

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

Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2005

1. Call to Order

The February monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc., 805 Brook Street, Building 4, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Members present were Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), Commissioner Gina McCarthy of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate), John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), Kathleen O'Connor (appointee of the Governor), and Bruce Gresczyk, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Chairman Downes opened the meeting for public comment but there was none.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 11, 2005 regular board meeting and the January 24, 2005 special meeting of the board were approved by the board with Mr. Mengacci abstaining on the approval of the minutes for January 24th meeting which he did not attend.

3. Election of Officers

Chairman Downes reported that the 2005 election of officers had been deferred at the January meeting. He proposed a slate of officers for 2005 with himself continuing as Chairman, Ms. Healey as Vice Chairman and Mr. Sandler as Secretary. He solicited other nominations and there were none. After discussion, the proposed officers were elected by the board for 2005.

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman reviewed progress on work with LaCapra Associates in developing the board's RFP process. The goal is to have an outline of a work plan ready for the March regular meeting of the board. Consultant representatives will plan to attend that meeting to discuss the outline with board members.

Chairman Downes reviewed notices board members received regarding two meetings of ISO New England taking place in early February. The first scheduled for February 2nd is a technical meeting of ISO's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The second, which may more closely target the interests of board members, is the ISO New England Stakeholder Meeting on February 7, 2005. This meeting will review and discuss Connecticut Light & Power Company's cost allocation application for the Bethel-Norwalk transmission project in Southwest Connecticut (Phase 1). Chairman Downes said he would distribute an executive summary on the cost allocation to board members.

5. Energy Plan Update

Kathleen O'Connor and Gretchen Deans updated the board on the status of the 2005 Energy Plan. DPUC provided an update of federal activities to be incorporated in the final plan just prior to the meeting. The other outstanding matter was finalization of the matrix on public comments and board responses. After discussion the board decided that there should be a board response to each comment. Ms. O'Connor agreed to complete this immediately and requested that each board member positively affirm their concurrence with the final matrix to confirm their final review. After this discussion, the board approved the energy plan for submittal to the appropriate legislative committees upon incorporation of the updated federal activities and completion of a final approved matrix.

6. 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 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB on April 12, 2005