

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
February 5, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The February 2010 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Connecticut Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Joseph Rosenthal, designee of the 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); Rick Hanley, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Melissa Ozols and Joel Gordes, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole, Jim Hoffman, and Kevin Hennessy, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi (CEAB Vice Chair) 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 January 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Diaz and Messrs. Rosenthal, Hennessy and Hanley abstained.

3. Procurement

a. Report on Presentation to Energy and Technology Committee of the General Assembly

Mr. Cassella commented on the Board's recent presentation to the E&T Committee. CEAB is appreciative of the feedback received and feels CEAB's IRP work is getting higher on E&T's radar screen. Mr. Gordes complimented Chairman Cassella on his handling of that session.

b. Written Comments

Mr. Cassella noted that a draft summary of written comments received by the Board on the IRP was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting. Many comments were received and most were supportive. Energy efficiency and renewables were important areas of concern for many commenters. Comments have not yet been received from the Energy Conservation Management Board. Mr. Cole complemented LaCapra Associates on their summary of the comments. Chairman Cassella thinks the Board should consider addressing the E&T Committee again before CEAB submits its report to the DPUC.

c. Update on Overall Status of CEAB's Procurement Report

Mr. Peaco and Ms. Carragher from LaCapra presented a PowerPoint review of the status of the Board on completing its report to DPUC on Procurement. The Board raised discussion points on challenges in developing recommendations for the report and asked questions on many areas covered by the presentation.

Key conclusions by Board members included: 1) many recommendations being considered are capital intensive and how to accomplish these will be a core issue in CEAB's report; and 2) incorporating a holistic perspective to recommendations made is very important. Members expressed the importance of incorporating findings from its Various Energy Issues reports into this year's document.

4. NEEWS

Mr. Peaco noted that members of the Board's NEEWS subcommittee received an update from ISO-New England in a call before the meeting on ISO's relook at its earlier NEEWS analysis. The focus of their work is on the interstate piece of the work and they will be presenting on findings at an upcoming PAC meeting. ISO representatives offered to brief the Board as well.

5. Other Business

Chairman Cassella reminded Board members of upcoming events associated with the IRP. On February 11th a public hearing on the IRP submitted by the EDCs is scheduled. On February 19th there is a Transmission Workshop and on February 23rd there is a workshop on Combined Heat and Power. A call for the IRP subcommittee of the Board is also in the process of being scheduled.

6. Public Comment

Stephen Goldschmidt commended the analysis done on the IRP to date by CEAB. He offered some ideas for the Board to consider as it completes its work. Bob Keen emphasized that there are costs related to various options above and beyond transmission and it is important that such costs should be presented in a transparent manner.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: