

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
March 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The March 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2008 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Joaquina Borges King, designee of the Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Tracy Babbidge, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Melissa Buckley and Jeff Gaudiosi, appointees of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Joel Gordes, Michael Cassella and Melissa Ozols appointees of the Speaker of the House; and Jim Hoffman, appointee of the Governor.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the revised minutes of the February 2008 meeting presented to the board today. He noted the revision corrected some typographical errors and changed the wording of the section on Procurement slightly. After reviewing the revised minutes, the board approved them. Messrs. Gaudiosi and Hoffman and Ms. Buckley abstained from the vote.

3. Chairman's Remarks

Introduction of New Members

Mr. Mengacci introduced two new appointees by the President of the Senate, Melissa Buckley and Jeff Gaudiosi. He also thanked Jim Sandler, whom Ms Buckley is replacing, for his many years of service and his active support of its projects.

Report on Various Energy Issues

The chairman restated the importance of looking at the three pieces of this task as a whole and noted the report due to the board in March has been delayed until April to allow priority to be given to the procurement plan work.

Mr. Gordes commented that Raised Bill 5787 proposes the creation of a Clean Energy Department requiring \$2 billion in bonding. He suggested that it might be good to remind the legislature of their edict to the board to report on the structure of energy entities in the state as part of the various energy issues task.

Net Energy Analysis

The goal is to receive clarification on this task by June or July in light of the NEEWS project and related actions.

Procurement Plan

Chairman Mengacci summarized events to date in the board's review of the procurement plan submitted by the utilities. In conversations between representatives of CEAB and the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), DPUC has indicated they agree with the process being proposed by CEAB for the handling of this matter.

Heather Hunt of the La Capra consulting team was asked to summarize key points of the public comment received in writing and at the public hearing. Following this Dan Peaco outlined the proposed process for this task going forward which calls for a collaborative process with the utilities and other interested parties.

Ms. Cammarata commended the utilities for their work on the plan and their graciousness under fire as the process evolved to this point.

As the process moves forward for the first time, Ms. Borges King requested that the board consider what recommendations for legislative changes it can make going forward and what impact any related actions have on the cost to rate payers.

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Mr. Mengacci recommended an extension of La Capra's contract on this matter in light of developments to date. He feels this will minimize the cost and ensure staying within CEAB's allotted appropriation from DPUC.

Mr. Gordes felt that the legislative representation on the board would ensure board concerns are known whether through active or passive measures.

The board thanked La Capra Associates for a quality package for the board to enable them to make decisions on this matter.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted to transmit the process presented to the chairs of the Energy and Technology Committee with a cover letter from the chairman. Mr. Gordes and Ms. Buckley abstained.

And it was further approved that the chairman be authorized to execute the modifications needed to the La Capra contract so long as such modifications are in line with the budget.

4. Other Business

The chairman solicited public comment and there was none. He informed the board that a mileage reimbursement form for non-state employees on the board has been developed and will be circulated to members.

Ms. Cammarata noted that details on outcomes of ISO-NE's recent forward capacity markets have been filed and recommend to the board that they review the findings as it contains useful and interesting information. ISO has offered to brief the board on the forward capacity market. She also stated that representatives from the state Ethics Commission will be briefing the board on relevant information regarding their service and how it is impacted by state ethics requirements.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Mengacci adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: