

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
September 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

***Present for the Board:***

Claira Monier, Chair  
Joe Costello, Vice Chair  
Kenneth Mailloux  
Deborah de Moulpied  
Amy Manzelli, Esq.  
Thomas Cunningham  
James Garrity

***Present for the OCA:***

Susan Chamberlin  
Rorie Hollenberg  
Steve Eckberg  
Jim Brennan  
Christina Martin

***Guests:*** Heidi Kroll

***Guest Speakers:***

Christophe Courchesne -Staff Attorney for Conservation Law Foundation  
Michelline Dufort - EmpowerNH Coordinator  
Rachel Goldwasser - Counsel for ENH Power  
Tiffany Eddy - Rep. for North American Power, FocusFirst Communications

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.. Ms. Monier began introductions, with a special introduction to the OCA's new Finance Director, Jim Brennan.

**1. Minutes of June 10, 2013 Meeting**

Ms. Monier asked the board if there were any adjustments to the minutes. Mr. Mailloux made a motion to approve the minutes without modification. Ms. Manzelli seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Presentation by EmpowerNH (Handout Provided)**

Christophe Courchesne, began the presentation. He provided a handout of the presentation to the board. Several questions were asked and answered during the presentation.

Of note, Ms. Manzelli asked Mr. Courchesne to explain the claim of "cleaner power" in the presentation. Mr. Courchesne explained that PSNH's supply mix is 44% coal, whereas the competitive supply mix is around 25% coal. He explained that all power suppliers are required by law to disclose their environmental impact. A follow up question was asked about what the guidelines are for the environmental disclosure. Ms. Eddy and Ms. Goldwasser responded that they will look into that and get back to the board with that information.

Ms. Goldwasser then briefed the board on ENH power's competitive standing in Maine and how competition works in Maine.

There was discussion on the low income electric assistance program (EAP) and how the EAP discount is not applied to the energy supply portion of the bill for those customers who have chosen a competitor and are on the EAP program.

There was some discussion on the differences between residential customers and the commercial and industrial customers as far as billing, rates and needs.

*ACTION ITEM:* Guidelines to environmental disclosure.

3. **Legislative Update (see Legislative List for more detail)**

Attorney Chamberlin briefed the board on the Electric Restructuring Committee positions, summarized the most recent meetings and explained the position of other stakeholders.

4. **Case Update (see Activity List for more detail)**

DE 11-250 Investigation of Scrubber Costs and Cost Recovery - Attorney Chamberlin briefed the board on the status of this case. She informed the board that she will be involved in a deposition of Gary Long this month, along with TransCanada. In her briefing, Attorney Chamberlin discussed the ISO grid. Ms. Monier asked if we could find a speaker to discuss ISO's workings.

DE 13-063 Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities Rate Case – Attorney Chamberlin briefed the board on this case.

DW 13-130 Pennichuck Water Works Rate Case, DW 13-128 Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. Rate Case & DW 13-126 Pennichuck East Utility Rate Case - Attorney Hollenberg briefed the board on these three rate cases.

DG 13-086 Northern Utilities Rate Case –Attorney Hollenberg briefed the board on this case.

IR 13-038 Investigation into Utility Assessment Process – Attorney Chamberlin briefed the board on this issue. There was some discussion about Competitive Suppliers and how they fit into the assessment.

*ACTION ITEM:* Speaker regarding ISO and its duties.

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

Attorney Chamberlin announced that Kimberley Therrien has left the OCA, so they should use her or Christina Martin as a contact. Ms. Martin asked the board if they would like to keep the schedule of the board meetings or would the board like to return to the previous schedule. She explained that the meetings were scheduled to accommodate Mrs. Therrien's schedule and now that she has left, there is no longer a need to have them in the mornings. The board decided that meeting at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. was better. The board will consider starting next year's quarterly meetings in January to avoid a December meeting in 2014.

6. **Opportunity for public input**

There was no public input.

Mr. Mailloux made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Garrity.  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The Board's next meeting is Monday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.