

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

Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2005

1. Call to Order

The August monthly meeting of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Tuesday, August 30, 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; Jane Stahl, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; John Mengacci, designee of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); James Sandler, partner in the Law Firm of Sandler & Mara (appointee of President Pro Tempore of the Senate); Kevin Nursick, designee of Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and Dave Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture. Others present included Dan Peaco and Harvey Salgo of La Capra, Sally Levine, Harry Cullinane and Senator Fonfara as well as other members of the public.

Chairman Downes opened the meeting for public comment. Harry Cullinane of Clover Company in favor of promoting increased use of gas air conditioning as a method of reducing the demand for electricity. Following his presentation the board asked several questions related to his presentation.

Sally Levine introduced herself to the board and noted she was on the agenda to address the board later in the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 20, 2005 regular board meeting were approved by the board as presented.

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Downes noted that it is time to begin CEAB budget planning for 2006. The biggest budget challenge for 2006 will be determining and securing adequate appropriations for consulting support for board RFPs. Chairman Downes, John Mengacci and Jim Sandler were named to the board's 2006 budget committee to work with Michael Chowanec in drafting a budget. The committee plans to meet within the two to three weeks.

4. Participation in Siting Council Proceedings

CEAB participated in the annual forecasting process for Connecticut through its consultants, La Capra Associates, at the Siting Council's public hearing on August 14th and put forth a number of questions to various parties. The hearing concluded before all parties were heard so another session will take place on September 1, 2005. Input from the Independent Service Operator for New England (ISO-NE) will be of particular importance to the Siting Council's forecasting process.

5. Participation in DPUC Proceedings

Chairman Downes presented a background for DPUC's Docket No. 05-07-14Ph01: DPUC Investigation of Measures to Reduce Federally Mandated Congestion Charges (FMCCs). During the 2005 Connecticut Legislative Special Session, Locational Installed Capacity (LICAP) was projected to go into effect on January 1, 2006. In an attempt to put in place tools to mitigate the impact of LICAP and other FMCCs, the energy independence act was passed.

Even though the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) subsequently ruled that LICAP would not go into effect until October 1, 2006, the DPUC found it necessary to proceed in complying with the directives of the new legislation and went ahead with its docket.

As part of the docket, DPUC has requested CEAB advice on short term actions that can be taken to mitigate FMCCs. Consequently Mary Healey reported that the CEAB La Capra consulting team in consultation with the board is finalizing an interim advisory report to file with DPUC on September 2, 2005. She introduced Dan Peaco and Harvey Salgo from La Capra who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the process, findings and recommendations associated with submitting the filing.

Following a lengthy discussion of material and issues included in the presentation the board moved, seconded and

RESOLVED: that the RFP Committee of the Board be authorized to file with and present to the DPUC for CEAB the final interim report as presented by LaCapra allowing for no substantive changes.

Ms. Healey noted that the public will have access to and an opportunity to comment on CEAB's report as part of DPUC's docket. The docket's deadline for comment is September 15, 2005.

6. 2006 Energy Plan and
7. Administrative Support RFP

Mr. Mengacci reported progress is ongoing toward drafting the 2006 energy plan and workshops to discuss strategies and recommendations are underway. The board members will be notified of times and locations of upcoming sessions.

With regard to the RFP for administrative support for the board for 2006, Mr. Mengacci noted that letters of intent to submit a proposal have been received and actual proposals are due on Friday, September 2. Mr. Sandler and Nicole Lugli will review the proposals along with Mr. Mengacci. A decision on a vendor will be made before October 1, 2005.

6. Other Business

Chairman Downes invited Sally Levene to address the board. Ms. Levene noted that she seeks to act as a catalyst for expanded funding and use of fuel cell projects in energy generation. She summarized her efforts to find funding for a LEVCO/UTC Power Now project and solicited support and advice from the board. Following her presentation the board offered Ms. Levene comment and recommendations for her efforts going forward.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Approved by: CEAB, October 11, 2005