf of the Board recommending Ms. Hatfield's nomination.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be October 1, 2007 [this meeting was later cancelled].

Mr. Kelly adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.