

# **The Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council**

**Minutes- February 28, 2008**

**Department of Administration**

**Conference Room (B)**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by Andrew Dzykewicz serving as Chairman.**

**Members Present: Sam Krasnow, Alfred Degen, Joe Cirillo, Paul Ryan, Tim Stout, Ron Gerwatowski and Vic Allienello**

**Others Present: Jerry Elmer, John Farley and Ken Payne**

**Staff: Matt Guglielmetti, Julie Capobianco, Janet Keller and Pat Condon**

**Consultant: VEIC- Scudder Parker**

**Opening Remarks: Mr. Dzykewicz informed the members that the names that were submitted for (Large C&I -Chris Powell and Small C&I- Dan Jusynski) have been approved by the Governor and that we expect the low income representative to be approved shortly. Mr. Dzykewicz discussed briefly the latest version of the proposed**

**standards that was e-mailed to the members by the Council's consultant Scudder Parker on or about February 21st for comment.**

**Sam Krasnow suggested as a process matter, that Mr. Parker present the work that he's done so far, and the process he used. In addition, Mr. Krasnow recommended that because the Council does not have a C&I voice yet, that we invite John Farley from TECRI, if there is no council objection, to be a participant in today's discussion. At this point, Mr. Krasnow made a motion and Paul Ryan seconded to have Mr. Farley sit at the table and contribute to the process.**

**At this juncture, Mr. Parker commented that it has been a very exciting process, and that he's been getting significant input from Sam Krasnow, John Farley, Ken Payne, National Grid, and Andrew Dzykewicz. Mr. Parker further stated that it is the goal to get as much input and participation as possible throughout the process. Alfred Degen added that he read the first draft effort and in his view, we were very close to crossing the line regarding utility management rights, regulatory obligations, etc. and when he read the second version, it felt that we have made significant progress in streamlining the language. Mr. Parker added that in early drafts of the proposed standards there was a great deal of detail on what should be in the process. Mr. Parker further stated that after hearing from National Grid and others, the recommendations were more in the direction of principals, timeline, and assignments. Mr. Parker responded to some earlier remarks from Mr. Degen by saying that the legislature created**

**a structure that insures that a utility has the correct incentives in place, and is allowed to use their experience and knowledge regarding present and past programs. In addition, Mr. Parker reiterated to the group, that the council was created by law, and is intended to provide consistent public input as a more aggressive approach to energy efficiency and resource acquisition proceeds, which is the objective intent of the council.**

**The next item for discussion was the draft letter of transmittal to the commission that was drafted by Mr. Parker that outlines findings and recommendations for the creation of standards that the commission will adopt to help guide the utility through the implementation plan for reliability & energy efficiency procurement. For the most part, this summarized the guiding principals as we go forward, .Mr. Parker then opened. discussion on the draft proposed standards that the council needs to vote on today and reach a consensus for submittal to the commission by March 1st. Mr. Parker explained that the draft proposed standards consist of the following three chapters:**

**CHAPTER 1- ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROCUREMENT**

**CHAPTER 2- SYSTEM RELIABILITY PROCUREMENT**

**CHAPTER 3- ALIGNING UTILITY INCENTIVES & REFORMING RATES**

**Joe Cirillo asked that if the commission adopts these guidelines and some kind of problem occurs later, does this come back to the council. Paul Ryan stated the council would participate under these**

conditions in the rule making process. Mr. Parker added that it would be appropriate for the council to submit additional information for a supplemental filing to the commission if determined necessary.

The next phase of discussion was identifying the strategies and the approach. Ron Gerwatowski asked for an example of what that means, and was provided with the following example. Mr. Dzykewicz suggested it could be as simple as National Grid funding the RFP process for Energy Service company project and the capital for the project would be paid through part of the project energy savings. John Farley stated from a customer point of view, and the goal of the council that this process is to provide increased funding and resources that will be required each year for energy efficiency. Mr. Farley added that this means additional money needs to be spent in order to accomplish this objective. In order to achieve high level of savings, the funding would come from the customer, third party, ESCO, rate payer or utility.

Mr. Farley added that once this plan gets submitted to the commission it may have (rate impacts) in order to accomplish more efficiency work for customers. Mr. Gerwatowski feels this plan or document is unguided for National Grid and will significantly change the way programs are designed in the future and not necessarily in a positive way. At this juncture, Mr. Dzykewicz reminded Mr. Gerwatowski that this document is to guide the commission through the rule making process so they can issue least cost procurement

**rules for energy efficiency procurement.**

**The remainder of this meeting was spent on open discussion of the proposed standards among council members and a step by step explanation of each paragraph of the 10 page document by the council consultant Scudder Parker.**

**In the end, minor edits were made and agreed upon unanimously for submittal to the commission.**

**A motion to adjourn was called by Paul Ryan and seconded by Sam Krasnow. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.**