

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council was called to order at 4:15PM by Andrew Dzykewicz.

Voting Members Present:

Sam Kransnow

Al Degen

Joe Cirillo

S. Paul Ryan

Non Voting Members Present:

Victor Allienello

Tim Stout

Ron Gerwatowski

Others Present:

Jerry Elmer

Beth Cotter

Karina Lutz

Staff:

Pat Condon

Carol Sprague

Lydia Cruz

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 8, 2007 Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Al Degen, and seconded by Joe Cirillo and carried unanimously by the board

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Dzykewicz suggested he serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman for the time being, it was unanimously accepted. He stated at the next meeting that the Executive Director's formal report would be presented.

Ron Gerwatowski stepped in for Tim Stout to present an overview of the last 25 years history of National Grid and the programs available. He stated Rhode Island was the first state in the Nation with an Energy Efficiency Program, starting in 1990.

He stated in the late 80's NEES realized the need for such programs to meet the demand of the customers with efficiency issues. The utility recognized the participation of the collaborative with premier provider concepts. By 1998 a cost savings of \$300 million dollars savings was realized with these efficiency measures. The company

looked at the cost effectiveness to maximize long term savings. National Grid planned to build on exciting program to include the needs of large business programs. Some of the programs where there are incentives include the Energy Imitative Program which is a retrofit program, the Small Business Program which addresses lighting which has a quick pay back, besides providing audits to identify cost savings measures. The utility realizes the City's and Town's are in a financial crunch but it was mentioned by Andy Dzykewicz that the State of RI currently provides 3% towards the construction of a more energy efficient school.

Ron touched on the new merger with Key Span which is now a part of National Grid. He stated that Key Span is a National leader with their gas efficiency programs working in Ma. and NY. Key Span will bring their expertise to the table bridging both the utilities and bring a real opportunity for the consumers.

Pat Condon mentioned the upcoming 2007 Energy Expo sponsored by the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources being held at the Crown Plaza, Warwick on October 14. He stated that National Grid is a sponsor and with their participation offers an opportunity to roll out their gas efficiency programs on the residential side. He requested National Grid to have staff available to identify contractors offering equipment.

Joe Cirillo: Touched on the topic of City and Town's tearing down old buildings (schools) vs new construction. The savings encountered

with the retrofit would be worth taking a look at. He would like the City and Town's to show justification of their actions. He suggested if National Grid worked together with School Districts on exciting facilities with incentive programs we could possibly save some of the older buildings. He mentioned with the advancement in lighting both with color and energy savings how with just this one change it would make job easier.

Sam Kransnow mentioned the Energy Conservation Management Board from CT. The Board is comprised of the similar representatives from the community with Environmental, Energy and Capacity Value's being a concern. They are looking to educate the general public, Legislative body as well as the PUC. Their peak demand forecast for 2006 was 7,000mg and with growth there looking at 2010 with a 1.9% increase.

Sam Kransnow reminded the Council of the mandate for the Least Cost Procurement Rules and asked for a vote for National Grid to hire and pay for consultants but that the Council makes all the decisions. The vote was seconded by Joe Cirillo and passed unanimously by the Council.

There was not a quorum for the September 13th meeting therefore the minutes were not accepted.