

 **NRPC APPROVED MINUTES**  
**NRPC ENERGY FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**05/29/15**

**Members Present:**

Tom Young, Town of Litchfield

Elvis Dhima, Town of Hudson

Kat McGhee, Hollis

Steve Wells, Mason

Tim Thompson, Town of Merrimack

Sarah Marchant, City of Nashua

Mark Bender, Town of Milford

Hal Lynde, Town of Pelham

Kermit Williams, Town of Wilton

**Others Present**

Emily Cashman, Senator Shaheen's Office

John Greene, Congresswoman Kuster's Office

Gene Porter, LMRLAC

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tim Roache, MPO Coordinator

Sara Siskavich, GIS Manager

Karen Baker, Program Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Roache called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

The members from the public that were present did not wish to speak.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 8 AND MAY 15, 2015**

Roache asked if there were any comments or changes to the draft EFAC minutes from May 8, 2015 meeting. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of May 8, 2015 with a second from Young. All were in favor. Roache moved onto the May 15, 2015 minutes asking again if there were any comments or changes. Thompson pointed out that he left that meeting early and therefore did not provide the comment in the last sentence of the last paragraph under "Presentations..." as indicated in the sentence and to please omit. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of May 15, 2015 as amended with a second from Lynde. All were in favor.

**PROGRESS TOWARDS CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

Roache started off saying that it is unlikely that FERC would be able to make it in to present to EFAC. He referred to the conference call from the prior day with FERC of which Cashman, Greene, Williams, Siskavich, Tim Murphy and Henry Underwood from Southwest were on. Roache said Eric Tomasi indicated that RPC opinion and comments regarding the pipeline have weight in the context of FERC decision-making.

Roache also informed the group of 3 scoping meetings in NH with locations and schedule to be determined after the compressor station locations are disclosed by KM, within about a five week window after that. Roache also talked about the notice of intent (NOI) that is required, with 60 day notification to abutters on properties crossed by the pipeline within ½ mile of the compressor station (from the boundary of the compressor station). There was some discussion between Greene, Lynde and Thompson on the scoping meetings and whether public comment is allowed. Greene confirmed that public comment is accepted but no response is necessary from KM at the meeting. Roache added that there would be 2 scoping meetings in Hillsborough County and 1 in Cheshire County. He also referred to the 5 scoping meetings that would be held in Massachusetts, 1 being in Lowell. Roache reviewed the status on the rest of the consultation meetings:

PNGTS (Bender): Scheduled for June 12. Bender said he would follow up with Cindy Armstrong

Liberty and KM (Williams): Roache said last Williams heard was there was trouble with Fridays. Williams arrived and indicated that KM would come to the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting or the June 12<sup>th</sup> and that he expected to get a commitment for 1 or those dates. He added that Liberty could come either of those Fridays as well

but it made sense to have them the same day as KM. He was going to try and lock Liberty in for 5<sup>th</sup> and whenever KM could make is when they would come.

ISO/NE (McGhee): McGhee was not sure what ISO/NE could add and that they were not formally involved with NED. Lynde asked if McGhee had heard anything regarding Tennessee Gas going into talk with ISO/NE. McGhee said there is no collaboration with ISO/NE and that the NED Pipeline application is for a particular need and not specified for energy generation. Young commented that ISO/NE affects the new powerlines in Pelham and Hudson so he felt it does affect us. He added that Pelham is working to get the MV Reliability Project delayed until KM comes out with the exact location of the pipeline.

Academic (Wells): Wells said that Mike Mooiman from Franklin Pierce College had availability on June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 26<sup>th</sup> to come in to see EFAC. He was going to follow up with Mooiman for June 12<sup>th</sup>. He added that Mooiman was neutral and could provide the EFAC with facts.

Williams also commented on the call with FERC emphasizing its importance and that it should be included as part of their report to the Commission. Siskavich said she would include William's summary of the FERC call and their meetings. He added that the group should have a list of questions to submit ahead of time to KM.

McGhee commented about her piece on Demand and Need and that under the recent FERC submission, the 5% that Liberty committed to is 115 dekatherms which was only a 50,000 increase and equated to only 2%. Lynde heard from the PUC that the number was overinflated and only 25,000 dekatherms is needed.

#### **STATUS OF OUTLINE OF DELIVERABLE TO FULL COMMISSION**

Siskavich reviewed the 3 main headings for the white paper and touched on the subheadings with the group. She informed the group that the Commissioners asked that the Regional Picture be included as a section. She was unsure of gaps and felt that was something to be discussed or brainstormed on as to the deficiencies in the data gathering. Siskavich passed around a handout written by Ed Cherian from Iberdrola Renewables on the *SB 99 SEC Rule-Making Process*. She referred to the report section about the Impact of Orderly Development of the Region saying there is no legal definition of this. She pointed to the Orderly Development – Draft Criteria section and asked the group to provide input on what they felt was useful in relation to Orderly Development section of the white paper and would be incorporated into it. McGhee commented that part of her research on the Hollis Taskforce for the impact on the orderly development of the region was to look at the history of what had been done or considered and what arguments were made in relation to historic and environmental impacts.

There was discussion on the criteria from the group. Lynde felt that he could not necessarily answer the questions listed in the criteria because you don't know the end users. Marchant felt you should know who the pipeline is intended for. McGhee felt the question to ask was if NED was not built, would businesses have the access to this natural gas to increase their businesses. Bender felt that businesses would be in favor of it because it would reduce their electric costs. Young said he heard that Liberty was not interested installing anymore gas lines for residents in Litchfield. Williams said they don't have gas to do that. There was further discussion on State vs. Regional in the criteria, why it was being broken out the way it was, benefits, and rewording the language. Roache explained what we are doing is part of the NRPC charge. Siskavich said she can write this up based on what she has heard from the group and send it out for further comment. There was varying answers from both Williams and Lynde when discussing the first criteria listed. Lynde felt there would be added costs and that is something we don't know yet. Williams asked is this about KM or energy projects. Roache suggested the group just report out on what we have heard and

keep the focus on NED. The energy end could be mentioned as additional information in the report. Porter commented that it would be a general economic benefit to the region to have lower heating costs.

Thompson felt the bullets that used “unduly interfere with...” should be omitted from some of the criteria. Consensus from the group was to omit the last bullet from criteria 2, 3, 4 and 5 and combine the remaining bullets. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> set of criteria could remain. Additionally, the group said that it should be regional and state included in the criteria.

Williams suggested the group look at Eric Tomasi’s report which is in the Dropbox. He added that there should also be an executive summary. Siskavich said she would synthesize all the information from their discussion and come up with a version 2 of the white paper. She asked the group if there were any other gaps in relation to data gathering that need to be included. Williams felt that energy projects that will influence the region should be identified, example Access Northeast and Northern Pass. Roache reminded the group that the June 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for the white paper is not the end date, just the report to the Commissioners.

#### **PERTINENT LOCAL TASK FORCE AND WORKGROUPS UPDATES**

Roache commented that if the Commission takes a position on the NED, it should be on the same page as the towns. Bender said he was working on a grid of the towns and will get that information from Tad to include in the white paper. Lynde talked some of where Pelham stood in relation to their position. Williams asked if the NH Municipal Coalition was going to be an intervener. Bender said not necessarily. Williams added that there is no option yet to be an intervener because the application has to be approved first. Dhima said that Hudson is neutral at this point and referred to a meeting that will be held with KM on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the senior center. The meeting is being held for the residents to be able to get all their questions out. Dhima asked about the coalition and the lawyer and how this worked. Bender explained that the purpose of the coalition is to share resources, information and if a lawyer is hired, to share that expense.

Siskavich said a summary of what we have done is needed and asked for some volunteers. She suggested each impact group provide a summary for their section. Roache said a Power Point presentation would be good also for the Commissioners. There was discussion from the group on how this should be set up. Marchant suggested adding *what we found out to set the background*. Roache added *what actions an RPC can take*.

Williams said it should be mostly what we have learned then leave it up to the Commissioners to tell us the next steps, what everybody can do in relation to FERC, SEC, etc. Roache reminded the group that the Commission is advisory so they can’t set policy and are more for direction. McGhee asked what the group should do. Williams said to pull the key important stuff learned from your piece and put into a slide.

Siskavich asked the group to send their changes to her using track changes. She added when the group is reviewing the bullets, if they are not sure about something; note it in gaps if you don’t know. Bender said he would provide a summary of town actions. Williams said he would provide a meeting summary from their call with FERC.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Motion to adjourn came from Thompson and seconded by Bender. The meeting ended at 3:38pm.