

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
May 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The May 2010 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 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); Mary Healey, 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); James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT); David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Joel Gordes, appointee of the Speaker of the House; Timothy Cole, appointee of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi (CEAB Vice Chair) and Tony Sheridan (via telephone), appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Procurement

Chairman Cassella asked John Athas of LaCapra Associates to brief the Board on what to expect now that the Board has submitted its Procurement Plan to the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC). Mr. Athas noted that the docket in which the Plan will be reviewed by DPUC is Docket 10-02-07. He reported that interrogatories directed to CEAB have already been received from the Office of the Consumer Counsel as part of the docket proceedings. Hearings in the Docket begin the first week in June. Chairman Cassella noted that traditionally CEAB has been scheduled to appear first in these dockets.

Mr. Cassella indicated that there are action items associated with the Plan that was filed for CEAB to address: 1) a review of renewable portfolio standards; and 2) a non transmission alternatives assessment associated with ISO New England's Hartford needs assessment. He suggested that the Board reconstitute the Various Energy Issues (VEI) subcommittee as a body to address these matters. Existing members of the VEI subcommittee are Mary Healey, Joel Gordes and Tracy Babbidge, as representative from DEP. Mr. Cole volunteered to join the reconstituted subcommittee as well and was appointed chair of the subcommittee.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Athas presented a detailed review of the Energy Bill that was passed at the very end of Connecticut's Legislative Session. The Board had an extensive discussion of the Bill. There were concerns relative to the process in which the Bill was passed and the extent of public input. The Board also expressed concern that in spite of its intensive, extensive and detailed work on the current Procurement Plan, recommendations contained in the Plan may be at odds with portions of the bill

The Board discussed what to do in anticipation of the Governor acting on the Bill. It was decided that the Chairman should write the Governor next week pointing out any differences between the Bill and the recommendations in the Board's Plan and inform her that CEAB will submit a comparison document for the legislature and her consideration as soon as possible.

Ms. Healey urged that in keeping with the Board's historic independent position, politics be kept out of whatever action is taken.

Chairman Cassella expressed the need for the Board to develop a strategy on actions to take now that the Plan has been submitted and the next plan due to be submitted in 2012. He noted that the need for a CEAB Executive Director is as strong as ever to carry on this activity and other ongoing responsibilities of the Board. He will pursue this with OPM, as well as seeking further funding for La Capra to support Docket 10-02-07 as current funding of its contract has been exhausted. The Chairman also indicated it is

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time for the Board to do succession planning for its leadership as he will be stepping down as Chair at the end of 2010.

Mr. Cassella will set up a meeting with the co-chairs of the Energy and Technology Committee to brief them on the Plan and other relevant Board matters. He plans to include other members of the Board in this meeting.

5. CSC 2010 Forecast of Loads Docket

One of the Board's legislatively mandated responsibilities is participation in the Connecticut Siting Council's annual forecast of loads docket. There are no funds for a consultant for this work so the plan is to have an Assistant Attorney General for the State represent the Board. Ms. Healey has been in touch with Assistant AG Mark Kohler to line him up for this work. Ms. Deans and Mr. Cassella can follow up with him in this regard.

6. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the April 2010 CEAB Monthly Meeting and the April 21, 2010 Special Conference Call Meeting were approved as distributed prior to the May meeting.

7. Other Business

Mr. Gordes urged the Board to do a process evaluation of the Procurement Plan prior to preparation of the 2012 Plan to consider ways to cut down on the length of the document and avoid redundancies.

Chairman Cassella thanked Board members and consultants for a job well done in preparing this year's Plan.

8. Public Comment

Public comment was solicited by the Chairman and there was none.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: