

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT
Minutes of meeting

Date of meeting: July 9, 2008

Attendance: B Bigelow, B Breault, J Burns, J Cunningham, W Doherty, M Downey, F Fenlon, K Galligan, P Hefler, D Fitton, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, K Johnson, D Keuch, R Mahoney, R Schofield, J Soares, M Song, C Striebel, B Worth

Public Comment: C Powicki announced a forum on Tidal Energy to be held at Woods Hole Institute on August 8

Minutes: On *motion by C Striebel, seconded by K Johnson*, the minutes of the May 15, 2008 were approved as written

On a second *motion by K Johnson, seconded by J Hodgkinson* the notes from the June 11, 2008 board meeting where no quorum was present were accepted to be included in the records of the Compact

Power Supply Pricing: J Soares reviewed the press release where the Compact electric rates for the second half of 2008 were announced. He emphasized the new concept of long term pricing where customers can sign up for one, two or three years at fixed price. To date, 18 customers have signed up and about 50 additional customers have expressed interest in doing so. In response to a question by W Doherty, J Soares noted that long term pricing is not available for the Cape Light Compact Green program.

Municipal rates have also been set at 12.826 cents, an increase of 15% for the next six months.

Also noted was the total of customers who are part of the Green program is presently 1574

M Downey noted that the Power Supply Committee will consider PV proposal made in conjunction with ConEdison Solutions at its next meeting

Green Communities Act: The majority of the time at the meeting was devoted to a detailed presentation by M Downey on the new law, recently signed by the Governor. This law will have a significant impact on the operation of the Compact, particularly related to energy conservation spending and programs. The law also addresses the Default Service Adjustment, calling for investigation and recommendations to be completed by June 2009. Net metering has also been included as well as provisions for municipalities to own renewable energy generating plants. The *Summary of the 2008 Green Communities Act* is attached and made part of these minutes.

Energy Efficiency Programs- K Galligan noted that the annual report of the Compact on the activities related to Energy Efficiency is ready to be submitted this month as required by the DPU. The Compact has met it's 2007 goals in this regard

K Galligan also reviewed the plans of the Compact related to Low Income Assistance, particularly in response to concerns expressed by board member F Fenlon regarding the winter

of 2008-09. It is expected that many low income families will seek assistance, look for whatever efficiency measures we can supply. He noted that the Compact continues to spend more than the minimum required dollars for low income families. We are sensitive to their needs but it must also be noted that low income persons will lose service for extended non-payment, although there are many regulations which protect service, especially in cold weather months.

Chairman's Report Mr Mahoney noted that he and K Galligan were present in Boston for the signing of the Green Communities Bill by Governor Patrick.

Other business of the board:

- **F Fenlon** distributed a summary report excerpting several publications regarding energy cost for low income people. He noted that he will once again present a resolution to the board regarding support for "wet and dry" generation facilities on Cape.
- **J Howard** noted that the Town of Yarmouth is continuing to address addition of solar and wind energy facilities on several town buildings.