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John M. Driscoll, *General Manager*

Light Commissioners' Meeting December 10, 2014

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards, Chris Stewart

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

The November 18, 2014 minutes were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 2-0 in favor with Dana abstaining.

Old Business:

The Manager distributed to the Board copies of a send draft of his 2015 Light Budget proposal, the differences mainly in the 2014 year-end expense projections being one additional month closer to actuals than they were in November. He mentioned a few stand-out increases as opposed to the prior year's operating budget.

The Manager and Superintendent had discussed the need to increase the line-clearing/tree-trimming for 2015 in light of the continued problems that the Light Plant had with reliability on its few remaining bare wire distribution circuits. This budget figure was increased from \$40,000 in 2014 to **\$60,000** in 2015 which would possibly add up to 5 weeks of additional line clearing/tree-trimming services to the 2015 Light Budget year.

The Manager and Superintendent had also discussed the need for the Light Plant to (finally) acquire its own single-reel cable trailer equipped with a tension brake. This unit would allow the Light Plant with ease to install messenger cable to tension for its many upcoming aerial cable replacement projects, or install tree wire for its many upcoming bare wire replacement projects and additionally could be used for single-phase URD cable installations and/or OHL triplex cable installations. The Manager and Superintendent thought that realistically such a unit would cost upwards of **\$20,000**. There was also a need to increase the quantity of rollers and other apparatus for three-phase aerial cable installation/replacement projects, possibly by up to **\$15,000**. The Light Plant would likely be replacing much of the spacer cable installed in Templeton in the 1970s due to regular wear and tear on the cable. Because of this the Manager increased the capital budget figure from \$64,000 in 2014 to **\$100,000** in 2015.

The Manager and Superintendent also agreed that the Light Plant was facing another of year of mostly maintenance work rather than new construction, which would, like in 2014, quickly surpass this year's budget figure of \$64,000. Because of this the Manager had increased the inventory budget figure from \$64,000 in 2014 to **\$80,000** in 2015.

At this time Dana inquired of Gregg and of Chris whether or not either of them found anything in the Manager's new proposed budget that they had issues with, and they replied that they had not. On a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to approve the Manager's second draft of his proposed 2015 Light Budget for a total of **\$8,106,249**:

Capital Expense	\$ 100,000
Inventory Expense	\$ 80,000
Distribution Expense	\$ 147,978
Customer Account Expense	\$ 552,604
3% Depreciation Expense	\$ 414,492
1% Return on Utility Plant Expense	\$ 138,164
Payroll Expense	\$ 780,152
Operations Subtotal:	\$ 2,213,390
Power Supply Expense	\$ 5,892,859
 Total Budget Expenses for 2015:	 \$ 8,106,249

New Business:

There were three (3) hand-outs that the Manager had prepared for the Board that did not particularly require any specific discussion:

- October 2014 Power Supply
- November 2014 Wind Generation
- December 2014 Residential Electric Rate Comparisons

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll

General Manager