RNG Committee Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020 @ 1:00pm ET

**Attendees:** 36
- Tom O’Rourke, Eversource Energy
- Thomas Murray, VGS
- Jonathan Hirte, DTE
- Randy Beck, Waste Management
- Ryan Gach, Waste Management
- Steve Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh & Associates
- Sarah Bailey, Eversource
- Norma McDonald, OWS
- Bryan Nudelbacher, US Gain
- Craig Frear, Regenis
- Scott O’Neill, Waste Management
- Nyoca Davis, Eversource
- Charles Love, Trillium
- Jim Lemon, BTR Energy
- Michael Lemon, BTR Energy
- Diane Saber, REEThink
- Jessica Linville-LeRoy, Mendota Agriproducts
- Yvan Champagne
- Ricardo Hamdan, Hitachi Zosen Inova
- Matt Tomich, Energy Vision
- Derek Hundert, PlanET Biogas
- Tom Gratz, Hitachi Zosen Inova
- Paul Greene, Montrose Environmental
- Bernie Sheff, Montrose Environmental
- Eric Wilgenbusch, Unison Solutions
- Sirasha Chada, Barlett & West
- Ryan Forrest, Trillium
- Brad Pleima, EcoEngineers
- Antonio Saavedra, Xebec
- Rashi Akki, Ag Grid
- Brian Langolf, UW Oshkosh
- Several unknown

**Staff:**
- Patrick Serfass
- George Davidson
- Caroline Peat

**Agenda**
1) Welcome and Antitrust
2) RNG Program for Massachusetts (Tom O’Rourke, Eversource)
   a) Potential actions:
i. Supporting the rate case
ii. Educating legislators on role of RNG re: 2030 MA carbon targets
iii. Introducing a renewable gas standard bill/identifying a champion

b) Discussed actions:
   i. Provide testimony on Maine RGS—Tom Murray suggestion
   ii. Work with MA utility commission to make sure any RNG program supports small farms since there aren’t as many large farms. They also need to ensure that food waste and industrial waste as a feedstock can be used to get RNG projects to pencil
   iii. Create a presentation to give to staff of MA commission on RNG—need to get them to value the carbon and societal benefits
   iv. Respond to points 30 and 31 in the document from the MA Attorney General. RNG as a biofuel and for electricity.
   v. Need to educate folks on the carbon benefits of non-agricultural biogas
   vi. Communicate how recycling organic waste issues in the NE is a particular opportunity due to high landfill rates

3) ABC’s RNG purity recommendation: we need to include a Wobbe number (Patrick Serfass, ABC)
   a) Volunteers:
      i. Diane Saber, REEThink
      ii. Ryan Gach, WM
      iii. Sara Bailey, Eversource
   b) https://americanbiogascouncil.org/resources/rng-purity-recommendation

4) Delay in Colorado’s RNG program (George Davidson, ABC)
   a) Due to need to focus on COVID-related issues, not because of anything related to RNG
   b) Chris Hansen, the lead is well trusted by the legislature, so this is likely to proceed next year when the legislature takes these issues up again. But first, Senator Hansen needs to win his re-election.

5) Adjourn