

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting BPU, Trenton June 14, 2016

Introductions

Century Club Award Winner Presentations

Commission Fiordaliso presented Century Club Award plaques to the contractors who have completed at least 100 homes within the 2015 Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program.

Regulatory Updates

Marisa noted that the focus of the June 29 Agenda meetings will be the approval of the fiscal year 2017 (FY17) budgets, program filings and protocols. There is also an adjustment to the FY16 budget.

FY16 Proposed Budget Revisions

Staff is proposing numerous changes to the budget to address the re-alignment of the detailed budgets and the transfer of funds to the HVAC program, to the new State Facility Initiative and to the True Grant. Sufficient funds remain in each program from which Staff is proposing to transfer funds from to meet all anticipated program activities through the remainder of the FY. The overall NJCEP budget remains unchanged and the overall rebate budget category is increased by \$1.4 million as compared to the previously approved budget.

FY17 Proposed Programs and Budgets

A powerpoint presentation was distributed to the listserv prior to the meeting to highlight the proposed programs and budgets for FY17. Marisa Slaten noted that the collection of funds for CRA17 remains approximately the same as last year. The main theme for FY17 is to continue the existing portfolio of programs with some directional changes. Over the course of the year Staff will lead a process to develop a strategic plan with the goal of proposing a multi-year plan by this time next year. Marisa noted that the longer term strategic plan may have significant changes as compared to the current portfolio.

The presentation further covered outreach, and proposed changes to the residential, commercial, industrial, local government and distributed energy resource planning.

Anne Marie Peracchio of NJNG expressed concern that there is a need for a long lead time for implementation of the new proposed HVAC requirements and that extensive communications and training are needed. Janja Lupse acknowledged that her team is discussing the need for a grace period and plans to provide tools and guidance to help prepare the contractor network.

Marisa noted that the cooperative advertising program is no longer available and the intention is that the initiative will be managed by the Marketing Contractor once they are in place.

Utility Updates

Bruce Grossman provided an update on the Comfort Partner (CP) program, which is showing a larger than normal carry forward of vendor “work in progress”. He noted that this year the program is facing challenges to eliminate the health and safety barriers (mold, asbestos, faulty heating systems, etc.) before they can even begin to address energy efficiency. Bruce emphasized all the good work that this program does to improve the human condition. In FY17 CP will begin to include commitments in the overall budget so there will be a reduction in the number of customers we can overall help.

Anne Marie noted it is worth looking at what other states are doing; at the national conference there is a dialog between healthy homes and the widespread effect. CP does try to leverage DOE WAP dollars.

Other

Anne Marie provided a Sustainable Jersey update and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming summit at TCNJ. There are breakout sessions connected to energy, alternative fueled vehicles, etc.

She also noted that NJNG now has 14 schools participating in the PowerSave program and are looking to add more, and that the NJNG sweepstakes is still going on.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2016

Attendees:

In Person:

Jim Grevatt	Energy Futures Group
Mike Mastropasqua	Lime Energy
Meredith Nole	AEL
Rachel Brekke	NJBPU
Bill Holmes	SJG
Dave Lazeration	TechniArt
Charlie Fox	Bloom Energy
Jim Fredericks	
Greg Seitz	NJNG
Murray Bevan	
Jason Symonds	DNV GL
Tim Pettit	DNV GL
Valentina Rozanova	TRC
Nicole Dube	NJBPU
Tom Desempel	CMC
Steve Goldenburg	
Linda Wetzel	Applied Energy Group
Mike Ambrosio	Applied Energy Group
Maura Watkins	Applied Energy Group
Anthony Georgi	Applied Energy Group
Brian DeLuca	TRC
Marybeth Brenner	TRC
Janja Lupse	CLEAResult
Don Swift	CLEAResult

Andrew Fisk	CLEAResult
Bill Palmer	Kamson
Elizabeth Teng	NJBPU
Sherri Jones	NJBPU
Marisa Slaten	NJBPU
Anne Marie Peracchio	NJNG
Susan Ellman	NJNG
Jerry Ryan	NJNG
Bruce Grossman	SJG
Sam Valora	SJG
Dean Evans	NJIT
Kim Hoff	CLEAResult
Nick Plouffe	ICF International
Brendan Cassidy	ICF International
Katie O'Rourke	ICF International

By Phone:

David Giordano	Doosan Fuel Cell America
James Wise	NJDEP
Kurt Lewandowski	Rate Counsel
Tom Quigley	ICF International
Michael Sanjek	Princeton Air
Erin Horleman	GP Renewables & Trading
Tiffany Rofling	ICF International
Nancy O'Brien	WECC
Kenn Latel	ICF International
Maureen McQuilkin	Performance Systems Development
Kyle Krow	Aegis Energy Services
Kate Harron	Clean Markets
Susan Buck	ETG
Rick Marx	EAM Associates
Joe Prusick	PSE&G
Frank Vetri	PSE&G
Ken Strachan	Freeaire
John Donohue	Fuel Merchants Association
Andy Seelaus	EMC Development
Dave Holland	Honeywell
Sam Weinstein	Princeton Public Affairs Group
Don Walters	
Yuliya Polonsky	NYS Energy Audits
Steve Bohlman	WECC
Nicolas Cavallo	Energysavvy

