

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #06-10)
June 16, 2010**

Location of Meeting: Fort Trumbull Conference Center
90 Walbach Street
New London, CT

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present

Chuck Beck (for Commissioner Marie)
Vincent Cashin
Tom Dubno
G.L. Gunther
Linda Krause
Joseph P. Maco (for TSB Chairman)
Larry Miller
Joe Riccio
George Wisker (for Commissioner Marrella)

Absent

Brenda Sisco
John Johnson
John Opie
David Shuda
Joan McDonald

Guests

Lou Allyn	LT Coleman	John Crowther	Ned Farman	Bill Gash	CWO Green
Don Jessome	Jon Kachmar	Martha Klimas	Ed O'Donnell	Tracy Persico	Grace Pulco
Dave Rossiter	Joe Salvatore	Bill Spicer	Alan Stevens	Grant Westerson	

PROLOGUE

Due to the late arrival of the Chair and absence of the Vice Chair, the Commissioners agreed to move the presentation to be delivered under New Business to the top of the agenda. At 0934, Mr. Donald Jessome, President of Transmission Developers, Inc (TDI) provided an in depth presentation on his company's plan to establish new transmission lines to provide electricity from Canada to the New York and Connecticut market. The information provided can be obtained at the following web site: www.chpexpress.com. The \$3.8 billion Champlain Hudson Power Express project will bring up to 2,000 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable wind and hydro power to New York and New England. The project is intended to help New York and New England meet renewable energy goals using electrical power derived from carbon-free generation sources. The project extends 355 miles from Canada to New York City and an additional 65 miles from New York City to Bridgeport, CT. Plans call for four, 5-inch diameter cables to be placed underwater or underground. The submarine portions of the preferred route include Lake Champlain, the Champlain Canal, and the Hudson River between Albany and Manhattan. To avoid environmentally sensitive areas such as the PCB clean-up site in the Hudson River, the line will be taken out of the Champlain Canal North of Fort Edward and buried along Canadian Pacific and CSX rail right of ways for 73 miles, re-entering the Hudson River just south of Albany. Power will be delivered by two of the four cables to converter stations that will be built in Yonkers, NY. The other two cables will deliver power to converter station to be built near Sea Side Park in Bridgeport, CT. The converter stations will operate below all federal, state, and local limits for noise and be housed in buildings designed to blend in with the neighboring buildings. TDI has initiated meetings and discussions with numerous stakeholders and regulatory agencies (local, state and federal). TDI intends on holding a public meeting in the greater Bridgeport area the end of July or early August timeframe. Questions were asked and answered about the path of the cables just outside of and into Bridgeport Harbor as well as the affect converting AC power to DC might have on the local magnetic field. Commissioner Gunther requested additional information and greater details concerning the path of the cables. Mr. Jessome stated that all of the information is available on the web site provided. New Information will be posted as it is gathered. Doc Gunther expressed concern about how the cables will cross other cables and pipelines that connect CT to NY via the Long Island sound sea bed and asked for another meeting with a select

group of stakeholders. Mr. Jessome offered to meet with anybody at any time. Mr. Jessome's contact information is as follows:

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I. Call to Order:

At the conclusion of the presentation at 1030, the Chairman, Joe Riccio, opened the meeting. A quorum of 9 was present. The CTMC Commissioners/designees and the audience were asked to introduce themselves.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

The summary report of the May 19, 2010 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Cashin to approve the summary report. The motion was seconded by George Wisker and approved by unanimous vote.

III Discussion Open to Public No comments were offered.

IV Old Business:

A. Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore stated that the ACOE Dredge CURRITUCK had completed its work in Westbrook (Patchogue River entrance) and Clinton Harbor entrance thanks to the coordination work of Ed O'Donnell of the ACOE. Ed O'Donnell stated that he suspected there might be a few complaints and follow-on requests to conduct similar dredging operations next year. Joe Salvatore informed all that the CT Harbor Management Association planned on conducting a seminar on dredging issues in the near future but the date/time had not as yet been established. In response to a question, George Wisker stated that the LIS DMMP planning was moving ahead. He stated that the Project Development Team (PDT) had received a draft of the scope of work for review. The ACOE will be establishing working groups to review various aspects of the LIS DMMP. In response to a question by Bill Gash, George Wisker clarified that LIS DMMP covers all of LIS. The long sought after Eastern LIS environmental impact study (EIS), deals with disposal site designations made in the past. He reported that CTDEP had obtained a commitment from EPA to conduct the EIS if funded. Correspondence from Congressman Courtney to the CTMC stated that he is pursuing funding for the EIS in the FY 2011 budget. Ed O'Donnell stated that there might not be an FY 2011 budget or at least a timely budget due to the mid-term elections. In response to a question he stated that the EIS would require approximately \$4 to-5M.

