

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

Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2006

**1. Call to Order**

The February 2006 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc., Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Gina McCarthy, 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), Carl Shiessl (appointee of the Speaker of the House), Kevin Nursick, 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. Bill Corvo of Kleen Energy Systems made a statement of concern that resulting solutions to energy needs resulting from DPUC Dockets 05-07-14 Phase 1 and Phase 2 will have no material impact on reducing Federally Mandated Congestion Charges (FMCC) under the current structure.

Following Mr. Corvo's comments, Phil Armetta, also of Kleen Energy Systems, gave a statement of support for Mr. Corvo's position.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the December 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Downes reported that on January 31, 2006 a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) settlement judge issued a status report on a potential settlement on the development of a market-based mechanism to ensure reliability in the New England regional electric market (FERC Docket No. ER03-563-055). He summarized details of the potential settlement for the board. The parties have thirty days to put together a final agreement.

The request for proposal (RFP) from the DPUC as part of Docket 05-07-14 Phase 2 scheduled to be issued at the beginning of February has been delayed because of the uncertainty surrounding FERC's final decision. The DPUC intends to develop a schedule and notify the public about the RFP when the circumstances surrounding it become clearer.

Chairman Downes concluded his report with a brief summary of other relevant active DPUC dockets.

**4. CEAB Role in DPUC Dockets**

Docket 05-07-14Ph1

Vice Chair Mary Healey reported that the Board received a letter from DPUC dated January 30, 2006 asking CEAB to monitor any contract negotiations between the electric distribution companies and would-be providers of demand response, generation, and other appropriate resources. The RFP subcommittee discussed the request at its meeting on February 2, 2006 and they recommend the Board approve assuming the role.

After discussion, it was moved seconded and approved that the Board agree to act as a monitor in these proceedings.

Docket 05-07-14Ph2

Ms. Healey stated that there was no further action required by the Board on Phase 2 of the docket until DPUC issues its RFP. Chairman Downes noted that the department is working on the RFP boiler plate so the document can be issued as soon as possible upon clarification of the circumstances surrounding the request.

**5. RPF Committee Report**

CL&P Wilton Substation RFP

Ms. Healey reported that the deadline for submission of proposals for CEAB's reactive RFP for the project is February 13, 1005. Following that date, the Board will provide an evaluation report on CL&P's filing and any proposals it might receive on the basis of the CEAB preferential criteria in accordance with the legislative time requirements.

UI Trumbull Substation

Ms. Healey reported that the Board is awaiting UI's filing with the Connecticut Siting Council which will trigger the Board's reactive RFP issuance for this project. Marcia Wellman of UI reported that the company's target date for filing is March 1, 2006.

CEAB RFP Primer Volume 2

Prior to the meeting Board members received a final draft of the RFP Primer Volume 2. Ms. Healey, on behalf of the RFP committee, recommended that the Board approve the document for publication subject to minor proof reading edits.

Chairman Downes noted that the purpose of the primers is to lay out for bidders the mechanics of responding to CEAB RFPs in the clearest possible way. It was noted that some procedures may change over time and this will be communicated in future RFPs and reflected in revisions of the documents as required.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that the document be published after final proofing edits are complete.

**6. 2006 Energy Plan**

Mr. Mengacci reported that comments received on the 2006 Energy Plan were generally favorable. Revisions to the plan were made based on the comments and a summary of comments along with Board responses is included in the final draft document which Board members received prior to the meeting.

Ms. O'Connor expressed thanks to all those involved in the preparation of the current plan and this was seconded by Chairman Downes.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the plan as presented.

William Leahy of the Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) reported that the approved plan would be printed and bound in time for delivery to the appropriate Legislative committees on February 8, 2006, the first day of the new session.

Ms. Healey extended thanks to the Board for including the five-year statewide 10% reduction goals in this year's plan. She noted it would provide direction for the State to implement wiser use of energy and reduce the costs of peak operation.

It was suggested that Mr. Mengacci be named to head up the work on the 2007 Energy Plan but formal action was deferred until the March meeting.

Mr. Mengacci recommended extending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ISE to provide support in preparing the annual plan through March of 2007 so as to correspond to the production schedule of the annual plans. The Board asked that the MOU be circulated to the members for review and that action be taken at the March meeting.

Mr. Sandler suggested that a time line be established for discussing various segments of the plan spread over the coming months.

**7. Other Business**

Chairman Downes encouraged members to participate in the tour of ISO New England to which they were all invited.

**8. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB, March 7, 2006