

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
April 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The April 2009 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Mary Healey (Vice Chair), Connecticut Consumer Counsel(OCC); John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Phil Dukes, designee of the 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 and Jim Hoffman, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi, Tony Sheridan (via telephone) and Melissa Buckley, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the March 2009 monthly meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the Board approved the minutes as distributed. There were no abstentions.

3. IRP Subcommittee Report

Chairman Cassella provided general comments on the IRP process. John Athas of La Capra Associates discussed the process for the 2009 IRP. A full draft is to go to the IRP subcommittee on April 14th for comment. The full report will go to the Board on Friday, April 24th or Monday, April 27th, so a vote on submittal may be taken at the May 1, 2009 CEAB meeting.

4. Consulting RFP Update

An RFP for consulting support for the 2009 IRP has been issued and responses are due on April 14, 2009. It is anticipated that the Board will take action on a subcommittee recommendation for a vendor at its May meeting. The Secretary of OPM executed a 30-day notice of cancellation for LaCapra's general services contract with CEAB covering discrete work orders. All work on the orders issued under that contract is to end as of April 30, 2009.

There is a hold on all other RFPs and Memorandums of Understanding including the proposed RFPs for an Executive Director for CEAB and for CEAB administrative support for 2010 and beyond.

These actions and restrictions from OPM were questioned since CEAB's budget is funded through system benefit charges and not general fund money of the State. Funding was pulled without any Board action. Mr. Cole asked how the Board could procedurally challenge OPM's actions. After discussion the Board approved the following resolution: *The Chair and Vice Chair of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board are authorized to meet with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to challenge recent actions regarding Board contracts and Requests for Proposal and to request an opinion on these and other Board governance issues from the Attorney General.*

Messrs. Mengacci and Sheridan abstained from voting on the resolution.

5. State Plan for Energy Efficiency at State Facilities

Connecticut statutes require that OPM annually file a State Plan for Energy Efficiency at State Facilities with CEAB on September 1 of each year. No such update of the 2007 plan was submitted in 2008. In light of limited resources, OPM gave precedence to processing grants for furnace rebates, furnace upgrades and furnace replacements. CEAB and OPM need to find a way forward to address the legislated requirement.

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6. CSC 2009 Forecast of Loads (Docket F-2009)

Ms. Healey noted that the annual forecast of loads proceedings at the Connecticut Siting Council is commencing. She questioned whether the Board was ready to intervene as required by statute. A Request for Intervenor Status for CEAB has been submitted. The Board will monitor the docket and the Chair and Vice Chair will include discussing how the Board can remain in compliance with this requirement in their meeting with the Secretary of OPM.

7. Other Business

Board members discussed the approximately \$60 million of federal stimulus funds applied for by the State to flow through OPM. Chairman Cassella asked how the stimulus dollars could be used. Thirty-eight and a half million is earmarked for State energy programs and \$24 million is earmarked for local energy efficiency conservation block grants.

Eric Johnson of ISO New England indicated that ISO is extending an invitation to CEAB to meet at ISO's offices in November and also tour their facility.

Mr. Gordes circulated an opinion editorial by Ian A. Bowles, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the State of Massachusetts from March 7, 2009. Mr. Dukes gave his interpretation of efforts to preempt the import of power from the Midwest. There are critical pieces that could provide the backbone for interconnection of the northeastern states.

8. Public Comment

Alex Hillman, Christopher Ruppel and John Urbahn, representatives of Environmental Energy Solutions, LLC gave a brief presentation to the Board about their company.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Tracy Babbidge

Approved by: