

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**
November 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The November 2009 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6, 2009 at ISO New England, Inc. in Holyoke, MA. Members present were Michael Cassella (Chair and appointee of the Speaker of the House); Mary Healey, Vice Chair and Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Phil Dukes, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; James Sime, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; Melissa Ozols and Joel Gordes, appointees of the Speaker of the House; Jim Hoffman, Kevin Hennessy and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi and Melissa Buckley, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

Chairman Cassella thanked ISO NE for hosting the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cassella asked the Board to review the minutes of the October meeting. After review, the Board unanimously approved the monthly minutes.

3. ISO-New England Presentation on Transmission in New England

Eric Johnson, Senior External Affairs Representative for ISO-NE, welcomed the group and outlined the format for the day. He then introduced Gordon Van Welie, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Stephen Rourke, Vice President for Systems Planning for ISO-NE. Mr. Rourke proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on transmission in New England.

Members of CEAB and the ISO representatives engaged in questions and answers and general dialogue throughout the presentation.

4. DPUC Technical Session on Transmission

Jeff Gaudiosi represented the Board at the DPUC Technical Session on Transmission on November 2nd. Other Board members were present as were representatives from La Capra Associates, the Board's technical consultant. This session will be integrated into the Board's preparation of the 2010 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Mr. Gaudiosi felt that DPUC did a good job of explaining how transmission is dealt with in the state at the current time. Dan Peaco of La Capra noted that the challenge to changing the current process is how to consider alternatives to transmission proposals in a timely way.

5. Connecticut Siting Council Docket 370

Mr. Gaudiosi reported that the team representing CEAB at the CSC hearing on Docket 370 on Wednesday was composed of Dick Hahn and Dan Peaco from La Capra, Michele Riverso from the Attorney General's office and himself. The team was on the witness stand for six hours. This concludes the Board's involvement in the Docket. CSC has a few more hearing dates scheduled. Then it will issue a final report.

Vice Chairman Healey was present during the Docket hearing. She expressed concern about CEAB's difficulty in getting the required information to evaluate Northeast Utilities plans related to the New England East-West Solution in a timely fashion from both ISO and the utility. A methodology needs to be developed to facilitate needed communications between the Board and these entities going forward.

Ms. Healey also felt CEAB's team was inappropriately treated like hostile witnesses in the proceedings. She thanked the team that represented us for their efforts. Mr. Cassella added his thanks to Mr. Gaudiosi for his work last week and thanked the rest of the Docket team as well.

6. 2010 IRP

Chairman Cassella reported that for the 2010 Integrated Resource Plan is being expanded to include areas not mentioned in the legislation mandating the Plan. Key areas being added include natural gas, demographics impacting energy planning and repowering. The planning timeline is being extended through 2030.

Mr. Cassella and Ms. Healey met with Representative Vicki Nardello of the Legislature's Energy and Technology Committee earlier in the week. Representative Nardello indicated repowering is high on her list of priority items to be addressed. It is intended that this year's Plan include actionable public policy recommendations.

Mr. Peaco of La Capra then gave a presentation giving an overview of the subject matter, timing and process for developing the 2010 IRP.

7. Other Business

Chairman Cassella presented the proposed dates for 2010 CEAB monthly meetings. He then requested that Board members submit nominations for 2010 officers to him or Gretchen Deans prior to the December meeting. Self-nominations are acceptable. At this point Mr. Cassella and Ms. Healey had to leave the meeting.

11. Public Comment

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Gaudiosi then presided for the balance of the meeting. He asked if there was public comment.

Robert Fromer asked ISO representatives questions related to the full footprint ISO makes in overseeing the \$5 million investment it oversees in New England's transmission system and other energy life cycle expenses. ISO representatives did not have the full answers immediately at hand and indicated they would research this further.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The meeting was followed by tours of the ISO facility.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: