

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

Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2006

1. Call to Order

The April 2006 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 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.

Chairman Downes opened the meeting by stating that the major work to be accomplished is to review CEAB's report to DPUC on Long-Term Measures to reduce federally mandated congestion charges submitted by the consultant for final adoption in light of newly released numbers from ISO-New England.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes reported that DPUC issued decisions last week associated with the Energy Independence Act for Dockets 05-17-16 and 05-07-17. The decisions and related information can be accessed at the DPUC Web site.

There are several energy bills still active in the current legislative session. Several need to clear committees still and none have come up for debate as yet. Bill 5525 is the most material for CEAB.

4. CEAB Report on Long-Term Measures

Vice Chair Mary Healey stated that La Capra's report was reviewed at a workshop of the board, in a conference call of the RFP committee and just prior to today's meeting. ISO's figures which seem to indicate a need for considerably more reserve generation requirements in southwest Connecticut impact the report significantly and need to be clarified or disclaimed in the CEAB report. The RFP committee would like the board to authorize it to approve the final version of the report following receiving information at the ISO Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting Wednesday.

The board requested that La Capra review the material elements of the report for the board before it take action. Dan Peaco and Harvey Salgo presented the review for the board and answered questions regarding the report.

Following the review, Commissioner McCarthy thanked La Capra for their work but wanted to emphasize that the board is a forum to craft energy policy that is broader than the scope of the report requested by DPUC on long-term measures to reduce federally mandated congestion charges. Introductory wording to this effect should be incorporated by the board before submission to the DPUC. She also pointed out that wording on environmental matters needed to be revised and enhanced in finalizing the report.

Ms. Healey stated it is important to keep the vision of the board's energy plan and the requirements of the preferential criteria in mind and the report needs to be consistent with them.

Chairman Downes noted the need to recognize that the report is a limited piece of the total solution to state energy issues.

Commissioner McCarthy said it is important that the board do what it can to drive longer term energy solutions for the state and proactive RFPs by CEAB are a means to do that.

The board then moved, seconded and approved that the RFP subcommittee be authorized to review the environmental and introductory wording for the report recommended by the members and approve the report for submission to DPUC through a conference call on Thursday.

5. Public Comment

Chairman Downes invited public comment.

Robert Fromer expressed his feeling that the CEAB energy plan is not in compliance with the act that mandated the plan and expressed an interest in bidding to prepare the 2007 plan. He also expressed his support of the creation of a state energy department to be responsible for energy policy and analysis.

Phil Armeta of Kleen Energy promoted the need for competition for state energy projects and reiterated his company's frustration with state in trying to get their Middletown facility operational.

Roger Koontz of Environment Northeast commended the board for recognizing the need to keep in mind the larger context as it carries out its work. He stressed the importance of reducing the demand for energy in solving state energy issues. He recommended that the ISO's Southern New England Reliability Project (SNERP) receive careful review.

Leo Smith of the International Dark-Sky Association presented his case for establishing street light rates for half night lighting.

Henry Link asked about promotion being done for the DPUC-CPTV energy series.

Robert Fromer recommended that U.S. Representative Rosco Bartlett be invited to present to CEAB, ECMB, CSC, DEP, DECD and DPW.

Bill Corvo of Kleen Energy redirected the board to his presentation on ECAP and suggested old generation plants should be rehabilitated after new clean energy is in place.

Mike Casella of Select Energy asked about progress on rolling out time of use rates at DPUC. He was informed that a draft decision is due on the 19th of April.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: By CEAB on May 12, 2006