

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING OF THE
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF
CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE
AND
CONNECTICUT TRANSMISSION MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE

May 16, 2024

A Regular Hybrid Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Joint Boards of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CMEEC”) and Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (“CTMEEC” dba “Transco”) was held via Zoom and in person at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was legally noticed in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes and all proceedings and all actions thereafter recorded occurred during the publicly open portions of the meeting.

The following Committee Members participated via Zoom:

Gorton Utilities: Jeffrey Godley
Groton Municipal Representative: Mark Oefinger
Jewett City Department of Public Utilities: Louis Demicco
Jewett City Municipal Representative: George Kennedy
Norwich Public Utilities: Chris Riley (NPU Non-BOD Member)
Norwich Municipal Representative: David Eggleston
South Norwalk Electric & Water: Alan Huth, David Westmoreland
TTD, East Norwalk: Michele Sweeney

The following Non-Voting Members participated via Zoom:

Bozrah Light & Power: William Ballinger

The following CMEEC Staff participated via Zoom or in person:

Dave Meisinger, CMEEC CEO, via Zoom
Michael Rall, CMEEC Director of Asset Management, in person
Margaret Job, Director of Administrative Services, in person
Heidi Winnick, CMEEC Financial & Treasury Analyst, via Zoom
Lauren Gaudet, CMEEC Administrative and Sustainability Specialist, in person

The following Invited Guest participated via Zoom:

Timothy Shea, BrownRudnick

Others participated via Zoom:

David Silverstone, Esquire Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate

Ms. Job recorded.

Committee Chair Louis Demicco called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting for the record that today's meeting is being held via Zoom and in person at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT. Committee Chair Demicco reminded participants to keep their devices on mute unless speaking to eliminate background noise and to state their names when speaking for clarity of the record.

Specific Agenda Item

A Public Comment Period

No public comment was made.

B Roll Call

Ms. Job conducted roll call. Committee Chair Demicco confirmed a quorum of the Committee was present.

C Approve Minutes of the February 1, 2024 Regular Hybrid Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee

A motion was made by Committee Member Kennedy, seconded by Committee Member Eggleston to Approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2024 Regular Hybrid Meeting of the Joint Legislative and Governmental Affairs. Committee Member Westmoreland abstained.

Motion passed.

D Connecticut General Assembly Update: Timothy Shea, BrownRudnick

Mr. Shea walked the Committee through the slide deck provided in advance of today's meeting highlighting the results of the end of the Legislative session. He noted that the 2024 session of the Connecticut General Assembly closed on May 8, 2024. He explained that although this legislative session was the second year of the state's biennial budget, the legislative majority decided not to open the budget to make changes to the revenue estimates or bottom-line spending. They instead reviewed the state's remaining ARPA dollars. He noted that the legislature passed a \$420 million Bond Act, which includes bonding for state capital complex improvements, housing, UCONN, Microgrids and the CT DOT for bridge repair.

Mr. Shea added that the focus of the session was mainly on public health, elder care, climate change and artificial intelligence with many top priorities not passing before end of session.

Mr. Shea then highlighted the bills that BrownRudnick had been tracking on behalf of CMEEC. He explained that there were two energy bills which focused on procurement of large-scale resources and solar procurement. Senate Bill No. 385 allows DEEP to issue solicitation from nuclear power generating facilities with certain parameters described in the bill. Senate Bill No. 385 also allows DEEP to direct electric distribution companies to enter 30-year PPAs if done in coordination with other states. The bill also allows PURA to select the CT Green Bank, DEEP, the EDCs or a third-party PURA deems appropriate to implement and manage a series of programs currently administered by the EDCs, including but not limited to an EV charging program.

Mr. Shea then highlighted the bills that were killed in this session.

Upon inquiry by Committee Member Riley, Mr. Shea noted that a working group tasked with discussing EV programs may be reconvened adding that experts from investor-owned utilities and municipalities as well as the DOT and DEEP will request to be made a part of the group.

Mr. Rall then provided an update to the MicroGrid Grant application and award of over \$5m for the Subbase that CMEEC submitted on behalf of and in collaboration with the Navy. He explained that Noresco assumed the energy manager role which led to the question of whether the grant should be transferred from CMEEC to Noresco, which further led to efforts resulting in the legislature agreeing to a fix that will result in the Navy receiving funding in the amounts previously specified under the Grant.

E New Business

There was no new business.

F Adjourn

A motion was made by Committee Member Eggleston, seconded by Committee Member Godley to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.