

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
July 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions

Members of the board introduced themselves by name and appointment/ statutory category representation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the June 2009 monthly meeting. Joel Gordes identified changes and corrections on pages 2, 3, and 4 of the draft minutes. Mary Healey identified changes and modification to item number 6 and on pages 1 and 3 of the draft minutes. After review, the Board approved the monthly minutes as modified by Mr. Gordes and Secretary Healey. Chairman Cassella asked Mr. Gordes and Ms. Healey to submit those changes to Ms. Deans. Ms. Babbidge, Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Mengacci and Mr. Cole abstained from voting.

4. 2010 IRP Update

Chairman Cassella reported that the Board intends to go forward with its 2010 IRP process but that the issue at hand is the level of support the Board can provide given the current budget situation. Chairman Cassella along with DPUC Chairman Del Gobbo has requested a meeting with OPM Secretary Genuario to resolve the administrative barriers to supporting this process. Attendees at that meeting will be Chairman Cassella, Vice Chairman Healey and Chairman Del Gobbo.

Chairman Cassella also reported that the EDCs requested a meeting to discuss the process going forward and that such meeting would occur following the current Board meeting.

5. Siting Council/NEEWS Update

Mr. Gaudiosi stated that the CEAB filed as an intervener in the Connecticut Siting Council docket on the CL&P NEEWS application and NRG alternative. Assistant Attorney General Michelle Rivero is representing the Board. Ms. Rivero reported that CEAB filed responses to interrogatories and is preparing for the hearing that is scheduled to begin July 21 and continue on three additional July dates. CEAB's panel may not be scheduled until September; it will be composed of Board member Jeff Gaudiosi and Dan Peaco and Dick Hahn of LaCapra Associates. Dan Peaco noted that ISO-NE reported last month on its Greater Springfield assessment, having determined that the project is still needed. ISO's assessment of the Central Connecticut project should be reported out later this year.

6. Siting council Docket F2009/Forecast of Loads

John Athas reported that the Siting Council hearing on this docket is scheduled for July 15. There has been no information on retirements nor inclusion of or reference to potential Waxman-Markey (federal climate legislation) impacts. CEAB expects to participate in a monitoring role.

7. CEAB 2010 Budget

Chairman Cassella distributed a proposed 2010 budget to the Board which he described as a “ground up” budget based on past line items. The Chairman proposed that the Board vote on the budget at the next meeting. Mr. Mengacci commented that it was best to wait until the August meeting on the premise that the meeting with Secretary Genuario will have taken place.

8. DPUC Docket 09-05-02 (2009 IRP)

Dan Peaco reported that CEAB filed its IRP on May 1; that CEAB subsequently responded to what was very limited discovery regarding transmission, security and the 2010 Plan. Briefs have been filed and reply briefs are due July 13.

9. DEP Update

Tracy Babbidge provided the Board with an informational update on several items that are rapidly changing in the environmental world and that affect energy planning and implementation in Connecticut: High Electric Demand Day NOx reductions; EPA’s proposal to disapprove Connecticut’s ozone reduction State Implementation Plan (SIP); the importance of the IRP process and the development of metrics to quantify costs and benefits regarding needs; and highlights from the Waxman-Markey bill. (A handout was provided).

Ms. Babbidge responded to an inquiry by Mr. Gordes that when the State identifies whether noted NOx reductions have been attributed to the recession or to policy changes, it can take credit for them in the SIP; achieved reductions become part of the State’s budget. Ms. Healey asked if there was a role for the Board to play in the SIP process to which Ms. Babbidge responded that DEP will from time to time bring information and/or other items to the Board for its approval.

10. Other Business

Legislative session update: Melissa Ozols reported that not much energy legislation passed, but it appears that the change to a biennial IRP did pass.

Freedom of Information Complaint: AAG Riverso reported that the FOI complaint had been dismissed, but reminded the Board of several FOI requirements of which it needed to be mindful.

11. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment. Mr. Henry Link of EnviroEnergy Connections reported on the success of a West Hartford School competition to reduce energy use. He suggested that the CEAB, ECMB and Governor’s Steering Committee on Climate Change sponsor a statewide competition. Chairman Cassella requested that he put this thought in writing so that the entities could consider how they might support such an effort.

Chairman Cassella requested that Mr. Gordes provide an update on cyber attacks. Mr. Gordes noted the difficulty of knowing with certainty who is responsible for such attacks. There have been reports of some malicious activity against the electric industry. He also noted that the Siting Council has a docket on security matters.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Jane K. Stahl

Approved by: CT Energy Advisory Board, August 3, 2009