

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

Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2005

**1. Call to Order**

The May monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Tuesday, May 3, 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); Jane Stahl, Deputy Commissioner 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); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; Kathleen O'Connor (appointee of the Governor) and David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

Chairman Downes opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 12, 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Downes updated the board on energy-related legislation. He stated that House Bill 6906, An Act Concerning Energy Independence, has been through several iterations and will have the most direct impact on the board if passed. The current iteration would rely on the board's base of talents and resources in doing the forward planning for the bill's goals, but the DPUC would be doing the RFPs and the financial management required in achieving them because it has the experience and infrastructure to do so.

The chairman noted that the board needs to quickly position itself to address Locational Installed Capacity (LICAP). Demand response (targeted in HB 6906) is the quickest and cheapest way to address capacity but is not a solution that can stand alone. The board needs to develop a LICAP response plan consistent with the overall direction of the board. Chairman Downes has asked Ms. Healey to coordinate this effort for the board.

DPUC plans a docket on the potential impacts of LICAP. And based on the findings of the docket a plan for immediate response to LICAP will be developed. La Capra's expertise will be utilized in developing the plan.

Mr. Sandler suggested that a demand response RFP should be issued in tangent with the DPUC docket.

Chairman Downes reported that the board's work with La Capra, consultants for developing the board's RFP process, indicates that the preferred way to proceed is to develop a series of scenarios for the Independent System Operator (ISO) to react to and then combine them in a mix and match combination to finalize the process.

The board next discussed the need to address the current flawed system of forecasting. Chairman Downes suggested that he call together Bill Leahy from the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Pam Katz and Derek Phelps from the Connecticut Siting Council, representatives of CEAB's consultants and board members Mary Healey, John Mengacci and himself as a first step in addressing this need.

**4. Energy Plan**

Mr. Mengacci noted that the board has agreed that Institute for Sustainable Energy provide support for preparing this year's energy plan. He met with Mr. Leahy of ISE this morning to scope out ISE's responsibilities. He recommended that the package of services be expanded to assisting in producing this year's written plan, updating the plan on an on going basis, and organizing the board's annual conference. Within the next two weeks, Mr. Mengacci plans to circulate a proposed scope of work and outline for the board to review. He suggested the agreement cover a two-year period.

He envisioned the process of producing this year's plan to be one which includes review 2000, 2004 and 2005 plans along with public comment received along the way. The board means to clarify the specifics of what it means in stated goals. Board input will be solicited throughout the development of this year's plan.

Mr. Leahy felt the plan should be a go-to resource giving the state's and the board's progress on goals with links to other useful resources. The annual conference will continue to be driven by the plan.

Chairman Downes added that the plan has to put forth practical solutions that can be endorsed by energy experts as well as the public at large.

Deputy Commissioner Stahl supported this strategy and stressed the need for an iterative process and the critical short-term need of reconciling forecasting methodology with ISO, the Siting Council, and even the Attorney General.

Mr. Mengacci emphasized the importance of performance measurement going forward citing the Climate Change Action Plan as an example. He suggested the board should reconcile how the multiple interested bodies can work together to carry out the plan.

Ms. O'Connor supported the support of ISE in the work of the board. She stated the board needs to be aggressive and engaged in light of federal energy activity and LICAP.

Members strongly supported the development of a database to track information and current status of load forecasting and progress on energy strategies.

**5. Web Update**

Ms. Deans reported that a template for the site should be available for review by the board soon. The current work at hand is to finalize a logo for the board. She solicited and received input on the latest round of potential logos. She will circulate another set of revisions based on board input.

**6. 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: CEAB June 20, 2005