

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
September 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The September 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 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); Joaquina Borges-King, designee of the Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; John Rathgeber, president of CBIA and appointee of the Governor representing industry; Paul Farrell, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Dan Peaco of LaCapra Associates was a guest of the board.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Mengacci welcomed John Rathgeber as a new member of the board and Kevin Hennessey of his staff at CBIA who attended with Mr. Rathgeber. Mr. Mengacci reported that he is actively following up on other appointments required by 2007 legislation. Mr. Mengacci also welcomed Commissioner Prelli from the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Mengacci then reviewed current CEAB tasks.

Electric Conservation Study

Responses to an RFP for a vendor to assist with the Electric Conservation Programs Study have been reviewed and the subcommittee recommends OPM hiring GDS Associates to carry out this work for CEAB. After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation and to have OPM proceed with negotiating the contract.

RFP Exemptions

Comments received in response to CEAB's RFC have been summarized and are included in this month's board packets as well as the actual comments received. A public hearing has been scheduled for October 10, 2007 at 6 p.m. in Room 1B of the Legislative Office Building. Board members were encouraged to attend the hearing and advise Gretchen Deans of their plans.

Net Energy Analysis

La Capra Associates is drafting a white paper bibliography that is to be circulated for review by the ASWG in September. At the November meeting the board is scheduled to approve a draft to be issued for comment and public hearing.

Report on Various Energy Issues

The RFP for this task was issued by OPM on September 6, 2007 and is posted on OPM's and CEAB's web sites. The board delegated review of responses to member of the ASWG. Mr. Downes commented on the complexity of this task and asked Paul Farrell of DEP if he could present to CEAB on Regional Green Gas Initiative and how it fits in to this work. Building on this request Mr. Downes suggested that a workshop for board members sometime in the period from October through December covering how procurement works, RGGI, and fuel sources now used should be held.

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Mr. Rathgeber stated that information on the age and condition of capital improvements to energy resources is important in developing and assessing the procurement plan. Mr. Downes noted a dynamic model of transitions in resources might be able to be developed using information available through ISO and possibly building on the snapshot DPUC did for the Energy Information Act.

Ms. Cammarata noted that this is outside the scope of the current RFP, but supported CEAB pursuing this project.

Mr. Farrell asked what is the proper territory to cover in carrying out such a project believing that it should be broader than just Connecticut.

Mr. Mengacci suggested a baseline analysis be compiled under the auspices of the ASWG.

Procurement Plan

The board received a draft scope of services for this task in their pre-meeting material. An RFP is slated to be issued in September. After discussion, the board moved, seconded and approved the scope of work for the RFP. Representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Public Utility Control abstained from the vote.

NEEWS Request for Comment

Mr. Mengacci reported on a follow up meeting with utilities who had submitted comments in response to this RFC. The end result was issuing a written request for response on assumptions on which ISO's NEEWS analysis was made. Utilities feel that the assumptions on which NEEWS were based should be updated. There was no consensus on whether the board should or should not conduct a proactive RFP related to NEEWS but board members did feel if one was done it should be after submission of the draft procurement plan. Mr. Mengacci felt it is important to begin a dialog with ISO and the utilities on updating the NEEWS analysis and that it was best to start with ISO. The board approved having Chairman Mengacci contact ISO to begin this dialog.

Revision of CEAB By Laws

As a result of the legislation passed last session, membership of the CEAB changed. Therefore its existing bylaws have to be amended to incorporate the new membership. The board was presented a draft amended version. After discussion, the revision was moved, seconded and approved for adoption

CEAB Workshop

Mr. Mengacci reported on the August 9th CEAB workshop where ISO-NE informed the board on results of its Scenario Analysis and the FERC 890 strawman. As a result of the workshop La Capra proposed draft written comments on these issues. The ASWG and La Capra are currently reviewing proposed comments. Mr. Downes suggested that once the board is closer to being fully appointed, there should be a recap of what was presented at the workshop to bring the full board up to speed.

4. Consultant Update

Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates gave a brief update on La Capra's open work orders with the board.

5. Other Business

Mr. Mengacci introduced Ray Wilson who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Plan for Energy Management in the State that OPM submitted. Following the presentation the board discussed a proposed Work Order for La Capra to provide CEAB with an analysis of the plan and develop recommended measurement methodology to evaluate the impacts of the plan. After discussion the board moved, seconded and approved the work order. The board tasked the ASWG with oversight of La Capra's work pertaining to the work order.

Mr. Downes stated a means of informing policy makers on the plan and its progress should be established.

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After Mr. Wilson's presentation, meeting attendees were asked if they had public comment.

Robert Fromer made some suggestions related to OPM's plan, discussed energy security concerns, noted that new regulations might require Millstone to add cooling towers which would require a shut down of the facility with significant impacts on the state energy supply and commented on approaches to net energy analysis.

Mr. Downes affirmed that if cooling towers must be added to Millstone there will be significant ramifications for the state and CEAB.

Harry Cullinane of the Clover Corporation, a manufacturer of gas air conditioners, informed the board on how expanded use of gas air conditioning could benefit the state by reducing energy consumption.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

8. Corrections

The following are corrections to the Chairman's Report for September 7, 2007:

Slide 5 – correct timeline to reflect a public hearing in the December – January, 2008 timeframe, rather than November, 2007 timeframe.

Slide 8 – correct status section to delete “work order drafted and approved by ASWG”. LaCapra work order was approved by the Board at the August, 2007

Slide 9 – RFP was actually released

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, October 5, 2007