

September 18, 2008

Mr. Nick Neeley  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Department of Public Utility Control  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Mr. Neeley:

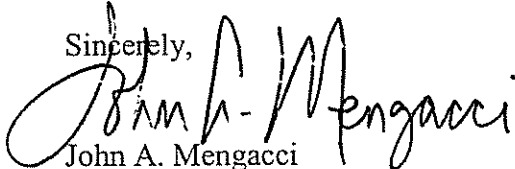
**RE: 2009 CT Energy Advisory Board Budget Filing**

Attached please find the CT Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) budget submission for the 2009 budget year. This budget request of \$655,000 represents a significant reduction from the approved 2008 budget level of \$1.42 million. The CEAB intends to utilize the unspent funding from both the 2007 and 2008 budget years to cover anticipated expenses in 2009. For example, rather than request additional funding to be used for Education/Outreach Activities, the CEAB will use the unspent 2007 and 2008 funds that were originally approved for this purpose. The same is true in the areas of Local/Regional Representation and for any New Policy Initiatives that the CEAB may undertake in 2009.

The 2009 budget request was approved by the CEAB at its board meeting on September 5, 2008. The CEAB respectfully requests that the Department complete its review of our 2009 budget submittal as expeditiously as possible, so as to allow adequate time to ensure the funds can be transferred from the electric distribution companies prior to the beginning of the next budget year.

Thank you in advance for your considerations of this matter. If you have questions, you may contact me at 418-6374.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Mengacci  
CEAB Chairman

Attachment

# Connecticut Energy Advisory Board 2009 Proposed Budget

<b>Task/Responsibility</b>	<b>Proposed 2009 Budget</b>
<p><b>Administrative Services</b></p> <p>The CEAB has retained the services of a third-party entity to provide the Board with administrative, communications, and marketing support services.</p>	\$ 95,000.00
<p><b>Public Notices/Media Advertising/Misc. Out of Pocket Expense</b></p> <p>This item represents the costs incurred by CEAB for miscellaneous out of pocket expenses including noticing hearings, RFPs, and other related public outreach.</p>	\$ 35,000.00
<p><b>Education/Outreach Activities</b></p> <p>This item represents costs associated with the holding of educational and public outreach forums, such as one-day seminars. CEAB anticipates conducting one such event in both 2008 and 2009.</p>	\$ -
<p><b>RFP for Alternatives</b></p> <p>CEAB has retained technical consultants to assist it with the development of Request for Proposals for alternatives to planned or proposed energy infrastructure projects. Statutorily the CEAB has a short time frame in which to conduct these solicitations. The requested funding anticipates up to 5 such RFPs in each year.</p>	\$ 300,000.00
<p><b>Local/Regional Representation</b></p> <p>This funding represents the costs associated with retention of consultants to participate on the Board's behalf in the ISO-NE Planning Advisory Committee process as well as participate in the annual Siting Council docket on electric forecasts.</p>	\$ -
<p><b>New Policy Initiatives/Regulatory Assistance</b></p> <p>This funding represents potential costs associated with the CEAB participation in DPUC or other regulatory processes. CEAB anticipates that there will be DPUC dockets which it will need to be a participant in order to represent its statutory responsibilities.</p>	\$ -

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### Task/Responsibility

#### **State Building Energy Management Plan**

\$ 75,000.00

PA 07-242 requires the CEAB to develop a methodology for measuring the societal benefits of the State government's efforts to implement energy conservation and efficiency programs. This funding request represents the cost of retaining a consultant to assist the Board.

#### **Capacity & Procurement Plan**

\$ 150,000.00

PA 07-242 gave the CEAB responsibility for reviewing the electric resources procurement plan that the local distribution companies must now submit on an annual basis. This task represents a very significant and technical undertaking for the CEAB. The CEAB will need to retain technical consultants to assist in the detailed analysis and review that these procurement plans will require. Statutorily, the CEAB will have a limited time frame in which to perform this task.

**TOTAL**

**\$ 655,000.00**