

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
September 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The September 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2008 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel and Vice Chair of the CEAB presiding in the Chairman's absence; 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; Jim Hoffman and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi, Melissa Buckley, Tony Sheridan, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Healey asked the board to review the minutes of the July 28, 2008 special meeting and the August monthly meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the board approved the minutes as presented. Messrs. Gaudiosi and Sheridan abstained from the vote.

3. Procurement Plan/DPUC Docket 08-07-01

Dan Peaco of LaCapra, CEAB's technical experts, reviewed the process over the next month related to DPUC's Docket 08-07-01 on Connecticut's Procurement Plan. He referred to the PowerPoint distributed to the Board that was prepared for the August 28th Technical Meeting in the Docket. During this Technical Meeting, the presentation was made by CEAB Chairman Mengacci in addition to presentations by representatives of the utilities. DPUC Chairman Downes is presiding in the docket.

4. Various Energy Issues

Commissioner McCarthy, chair of the Various Energy Issues committee of the Board, reported on the August 22nd committee meeting. At the meeting members discussed issues raised for consideration by the consultants. In addition, the members discussed the experience of other states with different state government entities. A framework for addressing the issues raised was agreed upon and a future meeting date was set for September 24th. The report is due January 1, 2009 and a more detailed update should be available at the October CEAB meeting.

5. Connecticut Siting Council Forecast Proceedings

Ms. Hunt of the LaCapra consulting team reported on the Board's ongoing involvement in the Siting Council Forecast Proceedings. She noted that the Board had filed comments on the draft forecast document on August 14th. This filing is included in Board material for this meeting. The Siting Council is due to issue its final report on September 25th. Derek Phelps of the Siting Council was present and offered his comments on the Forecast Proceedings and thanked Ms. Hunt and the CEAB for their engagement in the proceedings.

6. CEAB 2009 Budget

Ms. Healey called the Board's attention to the budget proposal contained in the meeting packets and summarized its contents based on her briefing from Chairman Mengacci prior to this meeting. The proposal presented recommends submitting a request for \$355,000 in funding to DPUC for approval a copy of which is filed as part of the records of this meeting. These additional funds would be supplemented by \$465,000 in already approved unexpended funds to cover anticipated expenditures of the CEAB in 2009 for a total of \$820,000. After discussion, the Board moved, seconded and approved the budget as presented for submission to DPUC.

7. New England East West Solution (NEEWS)

Jeff Gaudiosi, chairman of the RFP committee currently dealing with NEEWS, reported on a conference call held on Wednesday, September 3. Filing by Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) with the Siting Council might be imminent for the Greater Springfield component of NEEWS. The Board has also received a copy of the municipal consultation filing for the Connecticut Project component of NEEWS.

The consultants reviewed the process being undertaken to get more needed information from CL&P on both projects that will be necessary either to issue a reactive RFP or an exemption once a filing is made with the Siting Council. The Board discussed issues surrounding the project components as well as NEEWS as a whole including possible impacts on rates, consideration of non-transmission alternatives to NEEWS and the potential need to consider NEEWS as a whole rather than separately in the four projects that it has been divided into by the company. Concern was also raised about jurisdictional issues related to the project impacting multiple states.

Members supported continuing to get more information from CL&P so the Board can proceed with its required statutory tasks and discussed and developed a consensus on the value of going forward with an RFP for alternative solutions while simultaneously keeping its prerogative to exempt the project(s) open as an option.

8. CASE Waste Heat Utilization Study

Mr. Downes reviewed a revised contract from the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering for a Study of Utilizing Waste Heat from Central Electric Power Generating Stations and Potential Applications. After discussion including a question regarding whether the study was factored in to the CEAB budget as approved, the Board moved, seconded and approved entering into the contract with CASE as presented. Commissioner McCarthy and Mr. Gordes recused themselves from the discussion and abstained from the vote.

Mr. Downes committed to following up on the necessary steps to complete the formal agreement including briefing Chairman Mengacci.

9. Other Business

Ms. Healey reminded the Board of the workshop being given by DPUC immediately following today's meeting at DOT's facility on West Street in Rocky Hill.

She asked the public if there was any comment. Richard Strauss of CASE reminded the Board that CASE is doing a study of the potential for a Clean Energy Department for the state for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. He noted that CEAB members have been invited to focus groups for the study being held at CERC on October 8th.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: