

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2007

1. Call to Order

The January 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Jack Goldberg designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate); John Mengacci designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Marie O'Brien, president of the Connecticut Development Authority (appointee of the Governor); Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Guests of the board were Ray Wilson and William Leahy of OPM.

2. Public Comment

Vice Chair Mary Healey presided and opened the meeting to public comment.

Henry Link made a statement supporting electric rates being tied to usage, the more a customer uses the more the customer pays.

There was not further public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Healey asked the board to review the minutes of the December meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. The board approved the minutes as distributed.

4. ISO-New England Presentation

Ms. Healey introduced Eric Johnson from ISO-NE who in turn introduced Steve Rourke and Frank Mezzanotte of ISO as well. The three presenters gave a status report on the Southern New England Reliability (SNETR) project. Northeast Utilities and National Grid are the two utilities involved in siting facilities that are a part of the project. In response to a question from Ms. Healey, the presenters stated that ISO is an intervener in relevant dockets in each of the three states involved in SNETR: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There are two key elements of the transmission issues being addressed: interstate issues and Connecticut East-West transmission. Completion of the phases of SNETR related projects will run from 2007 through 2012.

5. Vice Chairman's Report

Ms. Healey reported on the December Energy and Technology Legislative Committee hearing on energy matters. She noted that board agencies were represented at the hearings and made comments. Quick activity by the legislature on energy matters is anticipated in the current session. Currently there are several major energy bills in the works for review and consideration by the legislature.

6. Nominating Committee Report

On behalf of the board Nominating Committee for 2007 officers, Ms. Healey noted that there was no slate to put forth for board consideration. She encouraged members to step forward to fill these positions and to allow the current chairman to step down. Until a slate is available, the current officers will remain in place.

7 2007 Energy Plan Update

Ray Wilson reported that the draft 2007 plan was issued for comment on December 8, 2006. Hearings are scheduled for next week in Norwalk, Hartford, and Norwich. Board members were encouraged to attend as many of the sessions as possible. An email was sent to elected officials of Connecticut municipalities publicizing the hearings.

8. CEAB PA 05-2 Report

Mr. Wilson reported that the CEAB progress report required of it by PA 05-2: An Act Concerning Emergency Home Heating Assistance would be ready for board review in time to vote on its approval at the February meeting.

9. CEAB Substation Reactive RFPs

Ms. Healey noted that although the board reviewed the report submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council on UI's proposed Trumbull substation, the report had not been formally approved by the board. After discussion it was moved by seconded and approved by the board that it ratify the report as submitted.

10. CEAB Consulting RFP

The RFP for technical consulting support for CEAB received one response. The committee plans to submit a recommendation for consideration by the board at its February meeting.

11. Other Business

Mr. Wilson reported that CEAB is still awaiting receipt of funds from Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) in support of the budget approved by DPUC. He will follow up again with CL&P.

The board opened discussion on how to present the final 2007 Energy Plan to the legislature. Asking to be put on the agenda of the cognizant committees was suggested. Finally it was decided to refer this to Chairman Downes for consideration on how to proceed.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, February 6, 2007