

**Distributed Generation Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016**  
**4:00-5:30pm**  
**Department of Administration – Conference Room B**

**Board members present:** Sue AnderBois, Sheila Dormody, Marion Gold, Kari Lang, Kenneth Payne, Ian Springsteel, Sam Bradner, Annie Ratanasim, and Bill Ferguson

**Others present:** Shauna Beland, Michelle Carpenter, Danny Musher

**Call to Order:** Chairman Kenneth Payne called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Announcement**

Annie Ratanasim, the newest ex-officio member of the DG Board, was introduced. Chairman Payne provided a brief history of the DG Board as well as some background policy regarding how Commerce RI currently has an ex-officio board seat.

Chairman Payne proposed that approval of the minutes from the January Board meeting be moved to the March 2016 Board Meeting agenda since copies were not provided to all Board members.

**2. Legislative Updates**

2016 Legislative updates were also moved to the March 2016 Board Meeting agenda per Chris Kearns. The Board members agreed to move this item to the March meeting.

**3. Systems Integration Rhode Island (SIRI) presentation**

Marion Gold introduced the Systems Integration Rhode Island (SIRI) presentation. Danny Musher presented. Ken Payne commented that the electricity grid has been the same since 1940 and that Systems Integration of renewable energy and energy efficiency into the electricity systems was a topic the DG Board should continue to monitor carefully in the months and years to come. Monitoring SIRI may also include following upcoming PUC dockets and related public workshops.

**4. Renewable Energy Growth - Economic, Jobs and Environmental Study**

Chris Kearns introduced the proposal to pursue an Economic and Jobs Study on the 2015-2016 Renewable Energy Growth (ERG) program. This report would be similar in scope to the 2014 Brattle Study on the DG Standard Contracts program that helped pass the 2014 REG legislation that created the Renewable Energy Growth program and continued the work performed by the

DG Board. Chairman Payne indicated that the DG Board will be voting on this study and reconciliation funding request during the March DG Board meeting.

#### **5. DG Working Group Updates**

Shauna Beland updated the DG Board on the Office of Energy Resource's website upgrade. In addition to changes to the OER's website, the DG Board's website will be hosted on the OER web platform and will include expanded content including Board member photos and bios. OER has hired a University of Rhode Island energy fellow to help with the website upgrades.

#### **6. Public Comments**

None.

#### **7. Adjourn**

Ms. AnderBois made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Dormody. All approved. Chairman Payne adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm.