



**Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council (CEEJAC)
Energy & Technology Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

3:00-4:30 pm

Meeting Recording: https://ctvideo.ct.gov/deep/2025-06-18_CEEJAC_Energy_Meeting_Recording.mp4

Description

Join the Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Council's Energy & Technology Subcommittee to learn about energy efficiency programs that are managed by the state's Energy Efficiency Board through the Conservation & Load Management Plan. This is the plan that impacts cost incentives to make your home more energy efficient. Learn about the state's planning process and how to engage or activate your communities.

I. Welcome

II. Overview of CT's [Energy Efficiency Board \(EEB\)](#) and [Conservation and Load Management](#)

- *Bernie Pelletier*, People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE); EEB Board Member – Representative, Residential
- *Kathy Fay*, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) New Haven; EEB Board Member – Representative, Low-Income Customers

Who is the EEB?

Created in 1998, 6 non-voting members from utilities; voting members are defined by statutes

What does EEB do?

- Assist and advise utilities to develop and implement cost effective energy conservation and market transformation plans
- Report to legislators on program performance – need to focus on making sure legislators understand this work ([EEB Annual Legislative Reports: 2001-2024 | EnergizeCT](#))
- Funded by gas and electric bill surcharge, RGGI Funds, and Forward Capacity Market auctions – where we sell efficiency to ISO-NE and get paid for it
- Programs must be cost-effective – assumption is that when one person benefits there are two tiers of beneficiaries: the individual and everyone else

How does EEB Operate?

Through the following working groups:

- Commercial & Industrial
- Evaluation
- Marketing
- Residential (Bernie is Chair)
- Equity Working Group (Kathy is on this group)

What is C&LM? [EEB C&LM Plans | EnergizeCT](#)

Decarbonization, Equitable Access, Energy Affordability

**Governor's goals for decarbonization can only be achieved through the programs in C&LM

1. Residential Programs includes: retail products, HVAC and Water Heating equipment, Residential new construction, Behavioral Strategies, Home Energy Solutions, Multifamily Initiative, Residential Active Demand Response, Residential Financing

- **Home Energy Solutions (HES)**
 - Market rate program for building 1-4 units: energy assessment, health and safety, on the spot energy measures, and audit for what savings
- **Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible (HES-IE)**
 - Does HES program, but only eligible to households below 60% SMI; includes no cost measures for insulation, HVAC, duct sealing, windows.
 - Applies to landlords who has income-eligible residents in the home
- **Multifamily**
 - Buildings with 5+ units; combines HES, HES-IE, and Commercial elements
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2. Financing – energy efficiency costs a lot up front so there are a few financing programs that can be helpful

3. Commercial and Industrial – program helps you incept a program; **Small Business Energy Advantage** – depends on how much energy you require, would apply for small businesses, nonprofits, and churches (equivalent to HES-IE for those businesses)

4. Education, Workforce Development, Community Outreach – K-12 education, workforce training and certification – heat pump installer network, customer education, technical education for towns – benchmarking for your town's energy use

- Green STEP (Sustainability Technical Education Program) – paid technical training for high school students which ends in certifications
- Energy in Action Mobile Exhibit – drives to events
- Community Partnership Initiative (Devon W from Eversource) - make a community pitch to market programs to a group of residents
- Community Grants available for Community Outreach

Data Measures Progress – for example how many people use HES in my town? [CEC TownData](#)

SUMMARY Points from Bernie – CT's Energy Future is under attack and is really hard to make it through the legislative session, particularly when people talk about banning the public benefit charge (because many of these programs come from that public benefit charge). If federal programs don't pass or come to the states, then the C&LM programs are the only ones that are here.

What is the Equity Working Group for EEB?

- Recently formed in May 2025
- Jayson Velazquez brought the formal motion to the EEB that we have the Equity Working Group.
- Brought on a DEI Consultant for many years to establish these goals and objectives with them. Now we're working with another consultant, CTRFactor, to move the process forward. Steering Committee – meets regularly as a committee and then will rotate with public engagement meetings. First meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 24 in New Haven.

What is the Evaluation Committee for EEB?

- Kathy chairs this group
- Evaluation – how well are we doing? Meant to act as accountability process and determine how well we are doing.
- There are 4 different types of studies conducted: Impact, Process, Market Assessment, Data Mining Studies. Evaluation Committee is able to say that programs need to be improved.
- Access Studies here: [EEB Evaluation Reports and Studies | EnergizeCT](#)
- you can look through the studies, start at kickoff slides to see if this study might be most relevant to you

Discussion Questions:

How can CEEJAC Members best engage in the EEB work?

Equity Working Group meetings are a great place to engage; there are public comment periods at the beginning/end of all EEB meetings – if questions are raised we keep track of the questions to be answered immediately or we can respond later. Those meetings are a great way to bring up something that you've identified. Those in the field with specific questions – reach out and say “Is there a resource/program for the problem that I'm seeing?”. C&LM is a 3-year program, each year there is an update to the program so we are looking at what should be done for the 2026 update.

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What do you think are the biggest equity challenges in the energy efficiency space?

How do we sort through Energy Web in the state?

All energy efficiency programs are all EEB programs. PURA Dockets are something that hasn't happened yet – they will build out the program. PURA's EASE docket is also interested in looking for stakeholder engagement around the work that they are doing. Aids at the legislature who work on energy issues. Green Bank also has public meetings and have public engagement at the beginning and end.

Dr. Mark Mitchell: Find that it's easier to ask the EEB than other groups. How do you see the equity committee operating? What do you see coming in front of that group?

The meetings will be iterative and we're hoping to learn from every meeting that we have.

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Working Group Objectives and Goals. We need to start creating resilience hubs in communities – not just about responding to crisis, but ensuring that correct information is shared, plans for evacuation, and that we're collectively responsible to getting the right information to communities. The 2026 plan is focused on Decarbonization – there is still resiliency as a part of that equation.

III. Upcoming Events

DEEP Multifamily Stakeholder Roundtable Listening Session (Retrofits)

June 24, 2025 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Location: 79 Elm St. Hartford, CT

[Register to Attend Here](#)

CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting (Hybrid)

June 26, 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: 295 Meridian St. Groton, CT (Groton City Council Chambers)

[Register for Zoom Link](#) | *No Registration Needed for In-Person*

CEEJAC Energy & Technology Meeting (Virtual)

ISO New England and Grid 101

July 16, 2025 | 3:00-4:30 PM

[Register for Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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