

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
March 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The March 2010 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Tracy Babbidge, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Rick Hanley, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Paul Nuñez and Joel Gordes, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole and Jim Hoffman, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi (CEAB Vice Chair) and Tony Sheridan, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Introduction of New Board Appointee

Chairman Cassella introduced Paul Nuñez who has been appointed to the Board by the Speaker of the House replacing Melissa Ozols. Mr. Nuñez is a member of the Speaker's staff and deals with energy matters.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the February 2010 meeting. The minutes were corrected in reference to a date when ISO plans to present NEEWS findings. The minutes were approved as amended. Mr. Nuñez abstained.

4. Procurement

Mr. Peaco and Ms. Carraher from La Capra Associates were introduced to present a PowerPoint on the Integrated Resource Plan. The presentations aim was to present the status of the Plan including updating the Board on the public hearing and workshops of CHP and transmission as well as reviewing various analytics and core cases and presenting the schedule for completing the Plan. A proposed framework of CEAB's plan was also reviewed. Board members were given the opportunity to discuss initial conclusion and potential recommendations as well.

Board members noted that in weighing the various costs associated with recommendations i.e. financial, security and environmental, the Board should show balance in its recommendations. With regards to repowering of older power plants, the Board felt that waiting on repowering should not be suggested as an option.

Mr. Mengacci was asked to brief the Board on the work of NESCOE's Governors' Blueprint Procurement Group of which he is a member as it relates to renewable energy.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of supporting nuclear generation in the State. The consensus was that CEAB's IRP needs to weigh in on the topic in its report as guided by the majority of its members. The Board also discussed issues surrounding restructuring energy agencies in Connecticut.

Mr. Dorsey of Northeast Utilities commented on net metering and how it can benefit a few customers but be a cost to the majority of rate payers.

Mr. Cassella encouraged Board members to attend ISO's Planning Advisory Committee meetings as often as possible. Mr. Sheridan offered to arrange for a future meeting of the Board to be held at the Millstone Nuclear plant so the Board can tour the facility.

5. Public Comment

Mr. Goldschmidt encouraged the Board to take a good look at nuclear options in developing its recommendations. He also stated Renewable Portfolio Standards shouldn't drive the process but environmental, reliability and cost goals should be the drivers. He also remarked that over dependency on gas could well become an issue in the future.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: