



Setting the Standards for
Home Energy Efficiency



Minutes of RESNET Board Meeting December 14, 2017

Members Present

Dave Bell
Steve Byers
Brett Dillon
Matt Gingrich
Roy Honican
Cardice Howard
Mark Jansen
Mark Johnson
Cy Kilbourn
Abe Kruger
Nancy St. Hilaire
Kelly Stephens

Members Absent

Jim Amarin
Jacob Atalla
David Beam
Bob Eipert
Philip Fairey
David Goldstein
Curt Rich
Clayton Traylor
Daran Wastchak

Staff Present

Steve Baden
Emma Bennett

Guests Present

Amber Wood
Brian Christenson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by RESNET Board President Roy Honican at 10:01 a.m. Pacific Time.

Roll Call

On behalf of RESNET Secretary Matt Gingrich, Emma Bennett, RESNET Staff, called the roll. A quorum was present.

RESNET Anti-Trust Policy

Roy Honican reviewed the anti-trust policy with the board.

Approval of the RESNET Board Meeting Minutes of November 2 & 3, 2017

Matt Gingrich presented the draft board minutes of the November 2 & 3, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Nancy St. Hilaire made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2 & 3, 2017. Cy Kilbourn seconded the motion. Motion passes by voice vote.

RESNET Staff Proposal for Deadline of Hourly Simulation Requirement

Steve Baden, RESNET Executive Director gave a background on the issue. On October 20, 2015, the RESNET Board adopted the policy that all HERS software program be hourly based. The Board, however, had not adopted a deadline for the policy to be implemented. At the Fall 2017 RESNET Board meeting RESNET staff was directed to work with REM/Rate with an analysis to consider when the deadline should be.

After discussions with NORESKO, RESNET Staff is proposing that all accredited HERS software programs be required that their simulations be hourly based beginning on January 1, 2019. HERS software programs would be required to demonstrate that they are hourly based as part of the accreditation application for 2019.

After Mr. Baden's presentation Amber Wood of NORESKO presented a proposal that REM/Rate would have the following deadlines:

- **January 1, 2019** - Have a version of REM/Rate available that will calculate the HERS index using an hourly engine for a single family home with typical production builder features
- **July 31, 2019** - Have a version of REM/Rate available that will calculate the HERS index using an hourly engine for multifamily homes
- **January 1, 2020** - Have a version of REM/Rate available that will calculate the HERS index using an hourly engine for single family, multifamily, and all home features currently in the desktop

Steve suggested that the Board vote on a deadline for HERS software program simulation engines be hourly based and then discuss a transition period.

Nancy St. Hilaire made the following motion, "All accredited HERS software programs shall demonstrate that their simulation engines are hourly based as part of the 2019 accreditation process."

Dave Bell seconded the motion.

Cy Kilbourn proposes that the deadline be moved from January 2019 to January 2020.

Brett Dillon suggests tabling the motion and reviewing the NORESKO transition proposal first before moving into a vote. Steve Baden supported the suggestion. With no objections Roy Honican tabled the motion.

Steve Baden reviewed the timeline NORESKO provided that was sent out to the board.

Kelly Stephen made a motion to accept NORESKO's proposed transition phase for REM/Rate. Kelly Stephens withdrew his motion based on the motion that was tabled previously.

Cy Kilbourn suggests an amendment to the original motion, that January 1st, 2020 should be the deadline set by the RESNET Board and NORESKO can follow their own timeline as needed.

Nancy St. Hilaire and Dave Bell accept this as a friendly amendment.

The new motion was, "All accredited HERS software programs shall demonstrate that their simulation engines are hourly based as part of the 2020 accreditation process"

Dave Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

New Business

Roy Honican asked if there was any new business. There was none.

Adjournment

Mark Jansen made a motion to adjourn.

Roy Honican adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted
Matt Gingrich, RESNET Board Secretary