

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
November 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The November 2007 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007 at The Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Healy, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; James Fleming, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; Kenneth Hennessy, designee of the president of CBIA (an appointee of the Governor); Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); James Sandler, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Joel Gordes and Michael Cassella, two of the appointees of the Speaker of the House; David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; and Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. Chairman Mengacci welcomed the new members in attendance and noted that Melissa Ozols, the third appointee of the Speaker of the House was unable to be in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the October meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the board approved the minutes. Joel Gordes and Michael Cassella abstained from the vote.

3. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Mengacci reviewed current CEAB tasks. For the Electric Conservation Programs Study and the Annual Review of the OPM Strategic Plan for State Buildings, no action was required by the board. A survey is being finalized as part of the conservation program study and Julie Cammarata will present on the state's electric procurement activity later in the meeting.

RFP Exemptions

Heather Hunt of the La Capra consulting team reviewed the process of drafting RFP exemption criteria for the CEAB to adopt as required by current legislation and summarized the final draft. After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved by the board to adopt the exemption criteria as presented in the final draft. Joel Gordes and Michael Cassella abstained from the vote.

Report on Various Energy Issues

At Mr. Mengacci's request, Ms. Cammarata reported that an RFP committee has reviewed and scored the four proposals received for assistance in preparing the Report on Various Energy Issues. Two of the four proposers were interviewed. Following the interviews, the review committee decided to recommend that La Capra Associates be selected as the contractor for this work. After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved that Chairman Mengacci be authorized to execute a contract with La Capra for this task. Messrs. Gordes and Cassella abstained.

Procurement Plan

Ms. Cammarata reported that only one proposal was received in response to the board's RFP for a consultant to assist with review of the utilities procurement plan. The proposal has not been opened because the review committee wanted guidance on how to proceed in light of the single response. The board decided that RFP evaluation criteria should be finalized by the committee and then the proposal should be opened and reviewed by the committee.

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Net Energy Analysis

LaCapra presented on their research to date on identifying a net energy analysis methodology the board could use in reviewing certain proposals received in response to energy RFPs as required by current legislation. Mr. Gordes offered some discussion on the subject. After the presentation and discussion, on the benefits and potential use of the information Commissioner McCarthy suggested that any recommended methodology might be tested in a trial case to evaluate the value of the analysis as the provision will cost a considerable amount of rate-payer money to implement. She suggested that further investigation be done to discover the intent of the legislation requiring the analysis and the intended value of the legislation.

4. OPM Presentation on State Electric Procurement

In response to a request by the board, Julie Cammarata reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on OPM's electric procurement on behalf of the State this year.

5. Pareto Energy Presentation

Guy Warner, founder and CEO of Pareto Energy, presented to the board on his company's work in Connecticut and elsewhere in establishing intra-city power grids and what he sees as the benefits of such systems.

6. Other Business

Chairman Mengacci opened the meeting to public comment.

Bill Corvo of Kleen Energy Systems addressed the board and expressed his concern about the reliability of Connecticut's old power plants and the impact of reliability must run contracts on energy pricing. He recommended that CEAB analyze these plants and develop a recommended methodology for their replacement.

Robert Fromer commented next. He noted that he had intended to discuss a report by Hyman Rickover that he wanted to share with the board but decided he would forward the report to them for their review. Instead he offered his thoughts on the value of net energy analysis.

There was no other public comment.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: