

**Distributed Generation Board Meeting  
Monday, June 25, 2018**

**4:00-5:30PM**

**Department of Administration – Conference Room B**

**Board Members Present:** Kenneth Payne, Bill Ferguson, Sheila Dormody, Annie Ratanasim, Karen Stewart, Carol Grant and Chris Kearns.

**Others Present:** Shauna Beland, Sara Canabarro, Matt Piantedosi, Tyler Orcutt, Bryan Evans, Kiran Thakur, Scot Hennessey, Suzanne Sharkey, Rachel Sheinberh, Eric Martin and Misha Glazomitsky.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Kenneth Payne called the meeting to order at 4:03PM

**1. Introductions and Welcoming New Board Members**

Chairman Payne asked the Board Members in the room to go around and introduce themselves.

**2. Cadmus Presentation – Quality Assurance Inspections of Renewable Energy Growth Installations**

Matt Piantedosi gave a brief introduction and overview of the presentation of the Study of Renewable Energy Installation Quality in Rhode Island: Round 2 INTERIM Report.

Tyler Orcutt went over:

Reg QD Study Round 2 Purpose  
Round 1 Vs Round 2 Study Approach  
Sample Selection  
INTERIM Results from On-Site Inspections, which included:  
Key Findings; Scoring; Inspection Scores

Ms. Orcutt went over:

Self-Installer and Low Volume Installer PV Systems; Total Solar Resource Fraction

Mr. Piantedosi highlighted examples of common deficiencies, and reported their high, medium, and low- priority recommendations. He quickly went over the progress on April 2017 recommendations, and the next steps.

Mr. Ferguson asked what the 29% of critical issues were, and if they follow up after they are done with the inspection. Mr. Piantedosi explained that the 29% of critical issues represent a mix of models that aren't secured on the roof, properly mounted, damaged models, or missing joints.

Ms. Orcutt noted that they do follow up on the inspections that have been labeled with critical issues. She stated that they contact the Solar Installers on a weekly basis, by call/email until the issue is resolved.

Chairman Payne asked if there were any additional questions.

Suzanne Sharkey asked if CADMUS, or the Board has a list of companies/contractors that participated in this report available to the public so they can compare which company/contractor has the best and lowest scores.

Mr. Piantedosi stated that this report is anonymous, and for the most part, the same reoccurring errors showed on this report are being done by the same company/contractor.

Chairman Payne asked how can the Board prevent Self-Installers from receiving the REG Program Tariff + Installation Tariff. Chris Kearns states that OER will be working with CADMUS to add provisions to the 2019 Filings.

Sheila Dormody thanked OER and CADMUS for their continuous work.

### **3. Discussion of Memo on “Plan for Recommendations on Renewable Energy Growth Quality Assurance for 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Program**

Shauna Beland quickly went over the Memo on Plan for Quality Assurance 2018-2018 Recommendations.

Sheila Dormody asked if all the Solar Installers had received the training led by Cadmus. Shauna replied that that the training is for RI building and electrical inspectors.

Karen Stewart asked about the Minimum Technical Requirements for the Small-Scale REG program. Shauna explained that by adding this to the REG program it will provide consistency with the requirements between REG and REF Programs.

Chairman Payne noted that there will be a vote on the 3 recommendations outlined in the Memo at the next July DG Board Meeting.

### **4. Office of Energy Resources – Update on 2019 Renewable Growth Program Development – Ceiling Prices and Megawatt Allocation Plan**

Chris Kearns reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft 2019 Ceiling Prices and Megawatt Allocation Plan is out for Public Comment (approximately 30days). This process is consistent with previous years, and there are opportunities with carports. Chris noted that there is a Solar Stakeholder Meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> to cover 1st Draft 2019 Renewable Energy Growth Ceiling Prices Presentation to Stakeholders by Sustainable Energy Advantage.

## **5. Public Comments**

A gentleman from the public asked to add guidelines under the 15-Year Tariff process that uses past data, and then carries over to New Homeowners. Chris stated that they have issues with this from time to time with National Grid.

Misha Glazomitsky quickly highlighted the cancelation process on a contract and stated that there should be a way for the REG program to see the unused amount once canceled by the contract.

No additional comments were made.

## **6. Adjourn**

Chairman Kenneth Payne requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ferguson made a motion, and Ms. Dormody seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36PM.