

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

**1. Call to Order**

The July 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 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); Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Jim Sandler, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Joaquina Borges-King, designee of the Connecticut Consumer Counsel; David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; and Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Ray Wilson of OPM and Dan Peaco of LaCapra Associates were guests of the board.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the June meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. The board approved the minutes as distributed. Commissioner McCarthy abstained.

**3. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Mengacci reported that letters to those responsible for appointing the newly added posts in CEAB have been sent but no responses have been received to date. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the impacts on CEAB of 2007 energy legislation. Topics included new board membership; mandated timelines of CEAB responsibilities; production of a study on electric conservation programs; review of OPM's Strategic Plan to Improve Management of Energy Use in State Facilities; development of CEAB RFP exemption criteria; review and modification of utility capacity and energy procurement plan; and production of reports on coordinating and integrating state energy entities, achieving Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative goals and reducing greenhouse gasses, and promoting indigenous alternative fuel resources.

The presentation put forth proposed time lines and scopes of services for the electric conservation programs evaluation and the Connecticut state energy entities study and recommendations as well as approaches for work further out on the time line. Much discussion took place about what work should be begun now and what should wait until new appointees are made to the board as well as approaches for preparing certain reports.

The board decided to table action on all recommendations and plans except the study on electric conservation programs until August.

It was moved, seconded and, after discussion, approved to proceed with a request for proposal for the electric conservation program study based on the draft scope of services presented.

During discussion of CEAB's new responsibility to review and modify utility capacity and energy procurement plans, it was noted that the Legislature exempted the DPUC, Department of Agriculture and DOT from participating in this process other than administratively. It would be inappropriate for DPUC to participate in crafting the plan in the CEAB framework and subsequently making an adjudicatory ruling on the plan within the DPUC framework. Chairman Downes noted that the DPUC would participate in the process only insofar as choosing consultants to assist the Board and the Agency would then recuse itself from further action to avoid violating ex parte rules..

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

Ray Wilson requested the board review the draft work order for La Capra Associates to begin drafting RFP exemption criteria for review and adoption by CEAB. After review and discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to issue the work order.

Mr. Wilson also presented a recommendation to extend the contract with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. for the maximum time permitted by state contracting regulations in light of the amount of other RFPs needing to be issued in the near future and recommendations that CEAB consider hiring its own staff. After discussion the board moved, second and approved extending CERC's contract. Mr. Wilson will present a contract amendment for review at the August meeting.

The board discussed staffing for CEAB. There was not consensus on how to structure and approach staffing. The board suggested multiple staffing scenarios be presented to them in August for review and consideration.

Mr. Wilson noted there will be much to address at the August meeting including tabled matters, CEAB's new budget and the CERC contract.

## **5. Consultant Update**

Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates briefed the board on the company's seven open work orders.

### ***WO#1 SNETR/NEEWS Project***

The ASWG and consultant representatives met with NU representatives for a status report from NU's perspective. This session disclosed that NU Siting Council filings won't occur until first or second quarter 2008. Nevertheless CEAB is issuing a request for comment on RFPs related to these filings at this time.

### ***WO#2 ISO-NE Regional System Plan 2007***

La Capra recommends CEAB comment on ISO's Scenario Analysis. The Scenario Analysis is to be published on August 1, 2007.

### ***WO#3 CSC 2007 Loads and Resources Proceeding***

Draft comments are being prepared for CEAB to consider on CSC's Draft Report that are due by July 12, 2007. They will be circulated to the board for review and comment prior to submittal.

### ***WO#4 Monitoring CT Proceedings of Interest to CEAB***

Nothing specific to report at this time.

### ***WO#5 Monitoring DOE and FERC Actions Re: Congestion***

FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) on June 22, 2007. Consultant needs to know if CEAB wants to comment.

### ***WO#6 Coordinating with CEAB and ASWG***

Nothing specific to report at this time.

### ***WO#7 FERC Order 890 Transmission Planning Strawman***

La Capra attended a regular meeting on this in Pittsburgh on June 29, 2007. July and August are key months in providing feedback to FERC. La Capra will represent CEAB at ISO-NE Order 890 Working Group Meeting on July 19.

**6. Other Business**

Donald Downes stressed the importance of two external processes that will impact the work of the board. These are the ISO Scenario Analysis and FERC Order 890. He recommended the board have a session to be briefed on these with the participation of ISO-NE representatives. This would be particularly helpful if new appointees were in place by the time of the workshop. Gretchen Deans, Julie Cammarata and Eric Johnson representing ISO will work on setting up this session as soon as possible.

Chairman Mengacci committed to following up on the new appointees stressing the importance of their timely appointment and noting the importance of participation in the workshop being planned. He noted that Marie O'Brien had stepped down from the board because of the change in specifications for the Governor's appointees.

There was no public comment.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, August 3, 2006