

## Energy Policy Review Commission - Unofficial Minutes

Wednesday September 18, 2013

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room D

### Members in Attendance:

Robert Kaufmann	Boston University
Elliott Jacobson	Action, Inc.
Bob Rio	A.I.M
Tom Regh	Progressive Energy Services
Rob Calnan	Calnan's Energy Systems
Sandra Merrick	AGO

### Others in Attendance:

Bobbi Kates-Garnick	EEA
Dan Burgess	EEA
Nathan Phelps	DPU
Martha Broad	MassCEC
Andrew Goldberg	AGO
Lauren Farrell	EEA
Hinna Upal	EEA
Jodi Hanover	Rich May, P.C.
Jessica Bardi	EEA
Alexandra Penta	Office of the Minority Leader

### Documents Discussed:

- Agenda
- Draft Report
- Program Budget

*Mr. Burgess called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.*

### Introduction

Mr. Burgess welcomed the Commission members and meeting attendees. He noted the meeting was scheduled for 3 hours as asked. He thanks the Commission members for submitted their edits and started introductions around the room.

Mr. Burgess noted that the agenda is short, but there is enough time to cover the report. He said EEA provided a document of DOER and MassCEC program budgets, which was also presented to Rep. Beaton, and asked if the Commission members had any thoughts about including it in the report or appendix. Mr. Regh said the document was a budget of the agency itself, including tax payer funded activities, but DOER oversees much more than that. He noted that his comments on the budget were a good summary. Ms. Upal said she is unclear about what Mr. Regh is asking. She noted that DOER is responsible for the dollars listed in the budget document. She continued that there are other programs,

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such as Mass Save, however that money does not go through DOER directly. Mr. Regh said that DOER does review the annual reports and the EEAC does report to the DPU. Mr. Jacobson said that Mr. Upal is correct in that Mass Save is run through the EEAC, which is a different pool of money. Ms. Upal noted that DOER is not going to say they are responsible for that money because it does not go through them. Mr. Jacobson said that things can get confusing when looking at the federal budget. Mr. Burgess noted that a paragraph can be put into the report to explain this issue better. Mr. Regh said there are two things, what is being spent and what is being collected and what is being spent is a lot greater than what is shown in the budget table. Mr. Rio said there is a Solar Carve Out report that shows what all programs cost and it should be publically available. Ms. Upal noted that data is a little different than what is being discussed at the meeting. Mr. Burgess noted that a paragraph can be added to the report to encapsulate Mass Save and will point to the EEAC for more information on the program.

Mr. Burgess said in terms of specific grants, it is difficult to break down DOER that way because the agency is divided into divisions but work together in a collaborative manner. He noted that all of the data in the budget table was pulled directly from Open Checkbook. Ms. Merrick noted that Ms. Farrell had sent an updated version of the table. Mr. Phelps noted that the DPU reviews, decides, and approves budgets for Energy Efficiency and cost effectiveness for the program.

Mr. Burgess noted that MassCEC just released a new jobs report. Ms. Broad said the report mandated how many jobs and firms are in the State. She noted that the EPRC asked for MassCEC to report on part-time and full-time employees. Ms. Broad said the key findings of the report are that there are 5,557 clean energy firms; 79,994 clean energy workers; and 11.8% employment growth rate from 2012 to 2013. Mr. Burgess said EEA can forward the Clean Energy Industry Report after the meeting, and asked if there were any questions.

### **Timeline**

Mr. Burgess reviewed the proposed timeline for the report.

September-18 & 25: Complete edits

October-2: Finalize draft for public comment

October 3-17: Public Comment Period

October 23 and/or 30: Final Vote

### **Report Editing**

Mr. Burgess said the hope was to have the beginning of the report and the metrics to be consensus driven and any opinions could come through the member comments. Mr. Rio said his general feeling was that the report was very long and asked if there was any way to squish it down as he felt it would make it better. Mr. Jacobson said he agreed, however asked if there was time to condense the report. Professor Kaufmann asked where his analysis would be included. Ms. Upal noted that it would be up to the Commission whether to include it in the body or appendix of the report. Professor Kaufmann noted there were some questions before on seeing the data, and while the Commission can look at the data, he cannot hand over the data. He said he is willing to provide the data in a graph form, or even present on it at the next meeting.

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Mr. Burgess said that as the Commission goes through the report, members need to say whether or not they are okay with accepting or rejecting each comment and for everyone to remember their comment colors.

*The Commission went through each individual edit line by line in the draft report.*

### **Next Steps**

Mr. Jacobson noted that his only wish is for the report not to be negative. Mr. Rio agreed, saying he doesn't feel there were any real negative comments. Mr. Burgess said EEA will make the edits and start again at the next meeting (September 25). He noted that Professor Kaufmann will send over his data.

*The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.*

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