

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Minutes of meeting: February 8, 2006

Attendance: D Keuch, J Hohl, W Worthington, R Schofield, M Downey, R Philbrick, C Striebel, J Howard, D Fitton, A Wallenstein, W Doherty, B Worth, J Cunningham, J Soares, R Bigelow,

Public Attendance: B Braginton-Smith, C Powicki, D Schoetz, J Coleman, M Palmer

Minutes: Approval of minutes of January meeting were deferred until March since a quorum did not exist

Public Comment:

- C Powicki – Addressed consumer notification of increased rates and his opinion that opt-out notices should have been distributed
- M Palmer of Clean Power Now repeated a request that the compact enter into a long term contract with Cape Wind.

Land Based Wind- B Braginton-Smith detailed a power point presentation on a Distributed Wind Aggregation model and his hopes that long term a Cape Light Compact Coop would be formed to handle the energy so produced. Issues concerning the transfer of power, the municipal power load, fair return to each town with turbines for the energy produced on their sites were discussed..No further action was requested or acted upon at this meeting

Energy Policy Act Committee- R Mahoney presented a draft of a charge for this committee which would evaluate the act and possible benefits to the compact. Mr Cabanna who was not in attendance has indicated a willingness to serve on this committee. There was mixed reaction to the establishment of the group based on the amount of work involved, burden on staff time and limited benefits if major portions are not funded. A vote on the charge was deferred until March.

Energy Efficiency- MDowney presented the report on this activity. 2006 budget is supplemented by \$500,000 from ConEd Solutions. Finished the year using all budgeted funds. Major change in audit activity is to concentrate on promoting energy saving ideas and practices with little emphasis on lighting where considerable funding went. Compact asked RISE to come up with a way to reduce or eliminate the audit backlog without affecting budget. This will be done by elimination of marketing, which is really not needed. Each month another 120 people request audits and we have a backlog of 630. We will have 3 auditors on Cape and equivalent of ½ on MV. This should eliminate backlog in 90 days.

M Downey distributed copies of the information package which has been developed to be sent to customers who want additional information on rates and energy matters. Governing board members can call or e-mail Maura Hall to have one sent to any specific customers they have spoken to.

CFL Fund raiser- D Fitton described the 2006 program which will take place in many Cape Schools where students raise funds selling compact fluorescent lamps. A total of 400 students will take part in program. Governing Board members will be asked later in year to come to school at award programs

Solarize our Schools- Barnstable and Yarmouth schools have been qualified to join the other schools who are to receive PV units this year. Letters are out to all except three schools asking for location for the units. Ms Fitton will contact those representatives to complete this phase of the program. By March 1 we should be seeing start of siting with contractors and an RFP for equipment purchase will be issued in spring. It is expected that all units will be installed over the summer and early fall of 2006.

Executive Board- On January 19, R Mahoney and M Downey met in office of R O'Leary in Boston to review the situation created in 05-85 whereby the agreement was developed between Attorney General and NStar without input from our 183,000 customers. Attorney General's office management admitted that we were legitimate stakeholders and should have been at the sessions. It was also agreed that we would not be gaining anything by taking our case to SJC and we have determined that we would not do so. This information will be released to the press in announcement circulated at the meeting.

March meeting: Rescheduled for March 29. It was originally planned to have a workshop on the duties of board members and review of the Intergovernmental Agreement. However, due to expected absences, this session will occur at our April 12 meeting