**BE Committee Highest Priority Goals 2024 3/7/24**

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| **Goal** | **Leader** | **Supporter** | **1Q24** | **2Q24** | **3Q24** | **4Q24** | **Notes** | **Priority** | **Trigger** |
| BE Legislation – TBD (coalition’s 15 bills?) | Smiller&  pmiller | dorflin longen ericks | Throughout.  Hearings, meetings, as needed | Throughout.  Hearings, meetings, as needed | Throughout.  Hearings, meetings, as needed | Throughout.  Hearings, meetings, as needed |  | H | Critical hearings, events |
| S249 Beneficial Building Electrification. Counting societal benefit gives electricity an advantage over gas. | Smiller& pmiller |  |  |  |  |  | 2023 bills were S3672/A5591. Bill introduced in Mar 2023, pulled before hearing due to heavy fossil fuel opposition. | H | At time of intro. At time of testifying against attack of fossil fuel. |
| S258 Grid Modernization: We might propose amendments supporting demand/response and shared-use two-way EV batteries... | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks | Believe timing is with S237 (Clean elec std) |  |  |  | S258 was previously S3992 in 2023. | H | NEEP has a working group. SGM applied to build expertise |
| S237/A1480 NJ Renewable Portfolio Std, also known as 100% Clean Elec by 2035 | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks |  |  |  |  | S237 was previously S2978 in 2023 | H | Support when/if needed |
| From EO 316: Provide “Voluntary enhanced building stds consistent w. applicable law that builders may use” | Smiller&  pmiller | dorflin | Feb ’24 IECC hearing |  |  |  | May require changes to existing laws. DCA provides? Based on 2024 IECC? | H | TBD. Strongest IECC may become critical |
| Utility filings: 2nd Triennium Energy Effic BPU Stakeholder Hearings | Smiller&  pmiller | dorflin ericks nelson | Throughout, as sched by BPU | Throughout, as sched by BPU |  |  | Rec’vd Dec 2023  2nd Triennium – 3 yrs beg 1/1/25 | H | NOW note 1 |
| NJ IRA Rebates (NJ BPU hearings) | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks dorflin nelson | Hearings as sched by BPU | Hearings as sched by BPU | Hearings as sched by BPU | Hearings as sched by BPU | HOMES/HEEHRA rebates. 4 BE members provided comments for 1/12/24 deadline. | H | At time of hearing |
| From EO 316; OCAGE (Office of Climate Action & Green Economy) supplies Strategic Roadmap of Building Decarb. See note3 for NESCAUM pledges | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks dorflin nelson |  | April ‘24 |  |  | Based on previous report by Gov’s Working Grp on Bldg Decarb | M | 1.release of Working grp. report  2. release of Strategic roadmap draft |
| From EO 317: a report from BPU recommend’s for a “Clean Heat” gas standard to meet emission reduction stds and “recommend’s for shifting investment funding from gas to elec system infrastruc upgrades” | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks nelson |  | Hearing as sched(?) by BPU | Hearing as sched(?) by BPU  Aug ‘24 |  | EO 317 gives deadline (18 months after 2/15/2023): 8/15/2024? | H | Hearing scheduled for BPU “Clean Heat gas standard”  Legislation needed? |
| Agency Rule-Making Hearings BPU, DEP EDA, DCA… | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks | As occurs | As occurs | As occurs | As occurs | BE group provided comments several times to BPU, DEP in 2023 | M | critical hearing |
| NJ 2024 Energy Master Plan Stakeholder Hearings | smiller pmiller | dorflin longen ericks | Throughout, as sched by BPU | Throughout, as sched by BPU | Throughout, as sched by BPU | Throughout, as sched by BPU |  | M | Critical stakeholders & hearing |
| DEP Climate Pollution Reduction program DOE IRA grants to DEP | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks | Throughout, as sched by DEP | Throughout, as sched by DEP | Throughout, as sched by DEP | Throughout, as sched by DEP | BE group provided comments in Dec 2023 | M | Hearing |
| BPU/DEP/EDA RGGI Scoping doc - building electrification | Smiller&  pmiller | ericks | as sched by DEP | as sched by DEP | as sched by DEP | as sched by DEP |  | M | hearing |
| BPU-NJ Clean Energy EE monthly public stakeholder meetings | None needed | dorflin smiller nelson pmiller | Monthly 3rd Thurs 1 pm | Monthly 3rd Thurs 1 pm | Monthly 3rd Thurs 1 pm | Monthly 3rd Thurs 1 pm | Register [Energy Efficiency Stakeholder Group | NJ OCE Web Site (njcleanenergy.com)](https://njcleanenergy.com/stakeholdergroups/energy-efficiency) | M | Monthly: to keep abreast (education) |
| Build our own “Coach” (grassroots) positions: use NY, MA, and other state examples. | None needed | longen dorflin pmiller  smiller | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Rewiring America provides training. Database of vendors needs to be built (see below). | M | note 2 |
| Create a resource for referrals to vendors. | smiller nelson | longen | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | What can be provided by ACCA (Air Conditioning Contractors of America)? | M | Note 2 |
| Work with NJ AARP to explore launch of electrification campaign | nelson longen | pmiller | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Also needs DB of vendors | M Note 2 | Note 2 |
| Continue Betsy’s substack blog | longen | smiller dorflin nelson | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing |  | M | Continue as commicatio tool |
| Continue BE monthly webinars | smiller | longen nelson pmiller | Monthly | Monthly | Monthly | Monthly |  | M note 2 | Note 2 |
| Continue presentations to various audiences | None needed | BE Team +Others | As scheduled | As scheduled | As scheduled | As scheduled |  | M note 2 | Note 2 |
| Write articles for Jersey Sierran | smiller pmiller | longen dorflin | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | Betsy L and Judith Green submitted Feb 3 article | M note 2 | Note2 |

NOTES

1. Examine each electric filing. Is there a BPU std for evaluations? Compare rebates with 2024 and with each other. Are there confusing differences?  
   create 2025 utility rebates column in Steve’s comparison chart.
2. We must build NJ popular support: it is critical to supply voting pressure. Politicians vote as constituents demand. Attract people to join Sierra Club.
3. NESCAUM, [2024-2-7 Press](https://www.nescaum.org/documents/2.7.24-nescaum-mou-press-release.pdf) “Nine States Pledge Join Action to Accelerate Transition to Clean Buildings”; By 2030, 65% of residential space/water heaters are heat pumps; by 2040, 90% of residential space/water heaters are heat pumps