

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** July 11, 2007

**Attendance:** B Bigelow, B Breault, J Burns, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Dohrty, M Downey, F Fenlon, J Galligan, J Howard, K Johnson, R Jones, D Keuch, C Kleecamp, R Mahoney, R Philbrick, J Soares, M Song, C Striebel, B Worth, H Wishik, D Gass

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 13, 2007 meeting were approved after noting that K. Johnson who attended the meeting was not listed This will be corrected in file copy of minutes

**Energy Efficiency:** K Galligan went thru a series of summary tables from the Compact, annual report to the Dept. of Public Utilities for the year 2006. He noted that the entire report is 187 pages and is available to any member who desires a full hard copy. It was noted that the Compact is the first organization to file their report, which was due on July 1, 2007. In summary, most of our cost/benefit ratios improved and we had a good year. A total of 1999 audits were performed.

**New employee-** K Galligan introduced David Gass, who has joined the organization as Energy Efficiency Analyst.

**Turn in Events-** M Song spoke of the fall turn-in events to be held in the month of October. Exact dates and sign up sheets will be forwarded to all Board members when they have been prepared. One new feature of the events will be a Trade-In program---Bring in an incandescent bulb and change it for a CFL. Only the Orleans date has been set at October 20.

**Mercury in CFL's-** M Song led the discussion of the clean up procedures to be distributed to all. This is to educate board members to the realities which are that while airborne mercury vapors are dangerous, this does not make a broken lamp into a hazardous waste clean up site. The manufacturers are working to reduce the amount of mercury in each lamp to about 2mg, but it cannot be eliminated since it is required for lamp startup. Be careful of airborne vapors immediately after a lamp breaks, but after securing the lamp in a plastic bag, it can be taken to your local transfer station for handling.

**Power Supply-** J Soares reported that CLC electric prices for the second half of 2007 have been set and show a reduction of 5.27% from 11.652 cents to 10.99. It was also noted that prices have been reduced a total of 15 % from those in place on Jan 1, 2006. We do not yet know what NStar price for July 1 will be

**COOP-** The first two members of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Coop which have made their commitment are the County of Barnstable and the Cape Light Compact. The Compact appeared before the Town of Barnstable Council on June 21, but that group declined to complete the commitment and carried the subject over to their July meeting for re-consideration.

**Executive Committee Report-**R Mahoney reported on the following activities

- ConEdison Solutions has agreed to sponsor an ad in the Pops by the Sea publication
- On June 12, Mr Mahoney gave testimony on the bill requiring pricing by utilities which would prohibit them from collecting for past under-collections
- June 20- The Compact appeared before the Assembly of Delegates to describe current activities
- June 22- Several Compact members attending the Roundtable in Boston
- June 28- MR Mahoney attended reception for David O'Connor

Barry R Worth, Secretary

*J. Mahoney*  
*Kel Johnson*  
*Jal Soars*

**Energy Conservation Budget-** K Galligan noted that we will finish the year with all energy conservation funds expended or committed. Some work is being delayed until 2008 program funding is available. The 2008 budget is being developed.

**Power Supply-**

- **DPU 07-50- Decoupling Proceeding:** J Soares reported on the status of the proceeding involving decoupling. The issue here is rate structure and revenue recovery programs and the attempt by DPU to separate them. Heretofore, the amount of total sales directly affected rate of return, thus inhibiting a utility from reducing sales voluntarily related to energy conservation programs. We have filed comments on the issues, suggesting that additional rate cases are needed to update the base data on a more timely fashion. For example, it was noted that the last rate case affecting NStar was in the 80's.
- **Large C&I rates-** J Soares noted that our new rates for the 67 customers we have on this rate is 9.53 cents from October until January 2008, compared to the NStar rate of 9.638 cents for the period from October 1 until December 31

**Executive Committee Report- R Mahoney**

- Major work for the summer has been related to 07-64, as discussed in our Executive Session
- July 15- presentation to Eastham BOS on the issues involved in the COOP formation.
- July 24- Attendance at the reception for the Chair of DOER. Attended by R Mahoney, M Downey, J Soares, C Striebel, K Johnson

**Orleans action of wind turbines-** P Cabana asked numerous questions of K Galligan related to the recent negative vote of the Orleans Board of Water Commissioners, relating to difficulties he envisions on MV related to similar efforts to install wind turbines. In response, Mr Galligan distributed a fact sheet he has prepared noting all major milestones, town meeting votes and accomplishments over the last four years.

**Response to Public-** H Wishik questioned when we were going to respond or why we have not responded to the issues C Powicki has brought up numerous times, here, in the press and at public meetings of various public bodies. M Downey responded to state that the Compact has not been able to convince Mr Powicki of the facts which he has misstated, but that he does not want to believe our point of view

**Next Compact meeting:** M Downey noted that our next regular meeting is scheduled for October 10 and that she does not see enough agenda items to justify meeting within the next two weeks. It was therefore agreed that the October 10 meeting will be cancelled.

**Treasurer-** M Downey reported that the Board must consider what action if any it will take relative to replacement of A Wallenstein who has resigned as Compact Treasurer.