



January 21, 2009

The Honorable John W. Fonfara  
The Honorable Vickie Nardello  
Energy and Technology Committee  
Room 3900  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Fonfara and Representative Nardello:

Pursuant to Public Act 07-242 (hereinafter "the Act"), the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) is pleased to submit the enclosed study on the State's various energy entities. This report has been developed to satisfy the requirements of Section 58 of the Act which provided:

The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board shall conduct a study to develop recommendations on how to: coordinate and integrate the state's energy entities; achieve the goals of: the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and the state, with regard to the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gas, as provided by section 22a-200a of the general statutes; and promote indigenous alternative fuel resources.

The CEAB began consideration of these important issues with an extensive review of the current function and structure of energy-related entities in Connecticut and other targeted states as part of the Phase I report which was developed in May of 2008. The report and appendices can be found on the CEAB website at: <http://www.ctenergy.org/VEI.html>. This research informed the CEAB's approach and focus on how best to coordinate energy related entities to advance Connecticut's key strategic energy/energy security, environmental and economic development goals in an integrated way. In this report, the CEAB has made three key recommendations:

- (1) Connecticut should undertake comprehensive energy planning that includes electricity and heating and transportation fuels. The CEAB, with a diverse cross-section of members, including state agencies and representatives of environmental, business, and low-income representatives, is well-suited to undertake this effort and serve as a coordinating entity.**
- (2) The CEAB should continue to review and identify opportunities to enhance all state entities participation toward achieving the state's energy, environmental and economic goals.**

***(3) Connecticut should allow the current electric sector Integrated Resource Planning process, initiated in 2008, to mature through several cycles before assessing whether any material changes to it are warranted.***

A draft version of the Report was released for written comment from the public and a public hearing session was held on November 13, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building. Copies of the comments received along with a transcript from the hearing are included in the report. The CEAB approved this study at the January 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting, and recognized that Connecticut is poised to implement several key initiatives that can achieve these integrated goals. . The CEAB has worked hard through this process be as inclusive as possible and is pleased to report that the level of cooperation and enthusiasm provides the state with an opportunity and the momentum to advance our most innovative energy ideas and programs.

The CEAB wanted to utilize this opportunity to extend an invitation to both of you to join us in leading these important initiatives. We are in the midst of a perfect storm that requires leadership, innovation, cooperation and dedication in advancing our goals of energy/energy security, environment, and economic development Through the VEI process and in the development of the 2008 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) we have begun to forge partnerships that are committed to advancing these initiatives and would welcome your participation in further framing and advancing these efforts.

Sincerely,

Michael Cassella,  
Chairman, CEAB

cc: CEAB Members  
Energy & Technology Committee Members

