

**Regular Meeting of the  
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2007

**1. Call to Order**

The April 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Friday, April 13, 2007 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Marie O'Brien, president of the Connecticut Development Authority (appointee of the Governor); Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of Transportation (DOT); 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. Approval of Minutes**

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

**3. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Mengacci announced that Connecticut Innovations has asked him to serve as interim president of that agency and that he has been granted a six month leave of absence from the OPM to do so. The consensus of the board was to seek to have Mr. Mengacci stay on as the designee of the Secretary of OPM in spite of his new position.

With regard to proposed energy legislation, Mr. Mengacci and Ray Wilson reported that there was no consensus on any of the proposals and no action from the board is needed at this time. It was suggested that each agency pursue any opportunity to include revisions to CEAB's request for reactive proposal provisions to exclude projects such as substations from being subject to the process in legislation for this session.

Mr. Mengacci turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Mary Healey to preside and he left the meeting.

**4. Consultant Report**

Ms. Healey stated that two reports related to recent reactive RFPs are due to be submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) this date. The reports are for an Oxford Substation and a Guilford Substation. The reports were circulated to the board in advance of this April meeting. Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates was called on to answer questions from the board. He noted that both substations are 115kV and located in existing utility right of ways. No alternate proposals were received in response to the board's RFPs. After discussion the board moved, seconded and approved the submission of the two reports as presented.

**5. Agency Staff Work Group (ASWG) Report**

Ray Wilson first noted that the start date for La Capra's new contract with the board will be April 15 rather than April 1, 2007 due to administrative necessity at OPM.

He then summarized six proposed initial work orders for La Capra under the new contract. They are for: oversight of a potential RFP for alternatives to SNETR/NEEWS proposals; monitoring/participating in ISO New England regional activity; participation in CSC's 2007 Forecasts docket; monitoring relevant activity at DPUC, DEP, CSC and other state agencies; monitoring federal activity in the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and a generic order for attendance at CEAB and ASWG meetings.

Mary Healey asked if Ray Wilson and Julie Cammarata will monitor the invoicing, budget status and do other due diligence required to properly administer the contract and invoicing. Mr. Wilson answered affirmatively and noted other ASWG members would also participate in this process.

Marie O'Brien stressed that the board should make sure that the consultants are not doing work that should be done by state agency staff that would result in double dipping into state taxpayer/rate payer dollars. She urged the ASWG to monitor the use and role of the consultants closely.

ASWG's role will be to manage the work of the consultants in technical areas beyond the potential scope and capabilities of state agency staff.

Ms. Healey noted that the value of the work orders presented totaled just under \$200,000 versus the higher amount in the budget for the contractor. Mr. Wilson responded that the current work order values represent the minimum initial expected work required. It is envisioned that new work orders will be promulgated as relevant needs arise throughout the year.

Ms. Healey asked which work orders had critical time paths. Mr. Wilson responded that the SNETR/NEEWS and CSC 2007 Forecast orders did. The other work orders are for more general work.

After discussion, the board moved, seconded and approved all work orders as presented.

Mr. Wilson then discussed plans for production of a 2008 energy plan by the board. The target date for submittal is October 2008 to better coincide with other relevant state activity. He next reviewed an outline for the plan. It is proposed to have the board review and approve segments of the plan in stages between now and October 2008. Julie Cammarata and Ray will act as resources to the board to keep them informed of progress on the plan.

The board discussed how to incorporate an assessment of progress into the plan. The end result of the discussion was that ASWG will discuss with La Capra the potential for a work order under their contract to assist with the assessment component of the plan and possibly also discuss utilizing the Institute for Sustainable Energy for this purpose rather than moving forward with approving money to hire other consultants at this time.

## **6. Agency Presentation**

As previously decided by the board, Dave Carey of the Department of Agriculture gave the first in a series of agency updates about what activity is occurring within his agency relevant to the work of CEAB. The Department of Transportation is the next agency scheduled to report at the May 11, 2007 meeting of the board.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB on May 11, 2007