



Executive Director's Report

July – August 2015

- **Cadmus MV&E Study** - The Cadmus study is nearing completion. Cadmus staffers have completed the pilot program evaluation tool and the program portfolio plan template. They are now completing the Program Operating Plans. Their draft recommendations were presented at the July Board meeting. They are now finalizing the recommendations.
- **Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC)** - The Council has now approved energy saving targets for Delaware and a portfolio of candidate programs. The Portfolio includes a wide array of potential programs for the Utilities to choose from. It is expected that the utilities will return with their proposed portfolios by the end of the year. I have been in discussions with all the utilities regarding how the SEU can fit into their plans. I think the EEAC activities should be a major focus of our November meeting.
- **Pre-weatherization Program** – We now are under contract with Catholic Charities; they are in the startup phase of this program and hiring necessary staff. We plan on having the program up and running in October.
- **Assisted Home Performance with Energy Star Program** – This program has now been designed and funded. We are on the marketing and educational aspects of the program. The last piece prior to program launch is a contract with Catholic Charities to do the income verification.
- **2016 Bond Issue** – In April, Governor Markell asked Finance Secretary Cook to develop, with the SEU, a “Green Light” letter to set forth parameters for a second bond issue. Since then, the letter has been drafted and is under review. In addition, a target of a \$75 Million bond issue has been agreed upon. A number of processes and technical improvements have been identified. I will be asking the Board at the September meeting to approve funding for technical services to help us determine the best practices to implement those improvements.
- **Chase Center and Christina School District ESPC loans** – The loan committee approved a loan for the Chase Center in the amount of \$2.7 million for an energy savings performance contract. We expect the loan to close in the next week. In addition, a loan for Christina School District in the amount of \$5.3 million was also approved, we expect this loan to close within the next month.
- **Solar Resiliency Pilot Program** –The RFP will be issued in September. The release was delayed due to a problem with site visit schedules. A full presentation on the status will be made at the September board meeting; the scope and cost are significantly reduced due to removing the public schools from the Pilot.
- **Green Banking Study** –The Coalition for Green Capital is finalizing their Phase II study; it should be published within the next week. We will make the results a focus of the November board meeting.
- **Net Zero Energy Manufactured Housing Study** – Phase II of the study has now kicked off; a draft outline has been approved along with a stakeholder engagement plan. Three board members and I will be traveling to Vermont in October to learn more about how NZE-MH is being built and implemented.
- **ESC Delaware Energy Conference** – We are once again going to be a sponsor for the Delaware Energy Conference that is put on by the Delaware Chapter of the Energy Services Coalition. Please consider signing up for the conference; it will be held at the Chase Center on October 21, 2015.