

## **Salem Power Plant Revitalization Task Force - Decommissioning Subcommittee Meeting**

Thursday, December 19, 2013

1:00pm – 3:00pm

DPU (One South Station, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor) Conference Room C  
Boston, MA 02114

### **Meeting Attendees:**

John Keenan	Massachusetts House of Representatives
Michael Rodrigues	Massachusetts Senate
Jim Buckley	DPU, EFSB
Ron Gerwatowski	National Grid
Patricia Haddad	Massachusetts House of Representatives
Mary “Weezie” Nuara	ISO-NE
Stephen Rourke	ISO-NE
Jon Bonsall	Keegan Werlin
Jim Smith	
Erica Kreuter	HEG
Jeremy Spittle	Office of Senator Rodrigues
James McCaffrey	Sierra Club
Dan Burgess	EEA
Sandra Merrick	AGO
Bob Ross	AGO
John Beling	AGO
Jesse Reyes	AGO
Lauren Farrell	EEA
Gary Moran	DEP
Joel Wool	Clean Water Action

### **Documents Discussed:**

Agenda  
Draft Legislation

*Dan Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:05pm*

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dan Burgess welcomed the Subcommittee Members and attendees and began the introductions. He noted that after the last meeting, ISO-NE was invited in to speak and welcomed them to the meeting. For the meeting agenda, Mr. Burgess said ISO-NE will present first, hoping the presentation will create a robust conversation after.

### **Presentation: “ISO New England Update” Stephen Rourke**

ISO-NE presented and opened the discussion up for questions.

Mr. Gerwatowski asked what the impact of adding 1000MW of solar in Massachusetts. Mr. Rourke said there is a study on solar investment in the region, noting there is 2000MW in the region and 30-30% nameplate capacity value in the summer; not as much in the winter. Mr. McCaffrey asked if the decision

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is to retire despite reliability. Mr. Rourke said the plants have 6 months to give notice, but are under tariff to stay until 2017.

### **Next Steps**

Mr. Burgess thanked ISO-NE for their presentation and noted that the slides would be posted on the Task Force website. He noted the subcommittee deadline is December-31 but a letter would need to be sent to the Clerks office to inform them of the need for additional time. Sen. Rodrigues suggested a motion to file in February 1, 2014. Mr. Dolan seconded the notion, Mr. Burgess asked all in favor to say "aye" and the Task Force replied "aye". Mr. Burgess said the Task Force will inform the Legislature on their intent to file a report by February 1 and noted the subcommittee should meet multiple times in January in order to meet this deadline.

Mr. Burgess said the next public meeting will be in Somerset on January 6 at the Senior Center. Sen. Rodrigues asked if there would be presentations at the meeting. Mr. Burgess replied that it will be more of a public meeting and noted the Secretary will be in attendance. He said two dates (January 13 & 22) are currently being held for the next meeting and EEA will try to work around any scheduling conflicts.

### **Discuss Final Products**

Mr. Burgess noted that themes were passed around at the last meeting and he has not heard from the Task Force regarding these themes. He asked for any feedback or comments in writing, or through discussion at the meeting. Mr. Dolan said he has a concern, noting the existing requirements and gaps should be identified first before determining what regulations are necessary to move forward. He continued that the existing requirements should be nailed down and the task force should keep their options open. Sen. Rodrigues asked if there are any specific immediate requirements. Mr. Dolan said he is not sure, but knows there are existing DEP requirements for hazardous waste and storage.

Rep. Haddad noted that one plant has already closed without anything to save the town. She asked if anything can be done retroactively to help the out of control situation. Mr. Beling responded that 21A is retroactive but does not require looking for contamination and adding that would help. He also said there is no requirement to tear down the buildings noting there is a need to set up a decommissioning plan for environmental cleanup that also addresses the issue with the building. Mr. Beling continued that a fund would need to be set up in order to protect the community. Rep. Keenan noted that the buildings are probably more blight than contamination.

Mr. Burgess noted that these are the types of comments and discussions that need to come through at the last meetings and also indicated that many of these requirements had been discussed at meetings earlier in the process. He said the draft of themes Mr. Davis wrote can be re-circulated and asked the subcommittee to look over them. Mr. McCaffrey said he is interested in providing input, if possible. Mr. Wool said he appreciates the discussion, is aware of the scenario, and is thankful for the ability to sit at the table.

Mr. Burgess noted there is a public hearing on January 6, 2014 in Somerset and then a subcommittee meeting on January 13, 2014, and asked for the subcommittee to provide any feedback they may have.

*The meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.*

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