

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board  
October 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

***Present for the Board:***

Claira Monier, Chair  
Thomas Moses  
Ken Mailloux  
Deborah de Moulpied  
Amy Manzelli, Esq.  
James Garrity  
Tom Cunningham  
Richard Weaver

***Present for the OCA:***

Susan Chamberlin  
Rorie Hollenberg  
Christina Piccione Martin  
Jim Brennan

***Guests:*** Andrew Biemer, Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C

***Guest Speakers:*** Commissioner Robert Scott & George McLuskey, Assistant Director, Wholesale Electric Markets at the Public Utilities Commission

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. **Minutes of July 21, 2014 Meeting**

Ms. Monier asked the Board if there were any edits to the minutes. Ms. Manzelli pointed out that the minutes reflect a question mark on Mr. Belair's title. Ms. Piccione Martin commented that she would fix the error. Ms. Monier asked the Board if there were any further edits or asked for a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Mr. Mailloux motioned to approve the minutes as edited. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously with said edit.

2. **Presentation by Commissioner Robert Scott & George McLuskey, Assistant Director, Wholesale Electric Markets**

(Handout Attached)

Commissioner Scott discussed background information about New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE), including the tariff proposal that is currently being considered at New England Power Pool (NEPOOL). He explained that if the tariff fails, the six New England states could do mirror legislation, however that would be much more difficult. Commissioner Scott and Mr. McLuskey then fielded several questions from the board. Those questions included forward looking conversations, environmental concerns, costs and barriers.

Ms. Monier thanked Commissioner Scott and Mr. McLuskey for coming and giving the board such a detailed update on NESCOE and its plans.

3. **Personnel Changes**

Ms. Chamberlin announced that Ms. Hollenberg has resigned from the OCA, with her last day being October 30. Mr. Eckberg informed the board that he too resigned in the summer. Mr. Eckberg was invited in for a cake celebration. Cake was handed out to celebrate Ms. Hollenberg and Mr. Eckberg's past service at the OCA. [Editor's Note: Thank you to Steve and Rorie for their years of residential ratepayer service. You will be greatly missed.]

Ms. Chamberlin informed the board that she was working through the PUC business office to upgrade the utility analyst position and that the legal position is being posted internally before being posted publically as required by state personnel rules.

Chairman Ignatius recently left the Commission to become a superior court judge.

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

Ms. Chamberlin asked Ms. Hollenberg to brief the Board on the status of the Liberty gas rate case, DG 14-180. Ms. Manzelli asked about the hold up in DE 14-120. Ms. Chamberlin explained that the delay was likely due to the hearings on the Scrubber case (DE 11-250). Ms. Chamberlin asked Ms. Hollenberg to brief the board on the Cost of Gas cases (DG 14-220 & DG 14-239) and the NH Gas transfer case (DG 14-155). Ms. Chamberlin then briefed the board on the divestiture case (DE 14-238) and the FERC cases that the OCA is monitoring.

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

Ms. Monier announced to the board that she has put together a subcommittee, with Ms. Manzelli as Chair, to do a performance evaluation of Ms. Chamberlin in advance of the board's requirement to provide a recommendation to the Governor and the Executive Council prior to Ms. Chamberlin's term expiration.<sup>1</sup> Ms. Monier advised the board and OCA employees to reach out to Ms. Manzelli if they have any questions or suggestions.

Ms. Manzelli pointed out that present and past employees who worked with Ms. Chamberlin will be contacted. She also explained that to fulfill the board's statutory requirement they felt that a formal process should be put into place to allow them the knowledge needed to provide a recommendation to the Governor and the Executive Council. Lastly, Ms. Manzelli asked if the board could set next year's meeting schedule now.

The meeting schedule for next year is:

- January 26
- April 27
- July 27
- October 26

6. **Opportunity for public input**

Ms. Monier made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: Ms. Chamberlin's term is up on November 5, 2015