

Delaware Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Meeting

Kent County Levy Court Building, Conference Room 220

555 Bay Road

Dover, Delaware

December 4, 2014

Meeting Minutes

EEAC Council Members

Robert Underwood – present
Glenn Moore – present
Mark Nielson – present
Scott Lynch – present
Bill O’Brien – present
Carl Johnson – present
Brenna Goggin – present
Sanjay Kapuria – present
Cassandra Marshall – present
John Sykes – present
Harris B. McDowell – absent
Humberto Caldelas – absent

Attendees

Phil Cherry, DNREC
Thomas Noyes, DNREC
Karen Forrest, DNREC
Jessica Quinn, DNREC
Edward Synoski, DNREC
Tony DePrima, DE SEU
Brian Toll, Efficiency First MD
Ricky Gratz, Opower
Jeff Stanish, Opower
Amy Roe, Sierra Club
Dick Bingham, Delaware Nature Society
Todd Goodman, Delmarva Power
Natalie Treat, NEEP
John White, ICF
Eric Belliveau, Optimal Energy
Sam Huntington, Optimal Energy
Stephanie Herron, Sierra Club

Welcome and Introductions – Phil Cherry provided opening remarks and named Robert Underwood as chair of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council

Best Practices in Energy Efficiency and Introduction to NEEP – Natalie Hilde Treat of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) gave a presentation on EEAC best practices and experiences in neighboring states and potential resources for Delaware. A copy of this presentation is available on the DNREC website:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/information/otherinfo/Documents/EEAC/NEEPPresentation.pdf>

Delaware Potential Study Findings and Overview – Eric Belliveau and Sam Huntington of Optimal Energy Inc gave a presentation on the recently completed Study of Potential for Energy Savings in Delaware. Over the course of the 12-year study period (2014-2025) 19% electric, 9% natural gas, and 12% petroleum savings are possible. Achieving these energy savings would also be cost-effective, for every dollar invested in EE, the return is \$2.40 for electric and even higher benefits for other fuels. A copy of this presentation is available on the DNREC website:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/information/otherinfo/Documents/EEAC/OptimalPresentation12.4.14.pdf>

A copy of the full Energy Efficiency Potential Study report is available on the DNREC website - <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/information/Pages/PotentialStudy.aspx>.

Council business, planning, and general discussion

- **Senate Bill (SB) 150 Overview** - Tom Noyes of DNREC presented an overview of SB 150 requirements. SB 150 requires affected energy providers to implement cost-effective, reliable, and feasible energy efficiency, energy conservation, and peak demand reduction programs. Affected energy providers include Delmarva Power, Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, Delaware Electric Cooperative, and Chesapeake Utilities. The EEAC will assist the utilities with development of program portfolios and recommend program elements. The Public Service Commission and EEAC will review program portfolios proposed by Delmarva Power. Delawareans may access energy efficiency program offerings from affected energy providers through a central portal website run by the DE SEU.
- **EEAC Technical Consultant RFP** - Jessica Quinn of DNREC briefly reviewed the status of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to hire an EEAC Technical Consultant. DNREC issued an RFP to hire a technical consultant for the Council in October. The RFP review team is scheduled to meet in mid-December to review and score the RFP responses. The EEAC technical consultant will be selected by the end of the calendar year and the consultant should be available to the council by the February 2015 meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2015 in the Grass Dale Conference Center at Fort Dupont State Park in Delaware City. For directions to the Grass Dale Center please see the following website:

http://www.destateparks.com/events/grass_dale/directions/index.asp.