

**The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
Draft Minutes
CEAB Special Meeting
July 28, 2008
Via Conference Call**

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The July 28, 2008 special meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB), being duly noticed with the Secretary of the State was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 via conference call.

Members participating were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Melissa Buckley appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Michael Cassella, Joel Gordes and Melissa Ozols appointees of the Speaker of the House; and Jim Hoffman and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor. Staff members and consultants participating in the call were Tracy Babbidge of DEP and Joaquina Borges King of the Office of Consumer Counsel; John Athas, Heather Hunt and Carrie Gilbert representing La Capra Associates and Gretchen Deans from The Connecticut Economic Resource Center.

2. Procurement Plan

Chairman Megacci noted that the first and primary agenda item for the meeting was to provide for discussion of the Procurement Plan as it is to be presented to the Board for discussion and approval at its August meeting.

Michael Cassella, chairman of the Board's Integrated Resource Plan subcommittee, asked if participants had comments or questions.

Commissioner McCarthy mentioned two areas she would like Board members to discuss: the treatment of nuclear power and wording dealing with energy efficiency.

Joel Gordes interjected a question about his ability to vote on the plan in light of the conflict with his being a contractor with the Energy Conservation Management Board and the plan's coverage of conservation and load management.

John Mengacci expressed hope that both Joel and Jeff Gaudiosi could endorse the plan exclusive of its treatment of the topics of conservation and load management. The minutes of the August meeting would reflect this exclusion. Based on this recommendation, Mr. Gordes committed to completing review of the plan on this basis.

Commissioner McCarthy then reviewed her remaining concerns about the treatment of nuclear power in the document. She stated she does not have a problem with its inclusion in the plan but would stop short of recommending a fact finding study. Rather she would recommend wording alluding to inclusion of more targeted facts on the development of nuclear power in future plans. She will email her recommendations to John Athas who

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will circulate the wording to the full Board to consider as a modification to the final draft as originally circulated.

Commissioner McCarthy said she could also talk with Tony Sheridan about the rationale for revised wording in light of his previously expressed positions regarding the treatment of nuclear power in the plan.

With regard to energy efficiency, Commissioner McCarthy pointed to wording in the plan on the subject. DEP has modified the wording not to minimize the importance of energy efficiency but rather to reflect the delicate balancing necessary when weighing new generation versus energy efficiency measures.

Heather Hunt suggested that the transmittal cover letter can be used as a stand alone document to provide background and clarification on key items related to the plan as transmitted.

Mr. Mengacci stated that if this is done, a draft of such a letter should be available to the Board at the August meeting so wording can be approved.

Other Business

Mr. Mengacci asked if there was other business Board members wished to raise. There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to come before the Board, Mr. Mengacci adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Accepted by: