

**MINUTES OF THE  
NEW YORK STATE ENERGY PLANNING BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON JUNE 25, 2015**

Pursuant to notice dated June 22, 2015, the eleventh meeting of the New York State Energy Planning Board (“Board”) was convened on June 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Albany office of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York. A copy of the meeting Notice is annexed as Exhibit A.

The following Energy Planning Board Members or their designees were present:

- John B. Rhodes, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Chair of the Board (Janet Joseph, Designee)
- Audrey Zibelman, Chair of the NYS Public Service Commission (Tom Congdon, Designee)
- Joe Martens, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (Jared Snyder, Designee)
- Howard Zemsky, Chairman and CEO of Empire State Development (Jim Held, Designee)
- Mario Musolino, Acting Commissioner of the NYS Department of Labor (Anthony Joseph, Designee)
- John Melville, Commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Brian Wright, Designee)
- Dr. Howard Zucker, Acting Commissioner of the NYS Department of Health (Kevin Gleason, Designee)
- Cesar Perales, Secretary of State (Erin Hogan, Designee)
- Richard Ball, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (Phil Giltner, Designee)
- Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (David Gordon, Designee), Appointee of the NYS Assembly
- Tom Coakley, Appointee of the Temporary President of the NYS Senate
- Stephen Whitley, President and CEO of the New York Independent System Operator (Henry Chao, Designee)
- James Winebrake, Appointee of the Governor

## **Introductory Remarks**

Janet Joseph, designee of John Rhodes, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Chair of the Board, welcomed the Board Members and thanked the members of the public for their continued interest and feedback. Ms. Joseph stated that there was much interest in the Draft State Energy Plan and that there have been many developments since the release of the Draft Plan. She also briefly summarized the agenda for the meeting, stating that the Board is requested to consider adopting the Final State Energy Plan.

### **Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2014 Meeting (Agenda Item No. 1)**

Ms. Joseph stated that a copy of the draft Minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting was provided to Board Members on June 8, 2015. Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote, the Minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting were approved.

### **Presentation on the Draft State Energy Plan (Agenda Item No. 2)**

Ms. Joseph introduced John Williams, Director of the Board's Working Group and NYSERDA Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, to present an overview of the proposed Final State Energy Plan, its long-term policy goals, the various recommended action initiatives, meaningful metrics, and the process that will be undertaken to bring the State Energy Plan to a final document.

Mr. Williams acknowledged the message included in the proposed Final State Energy Plan by Richard Kauffman, Chairman of the Energy and Finance for New York, which emphasizes the ability of the State to grow the economy while materially reducing carbon emissions.

Mr. Williams reviewed the planning process beginning with the release of the Draft State Energy Plan in January 2014, the public comment period which garnered over 100,000 submissions, and six public hearings held during 2014.

Mr. Williams described the key themes of the comments to the Draft State Energy Plan: climate change, natural gas issues, renewable energy and the overall goals set forth in the Draft State Energy Plan. Mr. Williams described the State's energy strategy, Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) as one that leads to a clean, resilient, and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers. He added that the REV effort will lead to a much more dynamic electricity grid. He further described the guiding principles of market transformation, community engagement, private sector investment, innovation and technology and customer value and choice.

Mr. Williams stated that there are 43 specific initiatives included within the proposed Final State Energy Plan, which include efforts in the areas of renewable energy, buildings and energy efficiency, clean energy financing, sustainable and resilient communities, energy infrastructure modernization, innovation and research and development, and transportation.

Mr. Williams presented the 2030 State Energy Plan goals which include: a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels; a goal of 50% of generation of electricity from renewable energy sources; and a 600 trillion British thermal units (TBtu) increase in Statewide energy efficiency – or a 23 percent increase over current levels.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Martens with regard to the context of the new goals as compared to other states and nations, Mr. Williams stated that the new goals are ambitious in comparison, and will present a challenge to the State. He added, however, that the potential for new renewable resources is growing, there have been advances in the transportation sector and REV provides a new context.

Ms. Zibelman complemented the various agency staff involved in developing the State Energy Plan document, stating that it was exceptionally well-written. She stated that there is much interest in the actions taken by New York in the energy sector and that it is important to demonstrate that environmental sustainability and economic growth are mutually achievable. Ms. Zibelman added this was an exciting day for New York, not only with the finalization of the State Energy Plan, but also for the announcement of electric utility demonstration projects under the REV initiative.

Mr. Martens thanked the involved staff for a readable, ambitious document. He stated that the State has come a long way, despite having a long way to go. He stated that New York has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by continually setting the bar high, and actions implemented to achieve those emissions reductions goals have contributed to a growing economy. Mr. Martens described the recent regulatory activities as the next big revolution of the energy sector.

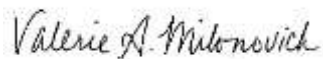
**Resolution Regarding the Issuance of the Final State Energy Plan (Agenda Item No. 3)**

Ms. Joseph called for consideration of Resolution No. 7, authorizing the issuance of the proposed State Energy Plan as the Final State Energy Plan. Whereafter, upon motion duly made and seconded, and by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the resolution to authorize the issuance of the final 2015 New York State Energy Plan.

### **Other Business**

The final agenda item was other business. Ms. Joseph stated that the final State Energy Plan would be posted on the State Energy Planning Board website and that a schedule would be established for developing the biennial report on the State Energy Plan as required by the Energy Planning Law.

There being no other business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



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