

Residential Ratepayers' Advisory Board
March 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present for the Board:

Claira Monier, Chair
Tom Moses, Vice Chair
Ken Mailloux
Dick Weaver
Dana Nute

Present for the OCA:

D. Maurice Kreis
Pradip Chattopadhyay
Brian Buckley
Jim Brennan
Jamie Breen

Guest Speakers: Henry Herndon, Revolution Energy, LLC; Chris Skoglund, NHDES; Brianna Brand, NHSEA; Patricia Martin, Rindge Energy Committee

Ms. Monier called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Brian Buckley, the OCA's new Staff Attorney introduced himself to the Board members and guest speakers.

- **Minutes of January 23rd, 2017 Meeting**

Mr. Moses moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Mailloux seconded the motion. The Board members agreed unanimously.

- **Discussion of March 17, 2017 Grid Modernization in New Hampshire – Report to NHPUC**

- Mr. Kreis led the guest speakers in a discussion of the report of the Grid Modernization Report Task Force Working Group of which the OCA is a member.
- Henry Herndon reviewed “Table 3.1 Grid Modernization Outcomes, Capabilities and Enablers”, and the group discussed benefits and challenges of a matrix based description of grid modernization.
- Brianna Brand reviewed “Customer and Utility Data” which led to a group discussion on advantages of sharing data with third parties.
- Pat Martin discussed the “Customer Engagement” section of the Report including benefits of a statewide Customer Engagement Platforms (CEP), and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) as an enabler of better data analysis. The group discussed the benefits of granular load profile analysis and the evolution of more pricing options and grid efficiency.
- Chris Skoglund summarized the 11-month long process that led to the completion of the Report, including Section 7 “Recommended Next Steps for Commission”, which outlines a plan to resolve open issues and ultimately lead to a formal schedule for the utilities to create and submit detailed Grid-Mod plans.
- Pradip Chattopadhyay commented on market dynamics that would occur with the emergence of better energy pricing signals. This was followed by discussion of benefits of grid modernization with respect to transparency and more actionable market information.
- Jim Brennan and Pat Martin jointly discussed a potential technical framework for data sharing including the Non-utility stakeholders' recommendation to create an “Electronic Data Access System”. The group discussed the benefits of centralized

state-wide energy data sharing platforms such as the ones deployed and used in Texas and Vermont currently.

The panel additionally fielded questions from the Board. The Board was apprised that a full copy of the Grid Mod Report will be forwarded to them.

- **Case Update**

Mr. Kreis updated the Board on the status of several active dockets:

- DE 16-383 Liberty Rate Case
- DE 16-384 Unitil Rate Case
- DW 16-806 Pennichuck Water Works Rate Case
- DE 16-576 Net Metering
- NH Supreme Court Case No. 2016-0007, Appeal of Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC (Appeal of DE 16-241 re Access Northeast pipeline project)

- **Legislative Update**

- SB 125
- SB128
- HB2

- **Public Input**

Ms. Martin shared her interest in an Off-Shore Wind Campaign Study.

Ms. Monier discussed the current status of Board members whose terms expire in 2017. Mr. Mailloux and Mr. Weaver expressed their interest in continuing to serve on the Board and Ms. Monier said she would contact the appropriate people to assist in their reappointments. She also said she would contact Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Clouthier about their pending expiration dates and possible reappointments, if desired as well. If either of them is not interested in continuing on, she said she would take necessary action to fill the position(s).

Ms. Monier moved to adjourn. Mr. Nute seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.