

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
December 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The December 2009 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Mary Healey, Vice Chair and Connecticut Consumer Counsel; John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Tracy Babbidge, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Peggy Diaz, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC); James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); Melissa Ozols and Joel Gordes, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Kevin Hennessy and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi and Melissa Buckley, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the November meeting. Ms. Healey recommended changes to the wording of the third paragraph of section 5 of the minutes. After discussion, the Board approved the monthly minutes as modified. Ms. Diaz, Ms. Babbidge and Mr. Mengacci abstained.

3. CT Clean Energy Fund Presentation

Mr. Cassella introduced Lise Dondy, president of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF). Ms. Dondy presented a PowerPoint about the CCEF and its current programs and accomplishments. She has scheduled a series of these presentations in connection with CCEF's update of its strategic plan.

Board members asked several questions about the presentation and CCEF following the presentation including ones on modeling answered by Dale Hedman of CCEF.

Mr. Cassella thanked Ms. Dondy for her presentation.

4. CSC Docket 370

Jeff Gaudiosi reported that CEAB's participation in this docket should be complete at this time.

5. Procurement Plan

DPUC Transmission Follow Up: Mr. Peaco reported that DPUC, as follow up to its Transmission session, issued a strawman with questions requiring responses by December 8, 2009. After responses to the strawman are received DPUC wants to call a follow up session. A draft of CEAB responses will be circulated on December 7 to Board members and comments will be due by 10 a.m. on December 8 so changes can be incorporated and a response filed with DPUC by 4:00 p.m.

Status of 2010 Procurement Plan: Shawn Carraher of La Capra Associates presented a PowerPoint overview of the status of completing the 2010 IRP plan. She reported on input received during workshops on topic areas held to date and noted that the final workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009.

LaCapra will be discussing the EDCs' baseline analyses with the EDCs' consultant Brattle the week of December 7, 2009.

John Athas of La Capra complimented the Board on its involvement in the workshops and overall IRP development process this year.

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Mr. Cassella concluded the IRP overview by stating that the workshops have produced good insights. He has asked Board member, Melissa Buckley, to arrange for CEAB to present to the Energy and Technology Committee of the Legislature in January of 2010. Board members were encouraged to discuss their thoughts on approaching their individual legislative representatives regarding the IRP.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman Cassella reported that Vice Chairman Healey has withdrawn her name for consideration for any CEAB office for 2010 because of her election as president of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates. However, Ms. Healey will continue her general membership on CEAB.

Mr. Cassella then asked for nominations for CEAB's 2010 Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Healey made a motion that Michael Cassella be elected 2010 CEAB Chair and Jeff Gaudiوسي be elected 2010 CEAB Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and without discussion the Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.

7. Other Business

Mr. Sime, CEAB designee from DOT, informed the Board of a webinar from Energy Central scheduled for noon on December 9, 2009 entitled "Making the Business Case for Utility-Scale Distributed Energy Storage".

11. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment for attendees and there was none.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: