

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
November 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

***Present for the Board:***

Claira Monier, Chair  
Tom Moses, Vice Chair  
Ryan Clouthier  
Dana Nute  
Jim Garrity  
Rep. Herb Vadney  
Jim O'Brien  
Kenneth Mailloux-via teleconference

***Present for the OCA:***

D. Maurice Kreis  
James Brennan  
Brian Buckley  
Jamie Breen

**Guest Speaker:** Randy Knepper, Safety & Security Director of the Safety Division for New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

**Guests:** Patricia Martin: public. Lynn Fabrizio, Bill Ruoff, Paul Kasper, Joe Vercellotti, Kerri-Lyn Gilpatric: PUC staff.

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions were made around the room.

**1. Minutes of September 17, 2018 Meeting**

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

**2. Presentation by Randy Knepper**

Mr. Knepper gave the attached presentation regarding the Columbia Gas of Massachusetts Natural Gas pipeline incident in September and answered questions from the Board, OCA and guest. Some key points in the presentation:

- Background Service Territory and Interstate Pipelines
- Low Pressure Distribution System
- Incident Summary and Over Pressurization Timeline
- News Media Accounts
- Damage
- Massachusetts State Actions
- Support Deployed
- Investigation
- Impact to Communities
- Criminal Investigation

All guests left at the end of Mr. Knepper's presentation, except Ms. Martin.

**3. Case Update**

Concerning DE 17-136 Electric and Gas Utilities 2018-2020 New Hampshire Statewide Energy Efficiency Plan, Mr. Kreis briefed the Board about upcoming settlement negotiations and hearing.

Ms. Monier moved at 3:34 p.m. to adjourn the meeting temporarily for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously. Ms. Martin left the room. Ms. Monier moved to reconvene the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Nute seconded. The Board members agreed unanimously. Ms. Martin returned to the room. Mr. O'Brien left the meeting.

**4. Election of officers for 2019 and development of 2019 schedule of meetings**

Mr. Garrity moved to re-elect Ms. Monier as Chair, Mr. Moses seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously. Mr. Mailloux moved to have Mr. Moses continue as Vice-Chair for 2019, Mr. Nute seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously.

Ms. Monier asked that the 2019 Advisory Board meeting schedule be set at this time. The meetings are on Mondays, from 2-4 PM at the PUC:

- January 28
- March 18
- May 20
- July 15
- September 16
- November 18

**5. Process for determining whether to recommend reappointment of Consumer Advocate in 2019 pursuant to RSA 363:28-a, V(c)**

Mr. Moses recommended, as the Board agreed, that a committee of the Board be established for the purpose of evaluating the consumer advocate in connection with the Board's determination in 2019 of whether to recommend his reappointment to the Governor. Mr. Mailloux, Mr. Clouthier and Mr. Nute volunteered to serve on the committee with Mr. Moses. The Board agreed to constitute the committee consisting of Mr. Moses as chair and Mr. Mailloux, Mr. Clouthier and Mr. Nute as members.

Mr. Kreis asked if he is required to write a letter to the Board requesting re-appointment as Consumer Advocate. Ms. Monier and Mr. Moses said it isn't necessary, but both felt it is a good idea to do so. Mr. Kreis suggested that the Attorney General's Office and the PUC Business Office are two places that would be able to assist the Board with the evaluation process.

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

Mr. Kreis asked Board members what they would like to discuss at the January meeting. Ms. Monier suggested hearing about the Liberty Utilities Granite Bridge Project. Mr. Kreis asked that they contact him if they had any other ideas or suggestions as soon as possible.

**7. Public input**

There was no public input.

Ms. Monier moved to adjourn. Representative Vadney seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.