

**Projects Committee of the
Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Board**

Thursday, November 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the **Projects Committee (the “Committee”)** of the **Renewable Energy Investments Board** hereinafter referred to as the **“Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Board”** was held on November 12, 2009, at the office of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, 200 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT.

1. Call to Order: Noting the presence of a quorum, Mr. Peters, Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Committee members present: Alan Greene (by phone), Kevin Hennessy (by phone), and Jerry Peters (by phone). Absent: Robert Maddox and John Olsen.

Staff and Adjunct Staff Attending: Christin Cifaldi, Lise Dondy (by phone), Dale Hedman, Dave Ljungquist, Shelly Mondo, Rick Ross, and Matthew Stone.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Peters asked the Committee members to consider the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Peters, the Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting as presented (Mr. Greene abstained from the vote).

3. Pre-Development Loans Phase 2—BNE Wind Colebrook and BNE Wind Prospect

Mr. Hedman stated that the Projects Committee in July 2008 approved pre-development program funding for Phase 1 of two BNE Energy Inc. wind projects as follows: 1) Wind Prospect in the amount of \$102,375; and 2) Wind Colebrook in the amount of \$119,625. He discussed the milestones required and achieved for the pre-development funding for both projects. Based on the progress made in Phase I, CCEF staff recommends predevelopment funding for Phase 2 of both projects.

Mr. Hedman discussed the background of the process that ultimately led to the predevelopment funding and the two-step phasing of the projects. He reviewed some of the parameters of Phase 1. Mr. Hedman mentioned that some concern was expressed with obtaining support from the two communities prior to funding, and CCEF was provided with letters of support from the Mayor of Prospect and first Selectman of Colebrook. He stated that the two projects will be the first fairly large wind projects undertaken by the CT Siting Council. Mr. Hedman noted that both projects have submitted FAA applications and approval for Wind Colebrook was granted.

Mr. Hedman explained that one of the milestones was to have one year of wind resource data. He noted that 9 to 10 months of the wind data has been provided, and the data and extrapolations indicate sufficient wind resource data to move to Phase 2. Mr. Hedman stated that both projects are dependent upon federal funding through tax credits and loan guarantees, and the developer has requested that the timing for Phase 2 be moved ahead in order to meet the deadlines associated with federal funding.

Mr. Hennessy raised questions about public relations and outreach. Mr. Hedman stated that the developer has been focusing on obtaining the data needed to move to Phase 2 and understanding the markets for the turbines. He noted that the activities for outreach and public relations will begin in the near future and before filing with the Siting Council.

Mr. Hedman reviewed the milestones proposed for Phase 2 and budgets for both sites. He stated that the wind resource data provides sufficient information to indicate that the projects should be feasible, and staff recommends funding for Phase 2.

The Committee members discussed the costs for the projects in comparison with other technologies. CCEF staff explained that costs are reasonable. CCEF staff will continue to follow this project very closely and will assist with community public relations as needed.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Hennessy, the Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adopting the following resolution regarding funding for Phase 2 for Wind Prospect and Wind Colebrook:

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Wind Prospect project and Wind Colebrook project (“Projects”), 10 MW each wind system seeking funding under the Pre-Development Program for Phase 2 of the Projects, to be located in Prospect and Colebrook, Connecticut have been determined by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, Board of Directors (“CCEF Board”) to be consistent with and in the furtherance of the CCEF Comprehensive Plan and that a loan be approved to fund said Projects in an amount not to exceed \$397,625 for Wind Prospect and \$380,375 for Wind Colebrook;
- (2) that if sufficient funds are available to fund the Projects, then Peter Longo, President and Executive Director of Connecticut Innovations, Inc. (CI), Lise Dondy, Vice President of CI and President of the CCEF, or any other duly authorized officer of CI, is authorized to execute and deliver for, and on behalf of the CCEF, not later than May 31, 2010, any contract or other legal instrument necessary to effectuate such grant on terms and conditions as he or she shall deem to be in the interests of the CCEF and ratepayers, in conformance with the wishes of the CCEF Board, and in conformance with Section VI of the operating procedures of the CCEF Board. The authorized officer’s approval thereof is hereby authorized to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of said legal instrument; and
- (3) that the proper CI officers are authorized and empowered to do all other acts and execute and deliver all other documents as they shall deem necessary and desirable to effect the above-mentioned legal instrument.

Other business:

Ms. Dondy mentioned that information was provided about the pipeline for municipal projects which are anticipated to be funded with Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative proceeds.

4. **Adjournment:**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Hennessy, the Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the November 12, 2009 meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Peters, Chairman of the
Committee