

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
February 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The February 2009 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair); Mary Healey (Vice Chair), Connecticut Consumer Counsel(OCC); John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Tracy Babbidge, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA); Joel Gordes and Melissa Ozols, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole, appointee of the Governor; and Melissa Buckley, appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the January 2009 monthly meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the board approved the minutes as distributed.

3. IRP Subcommittee Report

Mr. Cassella reviewed a PowerPoint slide summarizing relevant dates for the 2009 IRP. Oral arguments in Docket 08-07-01 were on Monday. Commissioner McCarthy made comments about the importance of agency integration. CEAB has 60 days from the date of DPUC's decision on the Docket to file the plan with the Commission.

Chairman Cassella and the electric distribution companies presented to the Energy and Technology (E&T) Committee of the legislature on February 5th. A public hearing will be scheduled on CEAB's 2009 IRP plan before it is delivered to DPUC. After the filing, work will begin on the 2010 plan. CEAB should consider whether or not to revisit its Various Energy Issues report delivered to the legislature early in 2009. DPUC Chairman Downes cautioned against sponsoring energy legislation this session as new members on the E&T Committee will require time to become current on the issues.

4. NEWS RFP

Dan Peaco reported on the status of the NEWS reactive RFP in the absence of Jeff Gaudiosi, chair of the subcommittee. An almost complete draft of the report to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) on proposals received will be circulated to the CEAB members by the end of the day today. The balance will be distributed on Monday.

The Board approved posting non-confidential documents related to proposals received submitted by CL&P received too late to be considered in the preparation of CEAB's report to CSC.

Comments were solicited from Eric Johnson of ISO New England regarding the status of the transmission need. Mr. Johnson noted that the economy is reducing the demand for energy. Therefore a market solution could defer the need for transmission. ISO is considering new submissions.

5. Other Business

Chairman Cassella presented a possible change to propose to CEAB's enabling legislation language. Consideration was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Board or the special meeting slated for Friday, February 13, 2009 called to vote on the CSC report for submission.

6. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment. There was none.

7. Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to consider staffing/consulting matters, specifically the LaCapra and CERC contracts as well as an RFP for additional support services. No votes were taken in the Session.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: