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Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick
Commission Secretary
Public Service Commission
of the District of Columbia
1325 G Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: The Investigation into Modernizing the Energy Delivery System for Increased Sustainability, GD-2020-02-M

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick,

Attached please find the filing of the Pilot Projects Governance Board's November 4, 2024 meeting minutes.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me directly.

Best Regards,

/s/ Knia Tanner
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Assistant People's Counsel

Enclosure

CC: Parties of record



Agenda

Pilot Projects Governance Board

Monday, November 4, 2024 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

- **Commission welcome (Dollie Banks, Commission facilitator)**
- **Roll call (Katya Botwinick, Chair)**
- **Update on Community Heat Pump Projects (Commission staff)**
- **Update on Aggregated Solar and Advanced Inverter RFP (Commission staff)**
- **Update on Virtual Power Plant RFP (Commission staff)**
- **Update on Microgrid RFP (Commission staff)**
- **Next steps and adjournment (Katya Botwinick, Chair)**

Pilot Projects Governance Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2024, 2:30 PM – 3:10 PM

I. Roll Call (Chair)

Board Member Organizations in Attendance (Quorum present)

- District Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) – Present
- Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia (“OPC”) – Present
- Sierra Club of Washington DC – Present
- Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association (“CHESSA,”) formerly Maryland-DC-Delaware-Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association (“MDV-SEIA”) – Absent
- Greater Washington Urban League (“GWUL”) – Absent
- DC Consumer Utility Board (“DC CUB”) – Absent
- Solar United Neighbors of DC – Present
- Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (“AOBA”) – Absent
- Commission Staff – Present

II. General Business

A. Update on Community Heat Pump Projects (Commission staff)

1. E&G Project-

The letter contract is still being drafted. Hopefully, it will be finalized before Thanksgiving.

- (1) Noventa wants to conduct a feasibility study before entering into an energy services agreement
 - (a) Question about the feasibility study
 - (i) Suggested by contractor, Staff is going to get more information for the Board
 - (b) Question about the Commission process
 - (i) Procurement and Legal are working on it. Staff hired an outside law firm to handle the contracting. The project is taking longer than initially anticipated.
 - (ii) Are there parameters for the feasibility study that the Commission seeks to determine whether to cancel the contract? If that happens, what is next?
 - (a) If the feasibility study fails, it would be the end of the project. I'm not sure what would happen with the funds; they could go to another project.

B. POA Project

1. Majority of funds have been disbursed.
2. Work is being done on the project
3. There are some follow-up compliance obligations. We are not expecting significant updates until 2026.

C. Update on Aggregated Solar and Advanced Inverter RFP (Commission staff)

The review panel is meeting and believes a recommendation will be made in November 2024.

D. Update on Virtual Power Plant RFP (Commission staff)

The Board-approved VPP RFP has been sitting with staff since July, 2023. Staff is now looking at January 2025 for the VPP RFP's release. There are new staff in OTRA who want to review the RFP before it is released. The Commissioners have not seen the VPP RFP yet.

E. Update on Microgrid RFP (Commission staff)

The Commissioners are aware of the RFP that was filed. They are considering it now. Staff is waiting for direction from the Commissioners.

III. Next steps and adjournment (Chair)

A. The Board has accomplished its task of identifying pilot projects and drafting the RFPs. The immediate business of making the RFPs is finished, and all the bidding and contracting of pilot projects is now in the hands of the Commission staff. Board members were asked about their thoughts on how the Board should proceed.

1. Solar United Neighbors: The process seems to have taken much longer than expected. Hopefully, by 2025, all of the RFPs will be issued and awarded. Should the Commission issue a statement summarizing the Board's work and the anticipated timeframe for the completion of the projects so that the public can know what to expect next? Should we create a report that highlights the lessons learned from the process?

a) DOEE: Volunteered to do the first draft. Asked whether any members thought it was a bad idea.

b) Commission: Staff should speak with leadership about how to move forward. We can follow up. DOEE was requested to provide some bullet points for the Commission's review.

B. DOEE: Called for any additional thoughts.

1. None given

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:10 pm.