

**Regular Meeting of the
Connecticut Energy Advisory Board**

Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2005

1. Call to Order

The January monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Russell Hearing Room at the CT Department of Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), Commissioner Gina McCarthy of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Mary Healey, Consumer Counsel, James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate), Kathleen O'Connor (appointee of the Governor), Bruce Gresczyk, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Kevin Nursick, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 2, 2004 regular board meeting, the November 23, 2004 special meeting of the board, and the December 1, 2004 special meeting of the board were approved by the board..

3. Public Comment

Chairman Downes opened the meeting for public comment. William Corvo of Kleen Energy Systems LLC, presented each member of the board with a CD and other background information on his Environmental Locational Installed Capacity (ECAP) Environmental Locational Installed Capacity (ECAP) program. He noted he was promoting legislation in support of ECAP this session and proceeded to summarize his case in support of the legislation and answer questions from board members.

4. Election of Officers

Chairman Downes proposed that election of 2005 CEAB officers be deferred to a later meeting. This would allow Commissioner McCarthy sufficient time to acquaint herself with board members and cast an informed vote. Board members supported this recommendation.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes reported that DPUC adopted CEAB's 2005 budget at its last regular meeting after modifying it to remove the \$80,000 contingency line item. OPM is in the process of clearing accounts so the board can operate on the new budget within the next few days.

The chairman also noted that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission met in Hartford last Thursday to receive the results of the Reliability and Operability Committee (ROC) report. The Connecticut Siting Council will now take comments on the document before making its final decisions on siting applications.

6. Approval of 2005 Meeting Schedule

The chairman opened discussion of the 2005 regular meeting schedule for the board. The proposed schedule is for meetings on the first Tuesday of every month with the exception of the current meeting. It was noted that the February meeting conflicts with and Institute for Sustainable Energy board meeting. It was agreed that the ISE meeting should be rescheduled to immediately follow the CEAB meeting.

The first Tuesday in October falls on Rosh Hashanah so the board decided to meet on the second Tuesday in October (October 11, 2005). With these changes the CEAB adopted the 2005 meeting schedule.

7. Energy Proposal Solicitation Process

DPUC and OPM representatives have been working with La Capra Associates to finalize a scope of work and put a contract in place. The contract was approved over the past few days by the Office of the Attorney General. With the contract in place, the chairman intends to lead the board in moving forward quickly on the scope of work so that its RFP process can be finalized as quickly as possible.

8. Legislative Committee Report

Ms. Healey noted the new composition of the legislative committee on energy. She stated she will circulate the full list of members to board members. She stated that she would undertake further analysis of potential CEAB legislative positions in light of the goals stated in the board's energy plans and report back at the next meeting. Ms. Healey reported that legislation had been introduced to establish a state energy department which is one proposal board members might find of interest.

Chairman Downes reported that he continues to get requests to speak on the work of the CEAB. He sees a value in the board reaching out to the public to keep them involved and informed. To avoid doing one-on-one presentations and avoid proprietary issues, he suggested the board plan an event open to all interested members of the public to fulfill this need.

9. Energy Plan Update

Kathleen O'Connor and Gretchen Deans updated the board on the status of the 2005 Energy Plan. Hearings are being held tonight through Thursday at various locations throughout the state. Mr. van Welie, president and CEO of ISO-New England has requested time at Thursday's hearing in Hartford to speak about the written comments ISO has submitted. At Commissioner McCarthy's suggestion, it was decided that public comment will be taken from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Mr. van Welie will be given the opportunity to speak and take questions on ISO's written comment. Following this any further public comment will be accepted.

10. Connecticut's Energy Future Conference Wrap-Up

Mr. Sandler thanked William Leahy of the Institute for Sustainable Energy for his efforts and those of other ISE staff members in making the Connecticut's Energy Future Conference a success. Mr. Leahy then distributed CDs and a bound set of conference presentations to each of the board members. He called the board's attention to the reformatted ISE newsletter which features the conference in its current issue.

Chairman Downes expressed thanks on behalf of the entire board to Mr. Leahy for a well-planned event with quality presenters that will continue to stimulate interest in the work of the board.

In response to a question from Ms. Healey regarding key points from the conference, Mr. Leahy stated that the board's energy goals are on point. Four themes supported throughout the presentations at the conference endorse 1) integrated energy planning; 2) support for distributed resource projects; 3) establishment of public policy and advocacy for distributed generation; and 4) the need for a public benefit fund, financial structures and tax incentives in support of projects consistent with the state's energy plan.

11. Other Business

Chairman Downes solicited other business and there was none. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB on February 1, 2005