

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
May 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The May 2009 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, 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); James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA); Joel Gordes and Melissa Ozols, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole and Jim Hoffman, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi, Tony Sheridan (via telephone) 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 April 2009 monthly meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the Board approved the monthly minutes as distributed.

3. Procurement Report

Chairman Cassella asked Ms. Babbidge to summarize contents of the proposed “Appendix C: Connecticut DEP Revisions to the Environmental Section 7 of the EDCs’ 2009 IRP” to be included in CEAB’s Integrated Resource Plan report to be submitted to the DPUC. Ms. Babbidge indicated the Appendix contains technical corrections to the EDCs’ document.

Mr. Gordes was asked to summarize his recommendations regarding changes to the wording regarding compliance with IRP security requirements in “Appendix F: Compliance Report of EDCs’ 2009 Plan” and his recommendation to change the compliance rating to low. After discussion Board members agreed with the changes.

The Board then voted approval of submission of the IRP document presented them prior to the meeting including Appendix C and the changes to Appendix F.

To better prepare the Board to address outstanding issues about the treatment of nuclear energy in future Integrated Resource Plans, the Board reviewed a proposal submitted by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to conduct a study of relevant issues and present their findings to the Board and others in a seminar.

Board members asked about CEAB’s current budgetary outlook. Messrs. Cassella and Mengacci reported that it was possible that \$1 million might be pulled out of the budget for the balance of the year. This would leave CEAB with \$.5 million of funding for the balance of the year. This should be enough to cover current commitments, the anticipated 2010 IRP contract and the study.

There were differing opinions among Board members about the need and proper scope for the study but after discussion the Board approved going forward with the study portion of the proposal and that the final scope of the study would be discussed with the members of CEAB’s RFP subcommittee and reported back to the Board.

Chairman Cassella cited the need for a visioning session for the 2010 IRP. He feels this should be an in person session lasting 3 to 4 hours but should take place once the 2010 IRP consultant is chosen. Mr. Mengacci said it would be at least two weeks before a final decision is made on the contractor and probably 30 days after that before a contract can be in place. The Chairman expressed the need to have this session as soon as possible.

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4. CSC Docket 370 regarding NEEWS GSRP

Mr. Gaudiosi reported that the Office of Consumer Counsel has issued interrogatories directed at CEAB in the Connecticut Siting Council's Docket 370 concerning the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (GSRP) of the New England East-West Solution (NEEWS). He feels that the Board might want to file as an intervener in the docket on a limited basis and should have legal representation. Board members expressed the opinion that this representation should come from the Attorney General's office. Consequently the Board voted to authorize Mr. Gaudiosi to formally request representation on behalf of CEAB from the Attorney General.

5. New Technologies

At the invitation of the Board, Bridget Oei, a seventh grade student, presented her award winning project "Piezoelectric Tiles: A Novel Approach to Harvesting Vibrations as a Renewable Energy Resource".

Also at the invitation of the Board, Dr. Richard Watts, of the Transportation Research Center of the University of Vermont, presented on the Center's work on Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles.

6. Consulting Update

Chairman Cassella reported that OPM had rescinded its direction to cancel La Capra's work under its current contract with CEAB. Work orders will be issued for required work under the contract at this time. The Board subcommittee will be evaluating RFP responses for 2010 IRP consulting and making a recommendation on the selection of a consultant to the Board in the near future.

7. Other Business

Richard Strauss of CASE gave a status report and time line for completion of the Waste Heat Recovery Study that the Academy has been contracted to complete for CEAB. The study is tentatively scheduled to be completed in June and presented to CEAB at its July 10th meeting.

8. Public Comment

Chairman Cassella solicited public comment from those present. There was none.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: