

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

Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2006

**1. Call to Order**

The November 2006 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate); John Mengacci designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Nicole Lugli, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Carl Schiessl (appointee of the Speaker of the House); Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Guest of the board was Ray Wilson of OPM.

**2. Public Comment**

Chairman Downes opened the meeting to public comment. He recognized Francis Knize of Sky Train Corporation who presented on plans for an experimental monorail for the Hartford area. In response to a question from the CEAB on what help Mr. Knize would like from the board for his plan, he suggested recommending financing his project to legislators. There was no other public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Downes reported he was in receipt of a letter from Robert Fromer (included in each board members meeting packet). He requested that the letter be incorporated to the minutes for this meeting.

The chairman reported that CEAB has been notified of two Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) municipal consultation filings: one for Guilford and one for Oxford. If they are filed with the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC), the board will be required to issue reactive requests for proposals (RFPs) pursuant to current legislation. The board expressed the need to modify the requirements for reactive RFPs so that they don't mandate such action for projects of this nature. There was consensus that the legislature should address this in the coming session.

Mr. Downes also noted that he is in receipt of a letter from ISO-New England in response to CEAB's comments on ISO's Regional System Plan. He acknowledged Eric Johnson of ISO-New England who emphasized ISO's desire to keep communication channels open between CEAB and his organization. The chairman thanked Mr. Johnson for his remarks.

Chairman Downes reviewed the status of DPUC's RFP associated with the Act for Energy Independence (EIA) for energy efficiency, demand response, load control and other measures to reduce federally mandated congestion charges (FMCC). There were 40 responders presenting 80 projects.

He also noted that both CL&P and the United Illuminating Company have rate adjustment requests under review in dockets at DPUC.

DPUC's program supporting customer-side distributed generation projects has received 30 applications to date with more continuing to come in.

Chairman Downes noted that the end of the year is approaching and new officers need to be elected for 2007. A slate will be compiled to present to the board.

**5. 2007 Energy Plan**

Raymond Wilson of OPM reported on behalf of the Agency Staff Work Group (ASWG) that they feel the draft plan is not ready for CEAB to adopt for release to the public for comment. It was recommended that the draft plan be presented to the board for review and subsequently voted on for adoption no later than the December monthly meeting of the board. This will delay adoption of the final plan about a month making the delivery date to the legislature in early February.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and resolved by the board that the energy plan timeline be extended by a maximum of one month.

Three hearings on the draft plan will be held in late December or early January and will be targeted for Hartford, southeast Connecticut and south central to southwest Connecticut. The ASWG was asked to convene a work session as soon as possible to finalize the draft.

Carl Schiessl committed to informing the legislature of the delay in delivery of the plan to that body.

**6. Legislative Committee Report**

John Mengacci circulated a draft revision of Sections 16a-3 to 16a-8 of the General Statutes dealing with CEAB to present for consideration by the legislature in the next session. The board discussed the draft and the role of the board going forward in light of the Governor's Energy Vision for the state. Discussion centered on responsibility for developing the state energy plan, composition of the board, and the board's role in issuing RFPs, participating in regional planning and the CSC's forecast of loads.

Another version of the draft legislation will be presented to the board at the December meeting for action taking into account other legislation being drafted at OPM.

**7. Consulting RFPs**

Mr. Mengacci reported on behalf of the RFP Committee that the one response was received by the board to prepare the 2008 energy plan and was reviewed and scored and it is the recommendation of the committee not to retain any consultant at this time. This will allow time to assess how proposed changes in the state's energy planning process might affect CEAB's planning process for 2008. After discussion the board voted to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. Wilson went on to report on the RFP for technical consulting services when LaCapra's contract expires in February of 2007. The RFP has been issued with questions due back by November 13, 2006 and proposals due December 5. Tasks included in the scope of work of the RFP are supporting the board's RFP process, assisting in participation in ISO-NE processes, and assisting with CSC forecasting participation.

Chairman Downes anticipates a period of strong activity going forward in which the CEAB will need technical assistance in conducting proactive and reactive RFPs.

**8. Siting Council Substation Filings**

Ms. Healey noted that the chairman had presented a status report on the two new possible CSC filings for substations targeted for December 2006 in his report. She added that CEAB's final report on the Trumbull substation has been filed with CSC.

**9. Other Business**

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Healey, Chairman Downes reported on the Southern New England Reliability (SNETR) project. Mr. Downes has reached out to Rhode Island and Massachusetts on this matter. ISO has provided briefings to state officials. A meeting of appropriate state officials from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut in Providence is planned in upcoming weeks. The chairman has also met with Northeast Utilities on SNETR. Companies need to file with ISO on the matter in 60-90 days. It is too early for DPUC to issue RFPs for related projects.

ISO has formed a scenario working group to view possible scenarios for the next 15 years in the region. Five scenarios will be reviewed for the impact of each. The next meeting of the group is November 9, 2006 and Don Downes, Gina McCarthy, Mary Healey and consultants from LaCapra plan on attending to participate in finalizing the basic scenarios to be considered.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, December 5, 2006