

FINAL Minutes of the Interagency Review Panel's November 1, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following members of the Panel and State Agency staff were present:

Panel Members

Barbara Alexander

Tim Agnew

Fen Fowler

Harrison Horning

John Kerry, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS)

Chip Gavin, Bureau of General Services (designee for DAFS Commissioner)

Bruce VanNote, DOT (designee for DOT Commissioner)

Conrad Welzel, Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA)

Staff

Nina Fisher, DOT

Jennifer Puser, OEIS

Jonathon Arey, MTA

1) John Kerry and Jennifer Puser, OEIS led a review of the enabling legislation, LD 1786 An Act Regarding Infrastructure, and answered numerous questions regarding legislative intent, the duties of the Panel, decision criteria, etc.

The Panel decided to form a sub-group to focus on a framework and rule of how to proceed with soliciting and reviewing energy infrastructure proposals. The members of the sub-group include the following: Nina Fisher, DOT, Jennifer Puser, OEIS, Tim Agnew, Barbara Alexander, Jonathon Arey, MTA and Chip Gavin, BGS. It was decided that Nina Fisher would send out a scheduling request to schedule a conference call to start the work of the sub-group. It was agreed that DOT would develop a generic outline and distribute to the Panel for discussion at the next meeting.

The Panel discussed a list of issues they felt need to be resolved in order to proceed. These issues included:

- Rulemaking: is included in statute, but who pays for the cost and what is the process?
- Searsport-Loring corridor: how does this fit in with the Panel's work?
- Securing an appraiser: this will be difficult and funding is needed.
- Are there any restrictions from the Federal government on energy infrastructure development?
- Two rulemakings are included in the legislation for DEP and PUC. What is the status of these rulemakings?

Prepared by the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security

- What are the protocols the Panel needs to follow for public notice of meetings?
- Need to develop a solicitation/prospectus document.
- Need to conduct research on what other states are doing related to energy infrastructure development in transportation corridors.
- Who writes the contracts for energy infrastructure occupancy agreements?
- Need to have briefings from the PUC, DEP, DOC and AG on a variety of issues related to the legislation.

A brief discussion ensued about the efforts of the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Collaborative related to the development of transmission infrastructure in New England and the Northeast. The Panel also discussed the possibility of energy infrastructure being built in Maine and who the potential applicants may be.