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## AGENDA

### October 2006 Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, October 18, 2006  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

CNY RPDB  
Lower Level Conference Room  
100 Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York

*Chairman Paul Vickery, Presiding*

1. Call to Order P. Vickery
2. Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the August 16, 2006 Meeting P. Vickery
3. **Feature Presentation**
  - **New York Interconnect, Inc. – Energy Transmission Line**
4. Executive Director's Report D. Bottar
  - Adoption of Resolution – Bylaws Amendment
  - Adoption of Resolution – DEC 604(b) funding
  - Nominations for Rhea Eckel Clark Award
  - Committee Meetings – November 15, 2006
  - Annual Meeting – December 13, 2006
5. Old/New Business P. Vickery
  - Announcement of 2007 Nominations Committee
6. Adjournment P. Vickery



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## MINUTES

### CNY RPDB Board Meeting October 18, 2006

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members:** Terri Bridenbecker, Daniel Dineen, Rocco DiVeronica, David Elleman, Melody Holmes, John Kruk, Russell Lura, Mark Lynch, Joe Mareane, Mary Messinger, Vijay Mital, James Murphy, Ann Petrus, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Clarence Rycraft, Daniel Schuster, William Southern, Donal Spaulding, Frederick Talbot, Walter Tennant, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

**Guests:** Larissa Brenner, Office of Assemblyman Magnarelli; Joe Burns, Office of NYS Senator John DeFrancisco; Rebecca Fertig, Office of U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton; Kristen Jones, Office of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer; Karen Kitney, Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency; Anthony Kolinski, Empire State Development Corporation; Stephen Lynch, Cayuga County Department of Planning and Development; William Magee, NYS Assemblyman; Jack Miller, Madison County Planning Department; Paul Miller, Madison County Planning Department; Justin O'Brien, Office of NYS Assemblywoman Joan Christensen; David Tessier, Town of Clay; and Kali Torrence, Office of NYS Assemblyman Magnarelli.

**Staff:** Gerald Aloï, Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Carol Faucher, Bruce Keplinger, Lisa Meaney, and Michael Rosanio.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

##### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paul Vickery called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. at the office of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) and stated that a quorum was present.

##### 2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA/MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2006 MEETING**

Chairman Vickery asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the August 16, 2006 meeting. Hearing no comments, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the day's agenda and minutes from the August 2006 meeting as presented, so moved by Ms. Petrus; seconded by Mr. Murphy; unanimous approval.

##### 3. **FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Executive Director David Bottar announced that today's meeting would feature two presentations regarding a proposed solution to the State's electric transmission resources needs. The day's first feature speaker is the CNY RPDB Program Manager for Energy, Mr. Gerald Aloï. Mr. Aloï provided background information on electric generation capacity and the current demand capacity in the Northeast. It is projected that New York would need additional new resources in order to meet a projected 18% increase through 2015. Mr. Aloï also identified the ten largest generating plants in New York State including Nine Mile Point and Oswego Harbor Power in Oswego, New York.

Continuing with his presentation, Mr. Aloï briefed the audience on NYS transmission system operations. The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) is a federally regulated, not-for-profit corporation charged with operating New York's bulk electric transmission system that spans more than 11,000 miles. The NYISO also administers the state's wholesale energy markets, which generated nearly \$11 billion in transactions in 2005. Key challenges include managing a constantly changing load and generation levels. New York's energy transmission paths have common characteristics noting that power typically moves from upstate to downstate New York. The New York City metro area has significantly less generation than load and is heavily import dependent. High electricity rates are due in part to the dependence of New York City generation on natural gas and oil fuels.

In an effort to help solve New York State's electric transmission constraints, New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) filed an application with the State's Public Service Commission to build a 200-mile high voltage direct current transmission line from Utica to Orange County. The proposed project will transport electricity from areas where the power grid currently has a surplus of power resources to areas of the State where there is a need for new power sources. NYRI proposes to develop, construct, and operate an HVDC transmission line extending from the Town of Marcy in Oneida County to the Town of New Windsor in Orange County. The proposed routing of the transmission line utilizes or is adjacent to an existing railroad, gas pipeline or electric rights-of-way.

Executive Director David Bottar then introduced the day's second speaker, Mr. Paul Miller, Assistant Director of the Madison County Department of Planning. Mr. Miller stated that Madison County is opposed to the NYRI development of transmission lines, citing the environmental and visual impacts on various parts of the county. In addition, Mr. Miller stated that a coalition has been formed in opposition to NYRI's project called Communities Against Regional Interconnection (CARI). CARI membership includes eight New York counties and four private groups.

In conclusion, Mr. Miller stated that the NYRI application is incomplete and that the Public Service Commission has requested additional information. In addition, NYS Assemblyman William Magee stated that Eminent Domain Law was signed on October 3, 2006, which modifies the transportation law and prohibits the use of eminent domain powers to site transmission lines in parts of New York State.

At the conclusion of both presentations, Messrs. Miller and Aloï responded to several questions from the audience. Chairman Vickery stated that Messrs. Miller and Aloï would be available after today's meeting to further respond to any additional questions.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar stated he has met with each legislative body regarding the CNY RPDB's 2007 budget request from its member counties.

Mr. Bottar noted that nominations are being accepted for the annual Rhea Eckel Clark Award. This award allows the CNY RPDB to recognize an individual or organization affecting positive community change in the CNY Region. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is November 1, 2006. The award will be presented at the Board's Annual meeting in December.

Mr. Bottar stated that program committees would convene on November 15, 2006 to review work conducted over the past year and to establish a work plan for 2007. The meeting schedule is identified below:

Environmental Management Committee – 9:00 a.m.  
Land Use/Transportation Committee – 10:30 a.m.  
Executive Committee – 12:00 noon  
Economic Development Committee – 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Bottar asked members to mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at the Wyndham Hotel.

Lastly, Mr. Bottar welcomed Mr. Stephen Lynch to his new position as Director of the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Development.

6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Vickery announced that he has appointed the 2007 Nominating Committee. Board Members serving on this Committee include Terri Bridenbecker, representing Cayuga County; Danny Ross representing Cortland County; Rocco DiVeronica representing Madison County; Melody Holmes, representing Onondaga County; and John Kruk representing Oswego County. The Committee met prior to today's meeting.

Chairman Paul Vickery presented to members a resolution authorizing an amendment to the By-laws to provide for directors and officers indemnification. After reviewing the resolution, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing an amendment to the By-laws, so moved by Mr. Murphy; seconded by Ms. Bridenbecker; unanimous approval.

Chairman Paul Vickery presented to members another resolution authorizing the preparation of an application and the signing of a State contract for a water quality management planning project under the appropriate laws of the State of New York. After reviewing the resolution, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the resolution authorizing an amendment to the By-laws, so moved by Mr. Tennant; seconded by Mr. Southern; unanimous approval.

Lastly, Chairman Paul Vickery announced that Madison County Board Member and Madison County Legislative Chairman Rocco DiVeronica was recently honored for his 18-month tenure

as President of the New York State Association of Counties.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Vickery thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.