

Energy Committee Meeting
Minutes
August 28, 2019

Present: Doug Smith, Tim Cronin, Jim Pineo, Linda Murray, Paul O'Brien, Dick Byrd, Barry Muccio, Jim Nupp, Nancy Hirshberg, Susan Fuller, John Byers

Opening round introductions.

Barry presented results of his research on net metering rate/revenue materials. He concluded that while electric usage increased with generators on average 49%, the financial losses to the MED were still 25%. Barry's presentation is available with the details.

Outstanding issues in the net metering policy:

Ratepayer is holder of the interconnect: Agreed by the committee that this is acceptable

Monetary v. kWh net metering: Agreed by the committee that the new policy will continue to be calculated on a monetary basis.

Monthly v. Hourly net metering: Agreed by the committee that the current process of calculating usage on a monthly basis is acceptable.

100 kW array limit: Agreed by the committee to support Barry's 100 kW limit proposal. As new technology is becoming commercially viable quickly and in light of the bold goal established in the energy chapter of the master plan, it is recommended that the MED review the policy annually and update pieces of it as necessary. Barry expressed concern about the amount of time required to update the policy. It was also recommended that the MED keep in the policy the language stating that all systems need to be vetted by the engineers to be sure that they work for the MEDs system without increased costs.

Virtual group net metering: The committee did not reach agreement on this topic. Barry would prefer not to include this in the policy and said that there is a cost to doing so for the MED. He expressed that there are ways for people to do it on their own without the MED being involved. The committee asked that Barry find out what the cost is and perhaps that could be borne by the group metering generators. The MED would be protected by any large scale efforts by the 100 kW limit. Virtual net metering is a way that right now we could encourage more solar in Wolfeboro. Barry will check with the billing company and determine what the cost would be to bill for group net metering. Included in this would be determining what the distribution system costs are. Barry does not want this to hold up the approval of the policy. He will ask Brenda to attend the next meeting.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 9:30 a.m. location Great Hall in the Wolfeboro Town Hall. Goal will be to finalize and approve the outstanding issues of distribution charge, grandfathering, and virtual net metering.