

**Regular Meeting of the  
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board  
October 5, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

The October 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 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 Healy, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; James Fleming, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Kenneth Hennessy, designee of the president of CBIA and appointee of the Governor representing industry; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); James Sandler, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Dan Peaco and Heather Hunt representing LaCapra Associates, Julie Cammarata of OPM and William Carter of Tamarack Energy were guests 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. James Fleming and Jim Sandler abstained from the vote.

**3. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Mengacci reviewed current CEAB tasks.

Electric Conservation Study

OPM is still processing a contract with GDS, the selected vendor to assist with this project. An initial organizational meeting with GDS is still slated for the week of October 15. Connecticut's Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB) has agreed to work with CEAB to build on some ECMB's existing data in carrying out this request. It was suggested that their contractor, Jeff Schlegel, be contacted on this matter.

John Mengacci reiterated previously expressed feelings of the board that the quality of the products produced by CEAB is more important than meeting the prescribed timing. Mary Healey suggested that if there will be a delay in delivery of this study, CEAB should give the Energy and Technology Committee of the legislature advance notice of the delay.

Annual Review of OPM Plan for Energy Management in State Facilities

OPM has recused itself from participating in the review of the plan and Jaqui Borges-King and Paul Farrell will oversee the consultant's work on this task. LaCapra had a conversation with the OPM plan authors on October 4 to establish contact with that agency as it proceeds with its objective review of the plan.

The board noted that the legislation does not call for the review of the plan to be submitted to anyone outside of CEAB.

RFP Exemptions

Revised exemption criteria have been posted in preparation for the October 10, 2007 public hearing on the criteria. Mr. Mengacci reminded board members of those who had committed to attend the hearing.

Net Energy Analysis

LaCapra and the ASWG reviewed initial findings regarding conducting net energy analyses on proposals received requiring same per Connecticut legislation. The review determined that further work is needed to clarify issues surrounding such analyses and this may delay completion of this task.

#### Report on Various Energy Issues

At Mr. Mengacci's request, Ms. Cammarata reported that evaluation criteria for the proposals received in response to the RFP were adopted prior to receipt of the proposals. Four proposals were received and the review committee is scheduling a session to review and score the submittals.

#### Procurement Plan

The RFP for consulting services to assist in CEAB's review of the procurement plan submitted by the utilities was issued on October 4, 2007. It is posted on OPM's and DAS's web sites and will be on CEAB's site as well by the end of the day. Responses are due on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mary Healey noted the complexity of CEAB's tasks as many overlap and their timing isn't synchronized: the Procurement task and Various Energy Issues study is only one example.

#### NEEWS Request for Comment

Mr. Mengacci reported that as a result of comments received and subsequent discussions, doing a proactive RFP at this point in time is not recommended. CEAB will reach out to ISO regarding updating the needs analysis on which NEEWS was developed in consultation with the La Capra consultants.

Julie Cammarata of OPM and Eric Johnson of ISO noted that ISO has Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings scheduled for November 8 and December 18, 2007 where NEEWS will be on the agenda. ISO is looking at the needs assessment in light of responses received to RFP's issued and this review will be incorporated into the December PAC meeting if possible.

#### **4. Consultant Update**

Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates gave a brief update on La Capra's open work orders with the board. In discussing Work Order #5 for monitoring DOE/FERC congestion oversight activity, Mr. Peaco noted that the DOE has named to national transmission corridors in which it will intervene in energy planning. They are the Mid Atlantic and the Southwest. Connecticut is not included in a corridor at this time but New England including Connecticut is an area of concern.

#### **5. Other Business**

As part of public comment, Mr. Mengacci introduced William Carter of Tamarack Energy who presented a PowerPoint on the company's Watertown Renewable Power facility, a 30 MW clean wood biomass facility. At the request of Jim Fleming, Mr. Carter gave a fuller explanation on how the plant operates.

There was no other public comment.

Mr. Mengacci elaborated on OPM's recent success working with the Department of Administrative Services to procure electricity for the state at favorable rates and clean, green energy sources. The board requested that OPM present more information on this process to CEAB at the next meeting.

#### **7. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, November 2, 2007