

Energy Efficiency Committee – Meeting Notes

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Bloustein School, New Brunswick, NJ

March 22, 2007

Welcome by Mike Winka – thanks to Fred Hauber and Darren Port for chairing committee to date.

Next Clean Energy Council Meeting tentatively scheduled for April 16, pm.

New chair of Energy Efficiency committee will be Mona Mosser. Three subcommittees will likely be chaired by Mona and/or staff as well. Technical agenda will be handled by new Market Managers TRC and Honeywell.

Introductions – Around the room participants – on the phone participants.

Status on Market Manager Transition - Mike Ambrosio

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES), ENERGY STAR Products were transitioned February 1st, Residential HVAC transitioned February 15th for all new work and utilities are closing out work currently within their backlog. Utilities given 60 days to close out remaining backlogs.

C&I and Residential New Construction (RNC) have not transitioned yet, but are scheduled for April 1st. There will be a 60 day period for utility clean-up. Any new applicant (customers/trade) will transition on April 1.

Final 2007 budgets and compliance filings were approved in late 2006 for entities currently managing programs. From January through submission of Market Manager's May compliance filing – 2006 transition compliance filing will remain in force. Compliance filings discussed today are for the remainder of 2007. Market Managers need to determine what the budget impact (Market Manager's costs + utilities costs through transition - it must not exceed total budget) will be for remainder of year.

Number of new programs and recommended changes approved or recommended were put on hold pending MM transition. TRC and HW have been asked to review these to identify which can be implemented quickly and to include those in compliance filings this year. Longer term changes, such as in RNC will not be included for this compliance filing. Shortly after finishing 2007 filing process, 2008 process will be started with a detailed 2008 filing completed by late fall.

OCE is requesting the BPU initiate the re-funding process of the SBC for 2009-12. (Initial EDECA requirement was for 8 years only, with provision for additional 4-year requests.)

HW and TRC have prepared transition communications plans which have already started for some programs.

Dave Holland – Honeywell

Requested that phone attendees send an email to Dave Holland so attendance can be noted and materials distributed.

Reviewed the Honeywell Market Manager functional organizational chart, functions of team and team members, and operation of call center, marketing, etc..

Reviewed previous process for budget setting (CEC and committee process etc.). Moving forward, Market Managers will fulfill this coordinating role.

Chris Neme – VEIC (HW Team)

Reviewed program compliance presentation.

Honeywell targeting to make recommendations to the CEC by April 12 (with distribution a few days in advance); Targeting BPU agenda May 4 for Board approval (pre-distribution by April 23).

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Cross Cutting Considerations

Focus on integrating across programs to take advantage of overarching opportunities.

Noted ACI as a regional home performance conference for contractors and builders.

Clarified definition of QIV – Quality Installation Verification This is verification of proper installation, by the contractor at time of installation. Uses various tools to check in real time the performance of the installation. Responds to results of recent evaluations. Would be a pilot in 2007.

Bruce Grossman – proper sizing of gas heat? Chris Neme responded – not for 2007 as needs more thought – would be considered for 08 filing.

Darren Port – how will this work, how do the third party contractors get selected? Chris Neme answered – possible RFP, or possibly pick contractors willing to test pilot. I.e. Lennox has expressed interest in having their contractors participate. Would need a fast decision for 07. EPA might also support – has done so in other parts of the country.

Mike Ambrosio has provided the utilities with a spreadsheet to track actual costs through February and estimate remaining costs for the remainder of the year. Market Managers are waiting for final numbers from utilities for potential budget adjustments.

HPwES

Chris Neme presented – HPWES (Program changes/Budget changes slide)

Bruce Grossman – explanation of decoupling (revenue and profit are decoupled from throughput)

Chris Neme – noted that proposed programming adjustments are in line with experience from NYSERDA program.

Darren Port – HPsES goals for 07?

Mike Winka spoke to the encouragement for contractors to cross over between renewables and HPWES to take advantage of 25c/W adder.

Bruce Grossman asked how will budget absorb proposed increases? Chris Neme – because number of units will be fewer than first anticipated.

Goals – 400 units is aggressive given 1 unit completed so far.

Lynn Sutcliff – what are projected savings? Bruce Grossman – an example of a completed home showed savings of 500 gallons oil year – may be high? – Need to validate.

Number contractors currently participating? Julie deSeve, Program Manager – 18 accredited companies, 30+ technicians.

How much of the job cost is subsidized? Chris Neme – Mostly end user costs, program really subsidizes getting the contractors up to speed. Mike Ambrosio – explanation of low income subsidies available.

Mary – how will HMFA's subsidies for low income housing interact with this program? Chris – unlikely because this program is for existing homes only.

Mary – DCA low income program interaction? Mike A. – no because that interacts with the low income program [Comfort Partners].

Bruce Grossman – explanation of new decoupled program incentives.

Chris Neme – Presentation of HVAC Program slides.

Use of QIV tools for maintenance; participate in regional upstream (manufacturer targeted) initiatives (NEEP industry talks etc.); duct sealing initiative.

Mike A. – rise in federal standards covering previous incentivized levels has forced focus on new program elements, plus now, the Market Manager has resources to pursue previous recommendations.

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Chris Neme – Energy Star Products slides.

No questions.

Chris Neme – Residential New Construction slides.

Chris Sieben – how is subcontracting process going? Chris Neme - Responses under consideration;
Ben Adams – In negotiation.

TRC for C&I

Greg Coleman – Office in Charge of Contract

C&I programs are not at the same transition point as residential. TRC has just received final contract amendments.

Transitioning of the C&I programs are scheduled for April 1.

David Klockner – Vice President – Program Lead

Distributed TRC/program org chart.

Tasks in progress: Call center set-up; rebate processing; draft compliance filing.

All new approved incentives (from previous Board Orders – i.e. HID to T8 fluorescent) will not be implemented April 1, but will be added as fast as possible.

Will maintain SmartStart Buildings web site.

Outreach consultant working on marketplace notifications.

Listed programs that will be taken over immediately.

Need to get word out that programs are going strong.

Lynn Sutcliff – things that were approved and promised – i.e. HID – when?

Dave K – as fast as possible after April 1.

Lynn S – Approved?

Mike A – Yes – directed to get up and running as soon as can.

Greg C – reviewed tasks that have been necessary to perform transition.

Mike A – Hoping to see TRC implement new incentives within 2-3 weeks

Greg C – TRC fully supports HID initiative and other ideas but must go through necessary steps.

Mike A – outlines other new programs to follow.

Fred H – What about applications already submitted? Mike A – utilities has been processing these and will up through April 1.

Fred H – How to respond to ratepayer customers.

Mike A – Taking longer but looking for rapid start-up.

Lynn S – HID some forms already exist – can they be used/replicated?

Dave K – infrastructure is being built to handle pent up demand.

Bruce G – Don't forget about TrueFit program – need provision for audits of NJHMFA financed projects

Dave K – looking for a way to incorporate as quickly as possible.

Mike A – It's a priority on the list, should be straight forward.

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Bruce G – Offered support of SJG and NJN to TRC

John Zarzycki – will Summit Blue reports be addresses?

Mike A – Yes

Chris Neme – HW has reviewed and prepared a response to all (residential)

Phil G – Summit Blue report available?

Mike A – yes; Mike W – Available on web site (Exec. Sum.)

Mike W – Additional comments can be addressed to Board or utilities can be contacted directly with respect to specific rebate processing issues.

Mike A – Process for compliance filing.

If there are comments on HW compliance filing slides or additional proposals they should be sent through list-serve, copy Dave Holland and Mike Ambrosio. Another meeting will be scheduled only if needed, depending on email process. Chris Neme – would like comments by COB Wednesday if possible.

Mike W – OCE will check into the management of list-serve(s) being turned over to HW and TRC. Also spoke about a review and editing program online so that changes can more readily be suggested and documented.

Dave H – need to move to a monthly meeting schedule. Combine with RE (am/pm).

First meeting will be May. Dave to coordinate.

Mike W – Governor’s executive order on state greenhouse gas reduction.

Go to OLS website and click on Energy.

Property tax credits; Energy code; Home inspection energy rating; etc.

Mike A – Meeting closed at 3:58pm.