B Connecticut Economic Strategic Plan (ESP) Update – Due to the absence of a representative from DECD, no report was offered.

C. North Atlantic Ports Association Update – Chairman Riccio provided a summary of the North Atlantic Ports Association meeting that was held at the Mystic Marriott June 2-4, 2010. He reported that the NAPA meeting was the first time that any of the semi-annual meetings had been held in CT and that it was reported to be one of the most highly attended meetings ever. The Chairman credited much of the success for the meeting to the event sponsors from CT such as the CT Maritime Association, the CT Maritime Coalition, Gateway Terminals, New Haven Terminal, New England Shipping and Parson-Brinkerhoff. One noteworthy session at the NAPA meeting was a panel discussion on port governance that he moderated. Panel members were Mary Jane Norris from the Baltimore Port Administration, Mike Leone of MASSPORT and CTDECD Commissioner Joan McDonald. Three items were identified as important to a successful port authority: independence, a professional staff and a funding stream.

D. Statewide Port Authority (SWPA) –Commissioner Krause thanked all for the 6 responses that were submitted with names and the 2 that were submitted anonymously. She stated that she is in the process of developing a summary sheet of the comments. She stated her observation is that the comments on the purpose of a port authority fell into to main categories; economic development and transportation hub. Other comments were divided on the port authority being a planning vs operational unit or merely an advocate. Commissioner Krause stated that a committee meeting was needed to discuss the results of the questionnaire and proposed 10 AM Wednesday July 7, 2010 at her CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) office in Old Saybrook. Chuck Beck was asked to send an e-mail about the meeting.

E. America's Cup Update – Due to the absence of Commissioner Johnson, no report was offered.

F. TSB Meeting – The Chairman advised that attended the TSB meeting held at 1030 in the CTDOT conference room immediately after the May CTMC meeting. Chuck Beck gave a short presentation on maritime issues particularly infrastructure funding deficiencies such as funding for maintenance dredging of the state's waterways. The Chairman stated he felt the concerns expressed about dredging were missed by most if not all of the TSB members present. He requested that Joe Maco, the TSB Chairman's designee, work with the TSB Chair to get the message across. The Chairman stated that the TSB Chairman, Bruce Alexander, had invited him to attend and participate in future TSB meetings. Bill Gash reported that a copy of the Economic Impact Study that the CMC had commissioned had been delivered to TSB Chairman Alexander at his Yale office in New Haven.

G. Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council (LIS AMSC) Update – LT Jud Coleman of CG Sector LIS reported that the LIS AMSC and the LIS HSC had both met recently. Highlights of the meetings included a reminder that the hurricane season had officially started. LT Coleman introduced the CG Sector LIS new Aids to Navigation Officer, CWO James Green.

Commissioner Miller asked a question about the source of funding for MASSPORT's \$26M infrastructure improvement projects. Chuck Beck stated that he had learned that the projects were self-funded by MASSPORT. Commissioner Miller asked if the CTMC should write a letter to the Governor's office in support of funding the Cruise Ship Task Force (CSTF) now that two cruise ships have committed to calling on New London. The Chairman and others responded that such a letter had already been sent to the Governor. Commissioner Miller then asked if a letter of funding support should be sent to the legislative leaders. It was believed that the Legislative Leaders had been sent a copy of previous letter to the Governor. Chuck Beck will research and report back. There was some discussion on the cost to a cruise ship of calling on New London vs Newport as well as approaching the Tribal Nations for financial assistance for the CSTF.

V New Business:

A. TDI Cable Presentation – Moved to the top of the agenda. See Prologue

VI Date of Next Meeting:

It was announced that the next meeting of the CTMC would be held at **0930 Wednesday July 21, 2010 at the Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound offices in New Haven, CT**

VII Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by George Wisker seconded by Commissioner Dubno and approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.