



Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting April 18, 2018 Webinar Meeting Minutes

Regulatory Updates (*Scott Hunter*)

- Thank you for participating in this webinar as there was difficulty obtaining a meeting room in Trenton this month.
- At the March agenda meeting matters were discussed including Rockland Electric's filing and Solar Subsection t.

FY18 Budgets

- There will be some minor budget changes proposed in the coming weeks which are not expected to affect the Clean Energy Program budgets.

FY18 Progress to Date Results through February

- The TRC team reviewed the Progress to Date for each program through February. Please see the slide deck for the report.
- For CHP, Charles Fox asked why the only projects since 2015 that have had their performance verified are Bloom Energy fuel cell projects. The Program Manager noted that the installation period for CHP projects can be considerably longer than an all-electric fuel cell. Mr. Fox will follow up with any subsequent questions on this issue.

FY19 Proposed Program Planning

- The TRC Team reviewed the program changes proposed for fiscal year 2019 which starts on July 1, 2018. Please see the slide deck for detailed information. The draft program descriptions and proposed budgets for FY19 will be distributed for written comment and also discussed at a public hearing in May. Some programs will launch at the start of the fiscal year and other more substantial program changes will launch in the second half of the fiscal year.
- On Direct Install, Alice Napoleon asked how the proposed change to peak demand will affect participation. The Program Manager explained that it will make a larger pool of customers eligible when using the average kw usage of the past twelve months. Currently if there are one or more months which exceed 200 kw the customer is ineligible. Lloyd Kass asked for more detail on upping the TRC and Carl Teter explained that this will help make the program more cost effective. Susan Ellman wanted to confirm the 70/30 split will remain as is.
- For the overall commercial program redesign, Alice asked when progress payments would be made, and the response was as each measure is installed and approved and confirmed that reporting on the new program design will be on the program as a whole. Tejas Desai asked

about incentive levels for the LEUP in FY19 and it was explained that they are still being defined at this point. Paige Renwick asked about the process for proposing new pilots and it was explained that the Program Manager typically develops the concept and presents it to BPU Staff. The concept is then distributed for public comment, appropriate budgets are identified and the pilots are launched. If there are ideas for program designs or alternative pathways you would like to propose, please submit those ideas to anyone on the TRC team.

- Franklin Neubauer asked if new protocols for CHP have been adopted yet? Protocols will be released for comment likely at or near the same time as the FY19 documents are released.
- Regarding the residential program redesign, there was discussion regarding how the program will ensure quality installations if not requiring BPI certification. Janja explained that feedback has shown that some contractors find the cost and the time needed to obtain BPI certification is a barrier. The contractors participating in pilot now have to attend training which mirrors BPI in many ways, including taking an exam at the end. There will be different levels of training at various levels offered.
- Alice asked if the previous retailer/midstream lighting buy-down will be included in the Products program for FY19. Yes, it is currently under discussion.
- For Storage, there will be a stakeholder process this summer to help form the basis of a new program to help meet the goals set by the current administration.

Utility Updates

- New Jersey Natural Gas and South Jersey Gas both submitting filings on March 28, 2018 which are under review by BPU Staff. Both are looking to continue and expand their energy efficiency efforts and work collaboratively with the Clean Energy Program.
- New Jersey Natural Gas is holding training for realtors in their service territory on Energy Efficiency in New & Existing Homes and is offering 3 CEU credits. The response has been very positive. They are also looking to bring on board three EDF fellows to assist municipalities over the summer. Sustainable Jersey is a partner in this initiative and has received requests from 13 municipalities interested in this opportunity.

Other Business

- A notice will be sent to the listserv regarding the next meeting date in May.

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