

**Regular Meeting of the  
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2006

**1. Call to Order**

The December 2006 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board was held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were 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); Marie O'Brien, president of the Connecticut Development Authority (appointee of the Governor); Nicole Lugli, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); 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**

Vice Chair Mary Healey presided and opened the meeting to public comment.

Robert Fromer presented his position that life cycle energy analysis has to be included in the evaluation of proposals submitted to the board. He recommended that there be a master plan for energy conservation and development for the state to be updated at five year intervals integrating the numerous related plans that exist in the state.

There was not further public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Healey 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. Vice Chair's Report**

Ms. Healey reported on Southern New England Reliability (SNETR) project. The meeting between representatives from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut was postponed and will now be a teleconference in the near future. Northeast Utilities is presenting an update on their plans relative to SNETR on Thursday, December 7.

**5. 2007 Energy Plan**

Raymond Wilson of OPM reported that the board tasked the Agency Staff Work Group (ASWG) to edit the draft plan presented at the November meeting to prepare it for a formal vote at today's meeting to release the draft for public comment. The draft plan presented to the board for today's meeting is the result.

William Leahy reported that public hearings on the plan are targeted for the weeks of January 8 or January 15, 2007. Three hearings are recommended: one in Hartford, one near Fairfield County and one in Southeast Connecticut. After the hearings and the public comment period, the plan will be edited based on comments received and to incorporate responses as appropriate.

Mr. Sandler urged that greater participation in the hearings be encouraged especially those not in Hartford. The ASWG will make recommendations on how to accomplish this.

Ms. Healey submitted edits to the plan and requested that the hearings again this year begin with an overview of the CEAB and its energy planning responsibility.

At the end of discussion of the plan, it was moved, seconded and approved that the 2007 draft Energy Plan as edited be issued for public comment.

**6. Legislative Committee Report**

John Mengacci referenced the draft OPM legislation documents related to the CEAB and state energy planning responsibilities. Ms. Lugli noted that the revised wording in the CEAB document was broader than just to exclude reactive RFPs for proposed substations.

The board was divided on whether energy planning responsibility for the state should be with CEAB or OPM. It was noted that at least CEAB should be a participant in the planning process if not the responsible agency.

Mr. Mengacci reported that the Energy and Technology Committee of the legislature is holding a hearing on December 20, 2006 on energy matters including draft legislation. The board discussed whether CEAB should participate or submit testimony for this hearing. After discussion it was decided that CEAB would wait until the appropriate time during the legislative session when proposed bills are actually being considered to weigh in.

**7. Nominating Committee**

Ms. Healey stated that Chairman Downes had reached out to her to participate on a nominating committee for CEAB officers for 2007 and mentioned that he suggested Marie O'Brien and Carl Schiessl also serve on the committee. The committee is charged with presenting a slate of officers for the board to consider at its January meeting.

**8. CEAB PA 05-2 Report**

Mr. Wilson summarized plans for CEAB to draft a program progress report required of it by PA 05-2: An Act Concerning Emergency Home Heating Assistance. The report is due to the legislature in January and the target date for approval of the report by CEAB is at its January meeting.

**9. CEAB Technical Consultant RFP**

Mr. Mengacci reported that the due date for responses to the technical consultant RFP is today, December 5, 2006. The RFP review committee members will meet to review submittals and make a recommendation to the board noting that that probably won't be until the February meeting. Board members requested a matrix of the proposals and the ratings they receive by committee members prior to it voting to accept the recommendations of the committee. The LaCapra contract expires the end of February but can be extended in time if a contract from the proposals currently submitted is not in place by then.

**10. Other Business**

Ms. Healey noted that ISO New England has invited the board to hold a meeting at their facility in 2007 and also have a tour of that facility. The board thought that March or later might be a good target date to do this.

Mr. Wilson reported that UI's ratepayer funds in support of CEAB's budget have been received but Northeast Utilities are still outstanding.

Ms. Healey said NU plans to submit its filings for the Oxford and Guilford substations on December 15, 2006 which starts the timeline for CEAB's reactive RFP process. This means the board may have to review the RFPs to be issued on or about December 22, 2006. The RFPs will be very similar to those issued for Wilton and Trumbull except for the specifics describing the projects themselves. However bidders' conferences will not be held unless requested by bidders.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the proposed 2007 calendar of meetings as presented.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans  
Approved by: Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, January 2, 2007