



**ANNOUNCEMENT
ENERGY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
STAKEHOLDER FORUM
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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The Energy Planning Advisory Board, which was created by the Legislature in 2004 “to discuss energy policy and planning at the state level and develop strategic planning for the state’s energy policies,” will be holding a Stakeholder Forum on June 23, 2006, in Room 304 of the Legislative Office Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the forum is to identify key energy issues for Legislative and Executive action in order to combat in the present the effects of dramatic increases in energy costs and to develop for the future a state energy policy premised on the fundamental goals of security, affordability and sustainability.

The Energy Planning Advisory Board is seeking comments from, among others, regional organizations, such as the New England Independent System Operator and the Northeast Gas Association, electric distribution and transmission companies, local gas distribution and pipeline transmission companies, propane and fuel oil distributors, competitive electric and gas suppliers, public interest organizations, business associations, and other interested members of the public. The June 23 Forum will not cover transportation issues, which will be considered separately.

The Stakeholder Forum will focus on concrete recommendations for Legislative or Executive action. Commentators are asked to submit, by June 16, 2006, a summary of their recommendations and any background material about their organizations or positions that they believe may be helpful. A Forum agenda and schedule will be developed based on the number of parties expressing interest and circulated by June 21. Oral presentations are welcome and should be structured around a brief statement of the problem as seen by the commentator and a set of specific proposals for addressing the problem. Presentations will be followed by questions from the Advisory Board.

The Stakeholder Forum will be followed by a Facilitated Discussion among the members of the Energy Policy Advisory Board on June 29, 2006. The anticipated product of the Stakeholder Forum is a report to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of

the House setting forth recommended action items for legislation and executive implementation.

Members of the Energy Planning Advisory Board include Alice Chamberlin, Special Assistant for Policy, Office of the Governor; Amy Ignatius, Director, Office of Energy and Planning; Senator Bob Odell, Chair, Senate Energy and Economic Development Committee; Representative Larry Ross, Chair, House Science, Technology and Energy Committee; Clifton Below, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission; Tom Frantz, Director, Electric Division, Public Utilities Commission; Gary O'Connell, State Energy Manager, Department of Administrative Services; Bob Scott, Director, Air Resources Division, Department of Environmental Services; Steve Kahl, Director, Center for the Environment, Plymouth State University; James Marshall, Director, Division of Administration, Department of Transportation; Anne Ross, New Hampshire Consumer Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate; Wendell Jesseman, Chairman of the Board, New England Wire Technologies; and Alan Karg, Corporate Environmental Manager, Sturm, Ruger and Co.

Anyone interested in making a presentation at the Stakeholder Forum should contact Kim Smith at the Public Utilities Commission at 271-2442 and e-mail written materials to kim.smith@puc.nh.gov by June 16, 2006. All materials will be posted to the PUC's website at www.puc.state.nh.us. In addition, a copy of the [New Hampshire Energy Plan](#) (November, 2002) and a copy of a related [Energy Planning Advisory Board Annual Report](#) will be available at the PUC's website in order to provide some additional background for potential commentators. For further information contact the Office of Energy and Planning Director, Amy Ignatius, or Deputy Director Jack Ruderman, at 271-2155.