

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
October 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The October 2008 monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the CT Economic Resource Center in Rocky Hill, CT. Members present were John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel(OCC); Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Phil Dukes, designee of the Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control; 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; Jim Hoffman and Timothy Cole, appointees of the Governor; and Jeff Gaudiosi and Tony Sheridan, appointees of the Senate President Pro Tempore.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Mengacci asked the board to review the minutes of the September monthly meeting distributed prior to the meeting. After review, the board approved the minutes as presented. Chairman Mengacci abstained.

3. Procurement Plan/DPUC Docket 08-07-01

Chairman Mengacci reported that this docket is moving forward. Late Filed Exhibits for the docket were submitted on October 1st by CEAB. Committee chair Michael Cassella, Tracy Babbidge of DEP, and representatives of the La Capra consulting team are at a docket hearing and therefore absent from the meeting. Vice chair Mary Healey stated that CEAB is being well represented and the process is being well vetted. Chairman Mengacci thanked board members for their contribution to this process.

4. Various Energy Issues

Commissioner McCarthy, chair of the Various Energy Issues committee, reported that the committee has met for a second time and that meeting was well attended. The committee is working on a white paper on recommendations on how the state should reorganize to address energy matters. One more meeting is in the planning stages.

The document will be circulated to the Board and then to the public for comment and a hearing which will be conducted by the committee. Jim Sime of DOT stated that it has been helpful for his department to be involved in the process and that it is important that DOT's Bureau of Policy and Planning be involved going forward.

Consultant Jane Stahl noted that the final report will be ready for review by the full Board in the late November - early December timeframe.

Commissioner McCarthy feels the report is quite bold. She also noted two other studies related to energy that underway: one by the Program Review and Investigation Committee and one by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund.

5. New England East West Solution (NEEWS)

Mr. Gaudiosi, chair of the energy RFP committee which is responsible for CEAB's involvement with NEEWS, reported that the representatives of the committee and its consultants, met last week with Lee Olivier, executive vice president and chief operating officer of NU, and other representatives close to NEEWS at the company. CEAB asked the company to delay filing with the Siting Council for two weeks to allow time for its consultants to review the utility's non-transmission alternatives study. The meeting went favorably and its real test will be their responsiveness to questions from CEAB's consultant regarding the study of alternatives. The Board discussed at some length the process to date and going forward and several issues of concern to various members as it moves forward.

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6. CASE Report

Mr. Mengacci noted slight modifications made to the final agreement with CASE for the waste heat utilization study previously approved by the Board. The modification will not impact the budget parameters of the study as originally approved.

7. Other Business

Chairman Mengacci asked Commissioner McCarthy to review for the Board the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auction that had recently been completed. The Commissioner stated that Connecticut had participated with nine other states in this auction (New England states along with New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland). She was pleased that the process was conducted without a hitch and was pleased that the auction brought a final figure \$3.07. Proceeds from the auction in Connecticut will support clean and efficient energy in Connecticut through the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

There will be a second auction in December. RGGI Inc. (www.RGGI.org) has been very successful in organizing the process.

Chairman Mengacci solicited public comment from those present but there was none.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: