

**REVISED AS OF July 26, 2007**  
**CT ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST FOR COMMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENT**

(Extended Due Date August 3, 2007)

Pursuant to General Statutes of Connecticut (Conn. Gen. Stat.) Sections 16a-7c and 16-50l, the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) is responsible for issuing Requests for Proposals (RFP) to solicit energy solutions and/or alternative solutions to meet identified needs for certain energy resources and facilities in Connecticut.

Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 16a-7c sets forth two types of RFPs --- Proactive and Reactive. The Reactive RFP seeks proposals for alternative solutions issued in response to receiving information pursuant to subsection (e) of Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 16-50l, in other words, when certain energy projects initiate the application process for a Certificate of Need from the Connecticut Siting Council. Pursuant to Section 54 of Public Act 07-242, *An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency*, the CEAB will have the opportunity to exempt certain projects from the RFP process if the CEAB concludes that an RFP is not likely to result in a reasonable alternative to the proposed facility. The Proactive RFP seeks proposals for solutions to a need for certain new energy resources and facilities identified in the Independent System Operator – New England's (ISO-NE) regional energy system planning process. Both types of RFPs must solicit proposals that include distributed generation or energy efficiency measures where relevant. An RFP process guideline with a more complete description of the RFP processes is available at the following link: [http://www.ctenergy.org/energy\\_rfps.html](http://www.ctenergy.org/energy_rfps.html).

Two primary objectives of the CEAB in either RFP process are: 1) to provide the marketplace with sufficient notice and opportunity to submit viable alternative proposals; and, 2) to maximize efficiency for potential project sponsors.

ISO-NE's Regional System Plan 2006-2007 (RSP '06-'07) has identified the need for a major 345kV transmission project referred to as "New England East-West Solution" (NEEWS). NEEWS is comprised of an Interstate Reliability Project, and the Greater Springfield, Rhode Island and Central Connecticut reliability projects. The tentative start of the NEEWS' siting processes is 2008 and its cost is to be determined, according to the *ISO-NE's Regional System Plan Transmission Projects, October 2006 through April 2007 Update*. Northeast Utilities provides further information on NEEWS at the following link: <http://www.transmission-nu.com/residential/projects.asp>

In this context, the CEAB is undertaking an examination of issues associated with the need for new facilities or resources in Connecticut as identified by ISO-NE's RSP '06-'07. More specifically, the CEAB is exploring the process by which to identify whether, and to what extent, alternatives other than new transmission facilities, such as local generation or load management, can address the need identified above.

The CEAB recognizes the advantages offered by a Proactive RFP process over a Reactive RFP process. Subject to considering recommendations and comments from interested parties, the CEAB favors a Proactive RFP to solicit solutions to the need identified by ISO-NE, above. A Proactive RFP process enables more time to assess and communicate to the market the proposed need and to provide notice of the state's interest in examining whether, and to what degree, alternatives could meet the identified

need. Consequently, a Proactive RFP provides the market more time to consider the stated need and to advance potential alternative solutions. Further, a Proactive RFP evaluation is concluded prior to the initiation of a Connecticut Siting Council certification proceeding. This can help to minimize delay in the siting process enabling projects to move forward as expeditiously as possible.

Pursuant to Section 54 of Public Act 07-242, *An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency*, the CEAB will adopt additional criteria to consider whether a proposed facility should be exempt from an RFP process. Parties will have a separate opportunity to provide input to the CEAB on the general topic of additional exemption criteria.

The CEAB seeks comment from interested parties on the need for or desirability of an RFP process best suited to the need identified by ISO-NE's RSP '06-'07 described above for new facilities or resources in Connecticut. Specifically, the CEAB requests that interested parties provide:

- a. Suggestions on the form and timing of an RFP, whether Proactive, Reactive, or both;
- b. A comparison of the benefits and drawbacks, if any, of the recommended RFP approach versus other RFP approaches available under the statutory framework; and
- c. Any other comments concerning ISO-NE's stated need for NEEWS and the means to assess alternative solutions consistent with the statutory framework in Connecticut.

The CEAB welcomes any other comments on how best to maximize the efficiencies for potential projects and provide sufficient notice and opportunity for submission of viable alternative proposals consistent with CEAB's statutory framework.

Persons interested in this matter are requested to file Written Comments concerning the issues above by August 3, 2007 (extended from July 27, 2007). The CEAB requests written comments be submitted in electronic and paper form. An electronic copy should be sent to [gdeans@cerc.com](mailto:gdeans@cerc.com) and one paper copy should be sent to:

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Subsequent to reviewing written comments, the CEAB will issue notice of its intended path forward and anticipated timeframe.