

## **CEAB Stakeholder Input Workshop**

### **Notes**

**November 5, 2009**

**1:30 p.m.**

#### Introduction to IRP Long-Term Planning Effort

Shawn Carraher of La Capra Associates, presented an introduction to the 2010 Integrated Resource Plan process set out by the Board and La Capra. She noted that 5 new study areas have been added to the ten from last year.

Ms. Carraher reviewed the established plan in more detail with the use of a PowerPoint presentation. CEAB has decided to use a 20-year planning horizon expanding the 3, 5 and 10 year outlook required in the legislation.

#### ISO-New England Overview of New England Renewable Portfolio Standards

Jim Platts, Lead Planning Engineer for ISO-NE, gave a presentation on “New England 2030 Power System Study: Preliminary Maps and Cost Estimates for Potential Transmission.” The presentations was based on Information provided to ISO’s Planning and Advisory Committee on August 14, 2009.

Mr. Blatz noted that updated information will be presented at the ISO Planning and Advisory Committee scheduled for November 18, 2009.

#### Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Overview and Discussion of Navigant Study Scope

Paul Michaud, Managing Counsel and Director of Regulatory Policy for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund gave an overview of the work of the Fund and an introduction to the study by Navigant that it has commissioned. Dale Hedman, the Fund’s Director of Project Development, assisted Mr. Michaud in answering questions arising from the presentation. A new program of promise is the solar PV lease program.

Mr. Michaud said the Navigant study being done for CCEF is a multi-pronged study. It will research the potential for renewable energy in Connecticut, do a cost-benefit analysis of developing in-state renewable resources, and identify best program and financing models for sustainable renewable energy development in the state. Questions were raised by attendees about the potential for modifying the scope of the study. Mr. Michaud indicated some modification could be possible as long as it doesn’t result in exceeding the funds available for the study. The study is in process and due to be delivered to CCEF in December in advance of submittal of the IRP.

#### New England Offshore Wind Development and Costs

Jim Lanard, Managing Director, Deepwater Wind, LLC, a leader in U. S. offshore wind development, presented his projections for New England offshore wind development and more specifically on how those projections will impact Connecticut energy planning.

#### New England States Council on Energy (NESCOE) and ISO New England

Heather Hunt of NESCOE and Eric Johnson of ISO-New England gave a joint presentation on the work their organizations did in developing a Renewable Energy Blueprint for the New England Governors’ Conference.

This presentation ended the substance of this session. There was no general discussion.

## Discussion

### Near-Term Outlook Issues

The difficulty of coordinating timing of planning for repowering in light of the timing requirements for Forward Capacity Auctions was discussed.

GE urged that generation and transmission planning be connected.

Differing views on whether generation and transmission are interchangeable as implied in the Monday DPUC Technical Session on Transmission.

### Long-Term Outlook Issues

Mr. Shuckerow of CL&P noted that the following challenges making the EDCs development of the IRP complex: unknowns surrounding CO2 legislative changes, DEP NOX requirements are unknown, loads are down over recent times, Forward Capacity is under debate and ISO and FERC, and the continuing impacts of last year's credit market crisis. The EDCs work will be a next step in providing better information to be guide offering alternatives rather than a firm plan.

John Athas closed the session by reviewing the schedule for upcoming stakeholder workshops. The afternoon of November 5<sup>th</sup> targets Renewables. Energy Security is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Two workshops on November 19<sup>th</sup> will address Natural Gas and Environmental issues and Nuclear Power will be the subject on December 7<sup>th</sup>.