

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2007

1. Call to Order

The February 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; 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); Nicole Lugli, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Carl Schiessl (appointee of the Speaker of the House) and David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Ray Wilson of OPM was a guest of the board.

2. Public Comment

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

David Brewster, president of EnerNOC, Inc. presented an overview of his company, a leading provider of technology-enabled total energy management solutions including full-service demand response.

There was no other public comment.

3. Election of Officers

Marie O'Brien submitted a recommendation from the board's nominating committee that John Mengacci be CEAB chair for the remainder of 2007 and Mary Healey remain vice chair. After discussion it was moved, seconded and resolved to adopt the officers recommended by the committee and elect the officers put forth. Mr. Mengacci thanked the board and extended appreciation to the board's prior chairs: Donald Downes and Art Rocque. He also thanked Mary Healey for her service as vice chair.

4. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the January meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. The board approved the minutes as distributed.

5. Chairman's Report

Mr. Mengacci reviewed the status of potential energy legislation in the current session of the legislature. There are competing proposals and the Governor is to put forth her recommendation on Wednesday. This version proposes changes to the Department of Public Utility Control and the establishment of a state energy department. It incorporates much of the Governor's previously issued Energy Vision including restoring full funding to the Energy Efficiency Fund and Energy Conservation Management Fund. Ray Wilson added his interpretation of the current status of proposed energy legislation. Mary Healey reported that the Energy and Technology Committee of the legislature has a hearing scheduled for February 13, 2007 on energy bills and another on February 14th on other energy-related matters.

Marie O'Brien recommended that funds to promote projects to improve Connecticut's energy usage and reliability should be allocated and structured so they can be disbursed as quickly as possible. The State should apply common business practices in this regard and minimize bureaucracy.

Mr. Mengacci expressed support for funds being administered as efficiently and effectively as possible so long as protection of the proper disbursement and use of State funds is maintained.

On another legislative matter, Marie O'Brien noted that the State's Task Force on Brownfields Strategies' report to the legislature is advocating inter-agency cooperation between the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut Development Authority/Connecticut Brownfields Redevelopment Authority, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Transportation and the Office for Responsible Growth as essential to effective brownfields redevelopment.

6. Energy Plan

Mr. Mengacci asked if there were remarks on the final 2007 energy plan for the board with responses to public comment distributed to the board prior to the meeting. There were none and the board moved, seconded and resolved to adopt the plan as distributed for submission to the legislature. The board next discussed how to deliver the plan to the committees of cognizance for the plan. It was recommended that Mr. Mengacci request to submit the plan at the Energy and Technology Committee hearing on February 13th.

7. CEAB PA 02 Report

Mr. Mengacci gave an overview of the board's report on PA 02 – An Act Concerning Home Energy Assistance. The board's report noted difficulties in administration of the act's programs largely due to the timing of passage of the act in relation to the start of the 2005 heating season. After discussion, the board moved, seconded and resolved to adopt the report as distributed for submittal.

Ms. O'Brien recommended presenting this report along with the 2007 Energy Plan during the hearing of the Energy and Technology Committee.

8. CEAB Consultant RFP

Mr. Mengacci reported that the board's subcommittee for the consulting RFP had received only one proposal from La Capra Associates. The committee met with La Capra's president, Dan Peaco, to resolve questions related to the proposal and discuss how to improve board oversight of the firm's work. La Capra is going to work with the Agency Staff Work Group of the board to define specific job orders and keep the group informed on work progress. More forecasting of matters needing consultant support is anticipated. The committee recommended approving hiring La Capra to provide the service requested in the consulting RFP. After discussion, the board moved, seconded and resolved contracting with La Capra for this work.

9. CEAB Substation Reactive RFPs

Ms. Healey reported that no requests for bidders' conferences were received for either of UI's proposed substations – one in Guilford and one in Oxford. Deadline for questions is this Friday, February 9th and proposals are due by February 27th.

10. Other Business

In response to an inquiry about CEAB's desired legislative change to provide it the right of permissive refusal in issuing reactive requests for proposal within certain parameters, Mr. Mengacci assured the board that he and Mary Healey will work to make sure this change is passed.

Mr. Mengacci reported that the board submitted its opinion letter to ISO New England (ISO-NE) regarding its plans for Southern New England Transmission Reliability (SNETR). Eric Johnson of ISO-NE was present and acknowledged receipt of the letter. In response to questions about what are the next near term steps, Mr. Johnson reported that ISO's options report is the next scheduled item.

ISO's invitation to visit their facility in Massachusetts was discussed and the consensus was the board should invite the leadership of the legislature's Energy and Technology Committee to join the board in its visit and schedule it after

the March 13th deadline for bill filing. The board suggested Mr. Mengacci as chairman of CEAB extend the invitation to legislators when details are set.

With regard to the budget status report for the board, Dave Carey asked why there was an unexpended balance still showing for 2005 not yet returned to the utilities. Mr. Wilson explained that the balance could not be closed out and returned until billings for the open La Capra contract are closed out.

Marie O'Brien commented favorably on findings in the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering's (CASE) report on Energy Alternatives and Conservation prepared for the legislature which was circulated to the board. The board agreed to invite CASE to make a presentation on the report at the CEAB March meeting.

Mr. Mengacci noted that he has a regular meeting that conflicts with CEAB's regular start time. He asked if the board would be willing to change the start time to 11:00 a.m. After discussion, the board agreed to the new start time.

Chairman Mengacci also stated he would like to incorporate agency updates into the monthly meetings so members can hear about what is happening at the represented agencies that relates to energy and the contents of the board's energy plan. The board discussed various scenarios for accomplishing this. It was decided that they would start with rotating reports from the agencies with the Dave Carey presenting for the Department of Agriculture in March but the format of reporting could be modified as the process progresses.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans
Approved by: CEAB, March 26, 2007