

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

Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2005

**1. Call to Order**

The December monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Nicole Lugli, 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), Pam Sucato, designee of Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and Dave Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

The meeting was opened to public comment. Chairman Downes invited Edward Levine of Levco, Tech Inc. to speak. Mr. Levine introduced Michael Cornwell of Dominion Retail Inc. who made a statement on concerns regarding the transitional standard offer and standard service which was followed by question and discussion.

Fred Klein of Kleen Energy Systems asked for clarification on item 8b of CEAB's 2006 budget regarding proactive RFPs. Chairman Downes responded that the question would have to be reviewed and a clarifying response would be made in the near future.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the November 1, 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

**3. Chairman's Report**

The DPUC approved CEAB's 2006 budget for \$1,275,000 as submitted. Chairman Downes did not participate in this docket.

**4. RFP Committee Report**

Wilton Sub Station Reactive RFP

Vice Chair Mary Healey summarized progress on drafting this RFP and invited representatives of La Capra Associates to discuss it in more detail. Numbered confidential drafts of the RFP were distributed only to board members for review and comment. Key sections of the RFP were highlighted including the legislatively mandated timeline which runs from November 28, 2005 to March 28, 2006.

Chairman Downes noted the RFP invites a wide range of potential options for a fairly small and straight forward project. Voting on approving the RFP was delayed to allow members more time to review the draft during the meeting.

UI Sub Station Municipal Consultation Filing

Chairman Downes noted that UI's Municipal Filing to the Town of Trumbull stated it was petitioning the Connecticut Siting Council for approval so no action is required by the CEAB at this time.

RFP Framework Document

RFP Framework Document Volume 1 drafted by LaCapra and distributed to the board prior to the meeting was next discussed. Chairman Downes asked the board to spend more time reviewing and editing the document and to return their comments by the end of December so the document can be voted on in January.

Volumes 2-4 of the framework should be ready for review by the RFP committee in January.

**5. DPUC Docket Update**

Ms. Healey reported that the draft decision on DPUC Docket 05-07-14Ph1 was issued on December 5, 2005 seeking 186 MW savings from various sources. Docket 05-07-14Ph2 is still open.

**6. 2006 Energy Plan**

Mr. Mengacci reported that public hearings on the 2006 plan begin today (December 6, 2005) at 1 p.m. here in Hartford in Room 1E of the Legislative Office Building. Two other hearings are scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> in the evening at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic and on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening at Norwalk Town Hall.

**7. Other Business**

At this point Chairman Downes called for a vote on approving the Wilton Sub Station RFP for distribution. Approval of the RFP was given by oral vote. All copies of the confidential draft were then collected.

The Chairman next empanelled a subcommittee to consider legislative initiatives for CEAB for the coming session. Those named to the committee were John Mengacci, James Sandler, and Chairman Downes. Other members were encouraged to participate.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB on February 7, 2006