



**Energy Efficiency Board
Commercial & Industrial Committee Meeting Minutes
Webinar only**

Tuesday November 10, 2020

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Meeting Materials in Box.com: <https://app.box.com/s/ttra88upaipetehskbwc0y1pwhxiphey>

1. In attendance: Amanda DeVito Trinsey, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Brandon Mark, Donna Wells, Elizabeth Murphy, George Lawrence, Jack Traver, Joana Abreu, John Kibbee, Jordan Schellens, Mike Li, Neil Beup, Paul Gray, Ramadan Ghenni, Ricardo Jordan, Roshan Bhakta, Alex Sopelak, Antonio Perna, Brian Malarkey, Daniel Robertson, Erik Ness, Erin Kempster, Evan Wyner, Giulia, Glenn Reed, Henry Dyson, James Klase, Jennifer Hunsperger, Joe Roy, Joel Kopylec, John Salafia, Kate Donatelli, Kim P, Leticia Colon de Mejias, Michael Harris, Michael Martin, Neil Diedrickson, Nicholas Zuba, Philip Mosenthal, Rose Croog, Scott Glidden, Tiffany Cunningham, William Giblin.
2. Equity Metric Discussion – All. Mr. Lawrence started off the discussion by stating the importance of building C&I equity metrics and tracking progress towards the metric(s), and defining underserved customers. The metrics may not be all encompassing and may be defined over time. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Kibbee showed available data points from the last five years. Mr. Kibbee reiterated that individual customer information will not be divulged from utilities due to confidentiality. Mr. Kibbee noted some metrics may become moot over time, provided the programs are effectively designed and/or marketed; and customers participate. Metrics will need to be analyzed to determine things such as who is and is not participating and why. Analysis will provide directions for next steps of creating a baseline. Mr. Beup noted the Residential Committee is looking at metrics that may be different due to the customer base, C&I is varied and not necessarily tied to neighborhoods like the residential customers. Detailed data from the utilities is necessary to identify customer participation and participation barriers. Mr. Traver noted applying the economically distressed label to C&I should also be looked at to possibly help disadvantaged C&I customers expand. Micro businesses can also have data teased out of the utility data. Mr. Traver asked if data from the utilities can include businesses who have paid their bills on time or not paid on time. Mr. Kibbee noted it will be added along with geographic data.

Mr. Beup reiterated the task is to develop a metric for inclusion in the 2021 plan update with a tentative goal to contribute to the metric by March 1, 2021.
3. New Construction Update – Companies Brandon Mark and Jordan Schellens delivered the presentation. Ms. Fargo-Johnson asked for the first pathway paying for an incentive, how does that change the incentive? The construction incentive of \$3.50/square foot is paid once the project is done if the customer achieves the EUI target (as before). Once the building is occupied for 1 year, if the project achieves the EUI target then an additional \$1/square foot is paid. Also, Path 4 incentives went up earlier in the year, but they are the same whether new construction is through the retrofit program or rebates. This aligns energy efficiency program design and engineering support of new buildings in Southern New England with the only major difference being the incentive rate by state.
4. Demand Response Update – Companies

Mr. Gray discussed the C&I Auto Demand Response program with the gas DR pilot program running from December 1, 2021 through February 2022.

Mr. Bhakta introduced Joana Abreu who gave the Eversource Active Demand Preliminary Performance Program presentation. Battery storage programs are similar to Eversource's programs in Massachusetts and with the recent purchase of a natural gas company, demonstrations will be run for both commercials and residential in Massachusetts. Demonstrations in Massachusetts will bring lessons learned to Connecticut.

5. Planning for December – All

- Mr. Kibbee will provide results from RFP work for HVAC monitoring.
- DEEP will check for any new reporting requirements to discuss.
- Data/equity metric
- C&I carry forward funds spending v. budgets

6. Follow up on Rhode Island gas demand response pilot

- Rhode Island's 2021 annual plan states the following¹:
- **Pilot Delivery:** The gas DR pilot involves the installation of data recording hardware that provides granular usage data for participating customers. Data from the pilot will be evaluated each year, with a summary report produced in 2020 and 2021.² In the winter of 2018/19, four Gas DR events were called and an average peak hour reduction of 18 DTh was achieved. In the winter of 2019/20, two Gas DR events were called and an average peak hour reduction of 19 DTh was achieved. A large resource was added in February of 2020, which that only participated in one of the events, bringing down the average peak hour reduction, but increasing the potential peak hour reduction to 32 DTh in the EDR pilot offering

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm

¹ Starting on PDF page 381:

<http://rieermc.ri.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/first-draft-2021-annual-energy-efficiency-plan.pdf>

² As of November 18, 2020 the referenced summary report for 2020 was not yet finished.