

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2005

1. Call to Order

The November monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc., 805 Brook Street, Building 4, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Jane Stahl, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate); Kathleen O'Connor (appointee of the Governor), Kevin Nursick, designee of Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and Dave Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Chairman Downes recognized that this would be the final time Deputy Commissioner Stahl would be representing DEP at CEAB meetings as she is leaving the department in December. He thanked her for her valuable contribution to the workings of the Board.

The meeting was next opened to public comment.

Robert Fromer reported to the Board that he feels their 2006 draft Energy Plan does not address all the elements it is to address as specified in Connecticut General Statutes. It addresses energy supplies but not fuel supplies and does not specify how to accomplish the goals and strategies identified. He feels CEAB's plan needs to be consistent with the state's plan of Conservation and Development and address issues related to population sprawl. He plans to submit more specific comment as part of the plan public comment and hearing process.

There was no other public comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 11, 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes highlighted House Bill 2100: An Act Concerning Emergency Energy Home Heating Assistance. He reported that Section 9 of the Bill requires CEAB in consultation with the Department of Social Services and OPM to provide an evaluation of the programs included in the bill. The bill did pass and has been signed by the Governor.

John Mengacci volunteered to lead a committee of the board to carry out this mandate. Chairman Downes and Vice Chair Mary Healey were also appointed to the committee.

The Chairman concluded his report with a summary of the numerous open dockets at DPUC relevant to the work of the Board and encouraged members to follow the progress of these dockets.

4. DPUC 05-07-14 Docket Update

Vice Chair Mary Healey reviewed the background of this docket as it relates to CEAB and the assistance Board consultants, La Capra Associates, have provided. She then introduced Dan Peaco, Harvey Salgo and Heather Hunt of the consulting team. Mr. Peaco gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the docket and explained the approach taken in the final filing to be submitted to DPUC in Phase II of the docket by CEAB. The overall approach of the report bifurcates recommended actions to be taken to carry out longer term actions required by the 2005 energy independence act. Such an approach provides the ability to identify some preliminary longer term actions while allowing more to be identified further down the road when anticipated rulings by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are known.

At the conclusion of the La Capra presentation, Ms. Healey reported the RFP Subcommittee recommends CEAB accept the La Capra document and file it with DPUC by the end of this week. The recommendation of the subcommittee was seconded and the board voted to adopt the subcommittee's recommendation. Chairman Downes abstained from the vote.

5. 2006 Energy Plan

Mr. Mengacci and Bill Leahy of the Institute for Sustainable Energy reported that the draft 2006 Energy Plan was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and asked for discussion of the draft. Board members felt that they needed time to be complete comment on the draft before posting it for comment but this could be completed before the end of the week. Therefore it was moved and seconded that:

CEAB approve the draft 2006 Energy Plan for posting for public hearing and written comment subject to incorporation of further board member edits prior to close of business Thursday, November 3, 2005.

CEAB members then voted to approve this motion as presented.

6. Other Business

Chairman Downes recognized Donald Anderson of Sunport Daylighting who presented his company's product to CEAB members and reported on the potential daylighting could have in conserving energy usage.

After the presentation, Chairman Downes introduced a proposed schedule of meetings for CEAB for 2006. The Board accepted the schedule of meetings as presented.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: