

Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility
Executive Committee
DESEU Office - 500 W. Loockerman Street, Suite 400, Dover, DE 19904
February 20, 2019 - 1:30 PM

Senator Harris B. McDowell, III (teleconference) called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Members present were Richard Jones (teleconference), and Kristopher Knight (teleconference). Also present were Frank Murphy, General Counsel (teleconference), Andrew Slater (teleconference), Andrea Kreiner (teleconference), Joseph Schorah (teleconference), Cindy Deakyne, Anthony DePrima, Suzanne Sebastian, and Lisa Gardner (teleconference).

1. MOU – Multiple Family Loan Program – Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) - During the January 18, 2019 Oversight Board Meeting, several questions were raised regarding the rents remaining affordable for residents of properties that may receive construction period loans for energy efficiency improvements through a proposed low-interest loan partnership between the SEU and DSHA.

Ms. Cindy Deakyne, Housing Development Administrator for the DSHA was present to share the mission of the DSHA and answer questions related to this potential partnership. In regards to the MOU, she indicated that rents are required to be capped by the Internal Revenue Service to be low; between 30% to 60% of area median income. She also stated that all requests for rent increases must be brought before the DSHA and that restrictions are in place so that the increase cannot be raised any higher than \$25.00 per year for a renter. She reiterated that it is the DSHA's mission to keep the rent affordable for all Delawareans.

All members were presented the draft MOU. There was no action taken on this matter. This item will placed on the March 15, 2019 Oversight Board Meeting agenda for approval.

2. Application for Exelon Low Income Settlement Funds – Mr. DePrima stated that during the January 18, 2019 Oversight Board Meeting he was authorized to submit a proposal to be the Fund/Grant Manager for the Low-Income Settlement Funds.

Mr. DePrima proposed that the settlement funds be placed into a fund called “Energy Efficiency Opportunity Fund” and that the SEU enter into a fund agreement with the Delaware Community Foundation to hold the funds. They would also assist the SEU in finding additional “community and private sector funds” to be added to the Energy Efficiency Fund. Continuing, Mr. DePrima recommended, should the SEU be selected, that the SEU be the first outside contributor to the Energy Efficiency Opportunity Fund by committing \$1 million dollars of RGGI funds next fiscal year. He stated that such a contribution would show our commitment to assisting low-income residents and allow the program to be expanded statewide.

After much discussion regarding the details of the merger/fund agreement, it was the consensus of members to include language in the RFP that the Executive Director would advocate to the Oversight Board to include a contribution to the fund should the SEU be selected as the Fund/Grant Manager for the Low-Income Settlement Funds.

Ms. Kreiner abstained from partaking in the above discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM