

**Special Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
February 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The February 13, 2009 special meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. Members participating 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); Peggy Diaz, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Gina McCarthy 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, appointee of the Speaker of the House, Jeff Gaudiosi, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and John Rathgeber and James Hoffman, appointees of the Governor.

2. Report to CSC on CEAB NEEWS RFP

Mr. Cassella called the meeting to order. He reported on a call between Board members, its consultants and Steve Rourke of ISO New England that took place on Tuesday. Ms. Healey noted ISO plans to do new assessments to take into account events that have occurred since the ISO's analysis on which NEEWS was based was completed including the impacts of the recession on load.

Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates was asked to summarize the conclusions of the report on proposals received and the CL&P submission. Major conclusions of the report are that all three projects presented in proposals received by CEAB are worthy of further consideration and are compatible with the Board's Preferential Criteria.

Exhibit H in Appendix F of the report was discussed and suggestions were made for additional footnotes to it.

Mr. Cassella noted for the Board that there were members of the public monitoring the meeting by being present with him at CERC. These individuals were Mike Perrone, Melanie Bachman and Derek Phelps of the Connecticut Siting Council; Jon Gordon of NRG, Chris Bernard, Tony Fitzgerald and Marcia Wellman of NU; Stan Nolan of the University of Connecticut; and Vimal Chaun of GE.

In response to a Board discussion initiated by concerns raised by Mr. Rathgeber about Connecticut's inability to meet requirements for non-fossil fuels without importing energy through transmission, Commissioner McCarthy directed Tracy Babbidge to strengthen language in the report on fuel diversity before it is submitted. Mary Healey noted that these modifications would be nonmaterial to the content of the report so that it still could be voted on today.

Mr. Mengacci then moved that the report be approved substantially as presented for submittal to CSC with the modifications discussed. Ms. Healey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Mr. Rathgeber abstained and all others voted affirmatively.

Board members thanked and congratulated the subcommittee and consultants for their good work in producing the report.

3. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment. Mr. Phelps of the Siting Council noted how the Council will address issues relating to over- or under-grounding transmission lines as the review of CL&Ps filing proceeds.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: