



## 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, Regenisis  
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  
Richardo 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