

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

Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2005

I. Call to Order

A special meeting by telephone of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) was held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Members participating in the call were: Donald Downes, Chairman of the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), Gina McCarthy, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jane Stahl), David Carey, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Kevin Nursick, designee of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, Mary Healey, Consumer Counsel, Kathleen O'Connor, appointee of the Governor and James Sandler, appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Chairman Downes presided and called the session to order at 11:10 a.m.

II Energy Plan

Chairman Downes opened discussion on how to proceed in finalizing the board's 2005 energy plan in light of written comment and public hearing input received. Ms. O'Connor felt that no substantive changes would be made to the plan based on comments received and therefore the plan would not have to be opened to public comment again before submittal to the legislature. She suggested that wording early in the plan more clearly state that this year's report is not meant to be a comprehensive plan. Comments that noted activity that should be included in the report are valid and the plan will be amended accordingly.

Ms. Healey noted that the legislation requiring the board to submit an annual energy plan requires that the board acknowledge comments received and summarize why or why not the plan was modified in light of the comments. She felt it particularly important to affirm the Attorney General's comments noting that the state does have a plan contrary to ISO-New England's statement that it does not. In addition she felt the recommendations to update the LICAP and RMR developments to reflect the current status and inclusion of a discussion of the 345 KV transmission proceedings in the plan to be significant ones. She also felt a response to CBIA's request for business representation on the board and Northeast Utilities urging for board participation in regional forums especially needed to be addressed.

Deputy Commissioner Stahl suggested three key factors in finalizing the plan:

- a) There needs to be a clear statement at the beginning of the plan that the current report is a derivative of and builds on the comprehensive 2004 CEAB Energy Plan;
- b) CEAB intends to create a more comprehensive plan in the future; and

- c) A summary of comments and the board's response should be included in the appendix.

Kathleen O'Connor agreed with Deputy Commissioner Stahl's approach. It was suggested that the summary of comments and response be in the form of a chart.

Chairman Downes established the following timeline to complete the plan. All comments from board members on addressing comments and revising the plan should be submitted to Ms. Deans by the end of the day Thursday, January 27, 2005. Based on input a revised plan will be distributed to the board for review as early as possible on Monday, January 31, 2005. The board will take a vote on final adoption of the plan at its regular meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2005. If adopted, preliminary copies of the final plan will be delivered to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative committees on Energy & Technology, Environment and Transportation on Friday, February 4, 2005.

III. RFP Process Design

Chairman Downes next proposed that a working group be established to work with La Capra Associates to outline a work plan for the board to consider in designing its RFP process. The working group should include approximately four members of the board. Those selected should be ready to commit to the time necessary to meet with the consultant several times over a short time frame in carrying out this task.

Chairman Downes suggested that the group consist of Commissioner McCarthy and himself representing the executive branch, Consumer Counsel Healey representing the rate payers and Attorney Sandler representing the public. The board agreed with these recommended designees. The group's first meeting with La Capra will be this Friday, January 28, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at DPUC. Deputy Commissioner Stahl will attend for Commissioner McCarthy at this meeting.

Ms. Healey reported that La Capra was hired by the Office of Consumer Counsel to provide technical information for Docket 272. La Capra's work in this regard is almost complete and does not represent a conflict with the work for which the board has entered into contract with La Capra. She wanted to note this however to ensure full disclosure.

VI. Adjournment

The special meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Gretchen Deans

Minutes approved by: CEAB on February 1, 2005