

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
January 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

***Present for the Board:***

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

***Present for the OCA:***

Susan Chamberlin  
Rorie Hollenberg  
Steve Eckberg (arrived 3:15)  
Jim Brennan (arrived 3:30)  
Christina Martin

***Guests:*** Dr. Lisa Shapiro, Economist at Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, PC

***Guest Speakers:***

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., noting that a quorum exists. Ms. Monier asked everyone to introduce themselves. Introductions ensued.

Ms. Monier spoke briefly about the Board's letter to the Governor and Executive Council, recommending the appointment of Richard Weaver, Executive Director at the Laconia Housing Authority, to the open seat on the Board that represents low-income housing residents. A copy of the letter was provided to each Board member.

**1. Minutes of December 2, 2013 Meeting**

Ms. Monier asked the Board if there were any adjustments to the minutes. Mr. Costello moved to approve the minutes without modification. Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Presentation by Christophe Courchesne, Staff Attorney at Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) New Hampshire regarding Northern Pass Review Process**

Mr. Courchesne presented information and answered questions from the Board and OCA Staff about the various legal processes underway or contemplated for the future concerning the Northern Pass Project, a \$1.4 billion transmission infrastructure project proposed by Hydro-Quebec and Northeast Utilities (parent company of Public Service Company of NH) to bring hydropower from Canada to New England. Mr. Courchesne provided slides of his presentation to the board (attached).

**3. Presentation by Peter Roth, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office regarding Northern Pass Review Process**

Mr. Roth also provided information and answered questions from the Board and OCA Staff about the various legal processes underway or contemplated for the future concerning the Northern Pass Project. Mr. Roth described the work of the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) and his role as representative of the public process before the SEC.

4. **Case Update (see OCA Case Update & Legislative Update for more detail)**

Ms. Chamberlin briefed the Board on the status of several active PSNH dockets. Ms. Chamberlin also discussed the status of various bills listed in the OCA's Legislative Update. Ms. Hollenberg briefed the board on the status of several water and natural gas dockets.

**Action Item:** Ms. Monier asked that January 23, 2014 letter to ISO-NE from the six New England Governors regarding regional investment in electric transmission and natural gas pipeline expansion be on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Monier asked that the letter be provided to the Board with the materials for the next meeting and also asked the OCA to provide a speaker to explain their recommendations.

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

Ms. Manzelli clarified when the OCA would send the Board an updated Legislative Update with the OCA's positions on the particular bills. Ms. Chamberlin suggested that the next one could be sent out by February 28.

**Action Item:** Send updated Legislative Update to the board for February 28.

The Board also discussed ideas for future meetings. A suggestion was made to hear from someone knowledgeable about the State Energy Plan that OEP is in the process of preparing pursuant to SB 191 (2013).

6. **Opportunity for public input**

Dr. Lisa Shapiro stated her opinion that Mr. Courchesne's presentation touched on topics other than the legal processes and procedures related to the Northern Pass Project.

Ms. Monier made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.