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LIEAB Members:

*As a reminder, the next meeting of the Low Income Energy Advisory Board is on **Monday, May 3** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Berlin System Headquarters, (NU) 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT. Attached please find a copy of the draft agenda and the meeting minutes for April.*

Thanks

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Low-Income Energy Advisory Board

Monday, May 3, 2010

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Northeast Utilities HQ
Berlin Tpke/ Selden Street
Berlin, CT**

I. Welcome

II. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

III. Reports

DSS Report
Operation Fuel Update
Utility Program Updates

IV. Sub-Committee Reports

CEAP Streamlining
Utility Program/Early Intake Coordination

V. Legislative Update

VI. Next Meetings

- June 7, August 2, September 13, October 4*, November 1 and December 6

Draft
 Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting
 Monday, April 5, 2010
 1:30 p.m.

Department of Public Utility Control
 10 Franklin Square
 New Britain, CT

Attendees: Amalia Vazquez Bzdyra, Kelly Porter, John Dobos, Dave Gillich, Jim McNally, Kerri Kemp, Laura Gonzalez, Kammy Spence, Paula Claydon, Lyn Vasquez, Shirley Bergert, Edith Karsky

Agenda Item	Action
Welcome	Chair Amalia Vazquez Bzdyra convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.
Approval of March Meeting Minutes	John Dobos moved approval of the February meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Shirley Bergert. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
Chair's Report	The chair provided a brief update on the current legislative session and relevant legislation. Amalia Vazquez Bzdyra stated that DPUC is proposing amended language, among other things, to Section 1 of House Bill 5505 aimed at giving it greater flexibility in looking at rate options. She also indicated the desire to proceed with a generic low-income Docket once clear legislative mandates have been passed. In the meanwhile, the Department indicated that CL&P may file a low-income rate proposal in the near future.
Discussion on other Legislative Proposals	Senate Bill-253 – discussion on proposed language regarding state agencies, specifically OPM, DSS, and DPUC serving as ex-officio members. No consensus was reached to support the proposed legislation. House Bill – 5216 – discussion on proposed bill on extension of moratorium benefits for household with infants less than 2 years of age. No consensus was reached to support the proposed legislation.
DSS Report	Per Ray Wilsons request, a formal letter of recommendations from the LIEAB subcommittee is desirable for review by the full LIEAB.

	Postponed discussion for the May 10, 2010 LIEAB meeting when OPM and DSS are present.
Utility Program Updates	<p>CNG: Through March 29, 2010, a total of 9,626 awards were granted for a total of \$7,167,313.</p> <p>SCG: Through March 29, 2010, a total of 9,178 awards were granted for a total of \$6,829,195.</p> <p>UI: Through March 29, 2010, a total of 2,109 awards granted for a total of \$1,588,511.</p> <p>CL&P: Through March 29, 2010, a total of 10,447 awards granted for a total of \$7,642,016.</p> <p>YG: Through March 29, 2010, a total of 10,738 awards granted for a total of \$7,939,416.</p>
CEAP Caseload Comparison	<p>Overall statewide increase in caseload is 2.1%. BCO and CACD had the highest increases of 13.1% and 12.5%, respectively. CRT and TEAM show reductions of 2% and 1%, respectively. Reductions are likely attributable to decline in moderate income applicants, population shift and/or reduced energy prices. Members indicated that more LIHEAP funds will be needed as economic conditions improve as energy prices are likely to rise correspondingly.</p>
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2010. Location is yet to be determined.