

**Regular Meeting of the  
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2007

**1. Call to Order**

The May 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Friday, May 11, 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); Carl Schiessl (appointee of the Speaker of the House); Jim Sandler (appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate); Commissioner Anne George, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control and Paul Farrell and Nicole Lugli, designees of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ray Wilson of OPM and Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates were guests of the board.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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

**3. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Mengacci reported on proposed energy bills before the current legislative session. He felt it unlikely that a compromise bill would be negotiated before the end of the session. Mr. Sandler asked about the possibility of achieving the administrative changes related to CEAB's reactive request for proposal requirements during the current session. Mr. Mengacci stated that Susan Hamilton of OPM is working to make sure the changes are achieved.

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

Ray Wilson reported that all expenses have been finalized for the board's 2005 and 2006 fiscal years and that both years' ended with unspent balances. The board is required to return these funds to CL&P and UI. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and resolved to return the funds to the utilities as required.

Mr. Wilson noted that the ASWG will be starting work on a new budget for CEAB soon and hope to make it a multi-year budget. Mr. Chowanec of DPUC said that although the System Benefit Charge (SBC) must be approved annually, the CEAB is free to project numbers for the budget on a multi-year basis.

Mr. Wilson presented a new recommended work order (Work Order #7) for La Capra to monitor activity associated with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order 890 which established new mandates relating to integrated planning across the nation for electrical transmission at the wholesale level. CEAB will need to keep informed on developments related to Order 890 as it will impact Connecticut transmission planning and ISO New England East-West Solution (NEEWS) project.

Dan Peaco offered some initial insights on the impact of Order 890 for CEAB. The ASWG estimates the cost for this work not to exceed \$50,000. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to issue the Work Order #7 regarding FERC Order 890 for La Capra consulting work in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

The board next discussed a memo presented by the ASWG on plans for incorporating a progress assessment into the 2008 energy plan. The memo suggested developing a statement of activities by agencies and private entities that support achievement of the goals of prior CEAB energy plans. Mr. Wilson stated that the ASWG doesn't feel that the group has the resources or expertise to complete the assessment and recommends allocating \$50,000 for outside resources to do the work. Identification and contracting of the resources would not take place until the end of the current legislative session when the intent of the legislature with regard to energy planning for the state is clear.

Carl Schiessl recommended that the assessment should address not just Connecticut activity but also regional and national efforts. Commissioner George added that the assessment should incorporate activities that impede progress as well as those that support it and that the work should incorporate existing measurements and reports monitoring progress related to energy planning goals. Mr. Mengacci agreed that a large part of the work would be the task of gathering existing data and reports on what has occurred and compiling them in to a unified assessment summary.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to allocate \$50,000 of CEAB's 2007 budget for progress assessment for the 2008 energy plan.

Dan Peaco next summarized proposed second round interrogatories that La Capra had developed in consultation with the ASWG as part of the Connecticut Siting Council 2007 Forecast of Loads Docket. The interrogatories are addressed to ISO-New England, CMEEC, UI and CL&P and follow up on the first round interrogatories to these entities. Second round interrogatories are to be issued no later than May 11, the current date. Ms. Healey noted that last year she worked closely with La Capra in CSC's 2006 forecast docket, but that ASWG has assumed that role this year. After discussion the board moved, seconded and approved the issuance of all interrogatories.

The ASWG will develop a plan for CEAB to interact with Northeast Utilities as part of NEEWS planning and report back to the board. Ms. Healey noted that an attorney for NU indicated to her that he felt both a reactive and proactive RFP by CEAB would be required as a result of NEEWS. Mr. Sandler suggested a proactive RFP might be optional and could be covered by proper wording of a reactive RFP. Ms. Healey added that NU favors a proactive RFP because it would provide a longer lead time.

Mr. Peaco updated the board on progress on ISO's Regional System Plan (RSP). The plan has a September due date and is currently in the analysis phase of planning. The next meeting on the planning is scheduled for next Wednesday and this will be followed at a later date by a meeting of the scenario analysis group.

Commissioner George reported that the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners (NECPUC) as well as Canadian officials support having additional scenarios run as part of the planning process.

Marie O'Brien asked the ASWG to develop a dashboard report for the board to track energy planning activity because of the multiplicity of planning activities and the variance in timing of these activities. John Mengacci and Nicole Lugli agreed that relevant environmental activity should be incorporated into the report noting when CEAB needs to weigh in on various matters.

The board further discussed federal activity by the Department of Energy (DOE) and FERC of relevant to Connecticut's energy planning. Governor Rell has testified against federal usurpation of state siting responsibilities. Ms. Lugli noted that another recent FERC order impacting siting of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities.

## **6. Other Business**

As part of public comment, Jonathan Bilmes of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee updated the board on a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision impacting energy generating resource recovery facilities and expressed his concern for its impact on Connecticut facilities.

## **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: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, June 1, 2007