

FINANCE COMMITTEE
of the Renewable Energy Investments Board
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2009

A regular meeting of the Finance Committee (the “Committee”) of the **Renewable Energy Investments Board hereinafter referred to as “the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Board”** (the “Board”) was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the office of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, 200 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Mengacci, Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Participating: John Mengacci (by phone); Carol Muradian (by phone); and Mary Healey, Consumer Counsel (by phone).

Absent: Tracy Babbidge, Department of Environmental Protection; and John Olsen.

Staff and Adjunct Staff Attending: George Bellas, Lise Dondy, Shelly Mondo (by phone) and Emily Smith.

2. **Approval of the January 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Mengacci asked the Committee members to consider the minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Healey, seconded by Ms. Muradian, the Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting as presented.

3. **Review of the FY2009 Q3 Actual to Budget Financial Analysis:**

Mr. Bellas reviewed actual to budget financial analysis for the third quarter of the 2009 fiscal year. He noted that the income statement shows the receipt of bond defeasance proceeds and funds received from the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards’ penalty. Mr. Bellas noted that assessments from electric utility customers were slightly higher this quarter when compared to the previous quarter. He stated that the actual assessments received through the period ended March 31, 2009 were within 1% of budget projections. Mr. Bellas stated that there are no planned new hires in the last quarter of fiscal year 2009 and staff will continue efforts to minimize operating expenses.

Mr. Bellas discussed the cash flow statement for the nine months ended March 31, 2009 which now includes the program commitments and the contractual commitments for the next three years for the Solar Lease Program.

Ms. Dondy provided an update on the Solar Lease Program, noting that approximately 200 rebate loans have been made or are in the process of being made under the program. She noted that activity under the program has increased over the last several weeks.

In response to a question, Mr. Bellas will provide more details about the category listed as "miscellaneous expenditures within the Grants and Programs Summary schedule of the quarterly financial statements.

Discussion ensued on the federal economic stimulus funds. Mr. Mengacci mentioned that the Office of Policy and Management is in the process of putting together the comprehensive application that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy on or before May 12, 2009. CCEF is anticipated to receive approximately \$20,000,000 to enhance current solar photovoltaic and fuel cell programs and for new programs such as geothermal and solar thermal. Ms. Dondy noted that the funding can be utilized in a fuel neutral manner and for broader use throughout the entire state of Connecticut. Mr. Bellas mentioned that the financial information for the federal funding will be separate. Staff will provide an update on the federal economic stimulus funding at the next meeting.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Muradian, seconded by Ms. Healey, the Committee members voted in favor of authorizing staff to present the FY 2009 Q3 Actual to Budget Financial Analysis to the Board.

4. Review of Short-Term Investments:

Mr. Bellas provided an update on the short-term investment activity. He stated that CCEF liquidated its holdings in direct US government obligations due to the low rate of interest being earned.. These funds were transferred to the State Treasurer's Investment Fund (STIF). Staff has completed all of the necessary paperwork for the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service ("CDARS") program through Sovereign Bank. The term of the CDs will be limited to six months. Mr. Bellas stated that staff will be taking a cautious approach and is anticipating investing some funds next week in the program. However, it is anticipated that a majority of the short-term investments will remain in the STIF account.

5. Review of Projected CCEF Cash Flow and Commitment Analysis:

Mr. Bellas reviewed the projected CCEF cash flow and commitment analysis for the remainder of the fiscal year. He explained staff's process for managing the cash balances and noted that projects are being approved on a contingent basis up to the balance of available cash.

6. Other Business:

Mr. Bellas reported that the State Auditors of Public Accounts has completed CCEF's FY08 audit. He thanked Ms. Healey and Mr. Thompson from the Consumer Counsel's Office for their assistance with the carry forward audit point. Mr. Bellas stated that it appears that the efforts made to resolve the audit of revenues received from the Public Utilities satisfied the State Auditors. The unofficial preliminary report from the auditors indicates only two minor points, one of which is a statutory conflict and the other has been rectified. Mr. Bellas stated that it does not appear that there are any new issues.

7. Adjournment: Upon a motion made by Ms. Muradian, seconded by Ms. Healey, the Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the April 15, 2009 meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mengacci
Chair of the Finance Committee