

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

Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2005

1. Call to Order

The June monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Monday, June 20, 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); Mary Healey, Connecticut Consumer Counsel; 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); F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture; Nicole Lugli, designee of Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); and Pam Sucato, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 3, 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes updated the board on House Bill 6906, An Act Concerning Energy Independence. This bill will be the only non-budget related bill to be considered in the upcoming special session of the legislature. The bill calls for CEAB to perform an assessment of the electric system and report back to DPUC. Required RFPs would then be developed by DPUC based on the board's assessment.

On the development of an RFP process for CEAB, the chairman reported that work is ongoing and final RFP module pieces should be available by September 1, 2005.

Regarding Locational Installed Capacity (LICAP), Chairman Downes reported that on June 15th an administrative law judge affirmed ISO New England's demand curve pricing plan. LICAP will have significant cost implications for the state especially Southwest Connecticut. Consumers could see 25% increases in rates.

The judge's decision is a draft decision which will be responded to by briefs in support and opposition of the decision. Once a final decision is issued appeals would be heard in a U.S. circuit court and could go on to the Supreme Court. Representatives of the affected U.S. congressional delegations will receive an update from Connecticut officials on June 24th regarding the impacts of LICAP.

Vice Chairman Healey added that the Connecticut parties (OCC, DPUC and the Attorney General) are united in looking for other alternatives and plans.

4. Energy Plan Status

Mr. Mengacci noted that a scope of services for the work the Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) will perform on the 2006 Energy Plan was circulated to the board for comment and none was received. The board affirmed that the lack of comment was consistent with their approval of the content of the scope. Consequently Mr. Mengacci will finalize the contract with ISE.

Mr. Leahy from ISE summarized the approach outlined and circulated a summary of energy strategies put forth by the board in the 2000, 2004 and 2005 plans. A first step in drafting the current plan will be to edit and consolidate this list. October 1, 2005 is the proposed due date for this year's draft plan.

The board discussed preferred ways to get their input in this year's planning process. The consensus was to hold workshops outside of the regular board meetings and include experts from organizations such as the Energy Conservation Management Board, the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and others to aid in plan development.

Commissioner Prelli suggested that material to be covered be honed prior to any workshops so the sessions themselves can be well focused.

5. Participaton in Siting Council Proceedings

Vice Chairman Healey reiterated the legislated requirement that CEAB participate in the forecasting of electric loads for Connecticut. Such participation is germane to the overall board mission. Therefore with board consultant LaCapra's assistance, the board intervened in the Siting Council's forecast process and issued an initial set of interrogatories which included local generators. The impact of LICAP decisions on load forecasts needs to be factored in this year's process.

Ms. Healey stated the schedule going forward was that the board would issue more interrogatories today. On June 30th the Siting Council's draft report is due. A public hearing is scheduled for July 14th and the final forecast report is due from the Council on October 14, 2005.

Chairman Downes reported that ISO is participating in the forecast proceedings as well. He noted that load and demand forecasts are key drivers in developing future energy strategy.

6. Web Update

Ms. Deans reviewed the demo page prototypes and current proposed site map with the board and solicited their feedback. There was consensus among the members that they are pleased with the look of the site and planned content and approved moving forward with adding the content to the site.

7. Other Business

Mr. Mengacci queried the board as to whether their preference was to renew their contract with The Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc. (CERC) a second time for administrative support services for the board or to issue a request for proposal. Because of current practices and policies for the state, the board felt it would be wise to issue an RFP for these services. They expressed their satisfaction to date with CERC's work and encouraged them to submit a proposal for services going forward to be considered by the board. Mr. Sandler and representatives from DEP will assist Mr. Mengacci in developing the RFP.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB July 20, 2005