

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
January 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The January 2010 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Victoria Hackett, designee of the Connecticut Consumer Counsel; John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Tracy Babbidge, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Phil Dukes, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Melissa Ozols and Joel Gordes, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole, appointee of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi (CEAB Vice Chair) and Melissa Buckley, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the December 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Hackett and Mr. Dukes abstained.

3. Presentation by Electric Distribution Companies on Integrated Resource Plan

Mr. Dukes excused himself from the meeting prior to discussion of the Integrated Resource Plan. Mr. Cassella introduced Stephen Goldschmidt, consultant to the Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs) to present on the Integrated Resource Plan submitted by the EDCs at the beginning of January. Mr. Goldschmidt turned the presentation over to James Shuckerow of Northeast Utilities and Alan Trotta of UI to discuss details of the EDCs' Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Members of the CEAB asked questions throughout the presentation. The PowerPoint for the presentation will be posted on CEAB's web site www.ctenergy.org.

The presentation concluded with the statement of the three primary recommendations of the plan:

1. Given that the Targeted DSM Expansion strategy would reduce customer costs and emissions while even reducing rates for non-participants, the Companies recommend that this strategy be funded.
2. Connecticut policy makers need to engage with other New England states to develop a comprehensive regional renewable energy policy. The New England states should work to define the best and most cost-effective means to expand renewable energy development in New England and the surrounding regions while meeting environmental goals.
3. UI recommends, in light of the potential benefits of a nuclear strategy identified in the analysis, that the CEAB conduct, sponsor, or otherwise support a more detailed study of the potential costs and benefits of nuclear power, with the objective of providing a more complete picture of the tradeoffs encountered with nuclear power as a long-term resource strategy for Connecticut.

4. Presentation by NRG on Generation Repowering

Chairman Cassella introduced Jonathan Gordon of NRG to present that company's whitepaper on repowering. Mr. Gordon introduced Peter Fuller of NRG to present the whitepaper overview. As with the EDCs' presentation, CEAB members asked questions throughout the review.

5. LaCapra Overview of 2010 IRP Status

Mr. Cassella introduced Dan Peaco of LaCapra Associates, consultants to CEAB. Mr. Peaco reviewed what has been accomplished to date in finalizing the CEAB's IRP submittal to DPUC and summarized next steps and key upcoming dates leading up to submittal to DPUC in April.

6. Other Business

Ms. Deans reported that CEAB meeting dates for 2010 have been modified in light of 2010 holidays. She stated that meetings from February through May would be at The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. in Rocky Hill. Starting in June 2010 meeting will return to the Legislative Office Building following the close of this year's legislative session.

Chairman Cassella reminded attendees that there is a more detailed workshop review of the IRP at 1 PM today.

7. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment for attendees and there was none.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: