

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
August 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The August 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 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); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; 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, Michael Cassella and Melissa Ozols, appointees of the Speaker of the House; John Rathgeber, Jim Hoffman and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor and Melissa Buckley, appointee of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the Board to review the minutes of the July 2008 meeting distributed prior to the meeting. The Board approved the minutes as presented.

3. Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) Forecast Proceedings

Heather Hunt of the LaCapra consulting team, reported that the CSC's 2008 draft forecast has been posted for comment. Recommended comments from the Board will be circulated for review and approval. One point that should be raised is that Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and United Illuminating treated demand side management (DSM) differently in providing information for the forecast.

4. NEEWS Municipal Filing

Dan Peaco reminded the Board that a municipal consultation filing has been submitted by CL&P for the Greater Springfield Project which is part of the New England East-West Solution (NEEWS). The Board has solicited comments from CL&P on the projects and there was a meeting with the utility during July. Confidentiality agreements have been filed by the consultant so that information from ISO New England can be reviewed. In September more detailed information should be available in informing the Board on whether to issue a request for proposal or exempt the project from the process. A public notice was published by the Board on receipt of a copy of the filing. A September filing with CSC by CL&P is anticipated.

Since the Greater Springfield piece is mostly in Massachusetts, the Board has to sort out issues related to the cross-border nature of this project. Michael Cassella raised a question as to whether CEAB can weigh in on the generating piece that is in Massachusetts. Donald Downes referenced an article presented by Joel Gordes noting the towns are weighing in on the NEEWS project. He also stated that the siting councils of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut are in communications with each other. Conducting joint meetings is difficult because of mandated meeting restrictions on the agencies.

5. Workshops

Mr. Mengacci reminded the Board that a recommendation was made to hold tutorial sessions for interested Board members following Board meetings on topics such as electricity, natural gas, and environmental matters. Mr. Downes is planning on presenting the first following the September meeting.

6. Other Business

Mr. Mengacci noted he will be presenting a proposed budget for 2009 at the September meeting so the budget can be submitted to DPUC for approval in a timely manner to meet requirements for setting the system benefit charge. The document will show the 2008 budget, preliminary 2009 proposal and the current 2009 recommendation

David Carey of DOA, James Sime of DOT and Donald Downes of DPUC left the meeting at this point.

7. Procurement Plan

There was a telephonic Board meeting on Monday, July 28th, to review the draft Procurement Plan prior to asking the Board to approve it at today's meeting. The principal outcome of the meeting was to strengthen the plan wording dealing with nuclear energy. That wording has been incorporated into the version of the plan to be voted on and has been presented to the Board in a separate handout. Some minor editorial proofing changes were also incorporated into the document.

Mr. Gordes noted he has a conflict of interest in establishing a position on DSM and conservation and load management matters in the plan because of the consulting he does for the Energy Conservation Management Board and would be abstaining from approval or comment on these. He expressed his concern that energy security was not given sufficient emphasis in the plan.

The Board then discussed with the consultants what technical assumptions were used in drafting the document. They also discussed how to handle a supplemental document submitted by the utilities at CEAB's request that was just received over night before the meeting. With regard to the supplement, it was agreed that it would be circulated to the Board for review and a recommendation would be made on how to pass the information on to DPUC.

Following discussion, the Board moved, seconded and approved submittal of the plan to DPUC. Mr. Gordes abstained from approving the sections on DSM and conservation and load management.

8. Public Comment

Chairman Mengacci solicited public comment. Robert Fromer commented that having reviewed the plan, he felt citations in the document should have been clearer. He also felt that CEAB wasn't the true author of the document and the consultants that prepared it should be cited. He expressed concurrence with Mr. Gordes' concerns on the treatment of energy security. He recognized the potential for nuclear energy as well.

9. Adjournment

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

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: **CT Energy Advisory Board, September 5, 2008**