

**A MEETING OF
THE ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

1. The third meeting of the Electricity Aggregation Committee was called to order by Delaware Secretary of State Jeffrey W. Bullock, Chairman, in the Secretary of State's Conference Room, Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901 on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 2:00 PM with the following Committee members in attendance: Courtney A. Stewart, Office of the Controller General (GCO), Ed Synoski, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Robert Howatt, Public Service Commission (PSC), and Robert Scoglietti, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

Guests, support staff and members of the public in attendance included the following:

Steve Baccino, Delmarva
Ron Cerniglia, Direct Energy
Senator Colin R.J. Bonini, Leg Hall
Malika Davis, PSC Staff
Dr. Steve Estomin, Exeter Assoc.
Rick Geisenberger, Deputy Secretary
Matt Hartigan, PSC Staff

Ed Jackson, Affinity Energy Mgmt.
Bill Kress, Retail Energy Supply, Assoc.
Anne Lindner, Constellation Energy
Michael Mandzik, T&M Associates
Andrea Maucher, Div. Public Advocate
Jerome Mierzwa, Exeter Assoc.
David Stevenson, Caesar Rodney Inst.

2. The draft minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted (motion by Robert Howatt, second by Ed Synoski, unanimous approval).
3. Secretary Bullock provided introductory comment and noted this meeting would be an opportunity to discuss the approach that Exeter Associates, Inc., the successful bidder, would be taking to review the potential for electricity aggregation in Delaware. Secretary Bullock introduced Dr. Steve Estomin and Mr. Jerome Mierzwa of Exeter Associates, Inc. and asked that they provide an overview of the tasks and their proposed approach to the project.
4. Dr. Estomin started by first noting as part of the assignment, they would be reviewing programs, both successful and failed, focusing on the PJM region. They would be providing an analysis and recommendation to the Committee with respect to the potential for a Delaware electricity aggregation program. There was further discussion on the level of risk tolerance and price volatility that could be introduced in an aggregation program, depending on how it was structured. There was also discussion on the impact that such a program could have on the current SOS process in Delaware. Dr. Estomin was asked to assess any objectivity or bias that Exeter may have with regard to aggregation, and he responded that they had no affiliation with any suppliers and would provide an independent, unbiased review. Other issues discussed were as follows:
 - a. Discussion regarding the language requiring an "Opt Out" in the Bond Bill.
 - b. The Committee clarified that the aggregation applied only to Delmarva residential and small commercial customers.

- c. Ms. Stewart asked if the Exeter would be comparing benefits of aggregation against the current SOS process and it was acknowledged that some comparison would be made; however, Mr. Howatt noted that the PSC had recently opened a complimentary docket to review the SOS process independent of the EAC/Exeter efforts and cautioned against comparing dissimilar approaches to energy costs.
 - d. Mr. Cerniglia asked if new technology (i.e. smart thermostats) would be considered as part of a potential aggregation solution. Dr. Estomin indicated they could be considered if it helped with a long term solution.
 - e. Mr. Stevenson asked if the Illinois aggregation program would be included in Exeter's review and it was noted that it would be included.
5. With respect to process, Mr. Howatt asked the Committee members about posting the bid responses publically. The Committee agreed that the bids could be posted provided there was no confidential or proprietary information.
 6. Secretary Bullock emphasized to Exeter that the work should be completed in a timely manner. Dr. Estomin noted that Exeter would provide a more specific timeline as they began the project.
 7. There being no further business, Mr. Howatt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Synoski seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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