

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

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2006

1. Call to Order

The May 2006 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 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; Nicole Lugli, designee of the 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); Carl Schiessl (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.

Vice Chair Mary Healey opened the meeting on behalf Chairman Downes.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Healey called upon two scheduled presenters: Tom Filburn who gave an overview of the University of Hartford's Clean Energy Institute and Lee Hebert who discussed energy storage systems. At the end of the presentations, Chairman Downes asked each presenter to follow up with the board on presenting further information and discussion on both topics at a later date.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Downes asked the board to review the minutes of the April meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. The board then approved the minutes as distributed.

4. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes reported that the 2006 session of the General Assembly ended without any significant energy bills being passed. There has been a call for a special session to address energy and other matters not acted on during the regular session. The Speaker of the House has called for an Energy Summit on May 17th. It was the consensus of the board that CEAB should be represented at the summit. Chairman Downes will draft a statement and Commissioner McCarthy will present the statement on behalf of the board at the summit.

5. National Energy Efficiency Action Plan

Chairman Downes introduced DPUC Commissioner Anne George who reported on the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan. Commissioner George, Mary Healey, and Chris James of DEP are all part of the team working on the plan. The plan is to be unveiled at the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) summer meeting in San Francisco.

6. CEAB Participation in DPUC Energy Independence Act Dockets

Vice Chair Mary Healey reported that, at the request of DPUC, CEAB has been an active participant in the department's proceedings. Participation has included submission of two CEAB reports on short and long-term electric resource needs as well as participation in technical hearings on a host of issues related to the state's electric capacity needs and development of a request for proposals. Going forward, the DPUC proceedings are expected to address issues such as RFP design, credit matters, proposal evaluation, the intersection of planned energy use and environmental impact, etc.

7. CEAB Siting Council Forecast Participation

CEAB continues to participate in CSC's forecast of load for 2006. The next milestone is a June 1 public hearing.

8. Energy Plan – J. Mengacci

Mr. Mengacci reported that now that the legislative session has ended with no reorganization of CEAB, he will recommence discussions with the Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) to formalize an agreement for ISE to provide consulting services for the 2007 energy plan.

Mary Healey discussed a process to implement tracking of progress on goals in the 2006 energy plan. She cited "The State of California Energy Action Plan: An Implementation Road Map for Energy Policy" as a useful tracking model. She committed to sharing relevant portions of the report with CEAB members.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Mary Healey

Approved by: The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, June 6, 2006