

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
January 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The January 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, 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); James Sandler, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Joel Gordes, Michael Cassella and Melissa Ozols appointees of the Speaker of the House; Jim Hoffman, appointee of the Governor representing an environmental organization; and James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the December 2007 meeting which were distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the board approved the minutes.

3. Chairman's Remarks

Electric Conservation Programs Study

Chairman Mengacci noted that the schedule for this project has been modified. The public hearings will now be on January 22, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the draft study will be posted on January 9, 2008.

Annual Review of OPM Strategic Plan

Paul Farrell of DEP reported that the time line for this task is being pushed back somewhat in order to lay a good framework for future years. The draft of the addendum to the plan should be to the Agency Staff Work Group on January 19, 2008.

Report on Various Energy Issues

Mr. Mengacci noted that La Capra was chosen to assist with this task and their contract is still under review at OPM. Joel Gordes cited a prior study of 13 entities as a point of reference for this task.

Procurement Plan

Distribution companies will be presenting their Integrated Resource Plan today at 1:00 p.m. to the board. Under the original scenario the consultant was to conduct a comprehensive review prior to the plan being released for public comment. To facilitate meeting time deadlines, after discussion it was decided to release the plan for public comment now so that La Capra's review would run parallel with the public comment period. The public comment period will end early before the public hearing slated for mid-February for comments to be considered prior to the hearing along with results of the consultant review.

Net Energy Analysis

The analysis is being discussed with legislative leaders to investigate the intent of the task prior to further work being done.

NEEWS

Filings with the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC) are still planned for July 2008 and will be followed up by November filings as well.

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FERC 890

Dan Peaco of La Capra Associates reported that previously reviewed comments by CEAB are scheduled to be filed on Monday, January 7, 2008 regarding the December 7, 2007 “Attachment K” filing that ISO New England (“ISO-NE”) submitted as a proposed amendment to its open access transmission tariff (“OATT”) in response to Order 890 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”).

Nominating Committee/Election of Officers

Mr. Sandler introduced a motion on behalf of the board nominating committee made up of Jim Hoffman, Michael Cassella and himself to reelect John Mengacci as board chair and Mary Healey as board vice chair for 2008. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted by the board.

Low-Income Energy Issues

Mr. Mengacci distributed a draft letter to the Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association and the Low Income Energy Advisory Board regarding issues surrounding heating oil delivery within the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program offering CEAB assistance in reconciling related issues. The board authorized Mr. Mengacci to transmit the letter.

Governor’s Letter

The chairman reported that he had received a letter from Governor Rell to board and agency heads requesting that all statutes applicable to an entity be distributed to members for review and compliance with state ethics code. A discussion followed as to whether non-agency appointees to CEAB were public officials. Mr. Mengacci said he would seek legal council on this with the intent of clarifying the matter at the February meeting.

4. Consultant Work Order Report

Dan Peaco gave a brief presentation highlighting important points related to open CEAB work orders in which La Capra is involved.

6. Other Business

Chairman Mengacci opened the meeting to public comment.

Robert Fromer advocated that CEAB should market itself and its activities more to the public through news, public radio and public access television. He also expressed concern that investigating the intent of net energy analysis further with the legislature could kill this initiative. He stated that there are net energy analysis models currently available that could be used in completing this important task.

Derek Phelps and Mike Perrone of the CSC delivered copies of the council’s current forecast to board members and meeting attendees and gave a brief overview of the forecast. Mr. Phelps commended Mr. Perrone for his role in compiling this year’s forecast.

There was no other public comment.

7. Recess

Mr. Mengacci recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. distribution companies presentation on their Integrated Resource Plan.

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8. IRP Presentation

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Mengacci reconvened the meeting and introduced Lisa Thibdaue of Northeast Utilities, Dennis Hrabchak of United Illuminating and Marc Chupka of The Brattle Group (consultant to the companies for the IRP). Mr. Chupka lead a PowerPoint presentation on the plan and the process used to develop it.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board at the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Mengacci adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: