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Light Commissioners' Meeting July 10th, 2012

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

Employee present was: John Driscoll

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Dana.

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

The June 5th, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Dana, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager gave the Board an update on the status of a potential generator bearing issue with the Wind Turbine. The turbine generator had begun to make noise under load back in the beginning of June of 2012, to the point where the Superintendent had begun to inquire of several wind turbine technicians whether or not Templeton Light should shut it down. Lumus/Solaya had done their regularly scheduled gearbox & generator vibration analysis on June 15th of 2012, and the results had shown that a problem definitely was present. Results from New England Spintech had shown unacceptable levels of generator vibration at several rates of acceleration.

The Manager had received from the Superintendent a copy of an estimate for \$33K for Elin-Motoren out of Austria. The estimate was a worst-case scenario for Elin-Motoren to have two of their contracted turbine technicians come out to Templeton and replace the defective generator bearing, the slip ring and the end shield. The estimate also

included an analysis of the failed generator bearing to ascertain the root cause of its failure. The Manager informed the Board of his desire to have a more detailed discussion with Elin-Motoren about the work necessary before accepting the estimate as is and scheduling the work, and the Board was adamant to get the wind turbine back up and running ASAP.

The Superintendent had also included a chart detailing the additional purchased power that had been necessary for the duration of the wind turbine's latest forced outage (June 26th to present). The manager had estimated this 26,537 KWH to have cost Templeton Light an additional \$ 2,139 for the same duration.

The Manager had been in contact with Jeff Iafrati of MMWEC over some new increased MA Reserve Trust and Working Capital assessments. At this time, the Manager was feeling pretty confident about a 3-year assessment increase for both treasury accounts that would build up an additional \$1M in cash reserves to be held at MMWEC. The Manager had informed the Board that the Staff Accountant was out this week. Upon her return he would meet with her for a detailed discussion on cashflow to make sure it was OK to raise Templeton Light's purchased power costs at this time, what with light sales already down 3% thus far in 2012.

New Business:

The Manager distributed to the Board copies of a proposal from Comfort Zone Communications, Inc. to establish a TMLWP website and host it as well. This particular proposal had with it a \$5K start-up fee for registering a new web domain for TMLWP and designing the home and link pages as well. Following that would be a \$ 195 per month fee for web hosting and maintenance, including changing of posted rates and minutes as well.

The Manager had had a discussion with a Pam Marble of Comfort Zone describing all of the options that TMLWP would be interested in at this time: rates, fees, agendas, minutes, rate comparisons, appliance calculators, etc. He had gotten a comfortable feeling that Comfort Zone was plenty capable of meeting TMLWP's needs for this new website. The Manager further recommended to the Board that they visit Ashburnham's new website that was recently completed by Comfort Zone while he looks into other web design vendors.

The Manager presented the Board with a 2012 light sales summary with estimated sales for July through December of 2012 based on 2011 figures. The Manager had projected year-end sales of 58,462,587 for 2012, down 1,937,557 from 2011. This had represented a 3.2% decrease in KWH sales and a 3.4% decrease in revenues. The

Manager had seen no light at the end of the tunnel for the next 2-3 years based on the local economy and the housing market.

The Manager relayed to the Board that the 2012 Senior Luncheon had gone off w/o a hitch. Approximately 38 Templeton residents attended the safety demonstration and lunch with Ray Gouley Safety Company and the Manager.

The Manager presented the Board with copies of MMWEC's Nuclear Project Surplus Funds report for FY12. There existed a surplus of \$148K for Templeton Light in over-billed nuclear project costs in FY12, down from \$165K in FY11. After conferring with the Staff Accountant, the Manager had suggested to the Board that Templeton Light accept these funds into maintenance cash. He further added that a \$130K invoice would be coming in August of 2012 for the new Telect aerial lift and these funds would be beneficial to have on-hand to cover this cost. The Board had no objections to this plan.

There being no other regular session business to discuss, on a motion by Dana, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the light board meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

At this time [8:16 p.m.] a roll call vote was taken for the Light Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of approving minutes from the June 5th, 2012 executive session and also to conduct a strategy session for non-union personnel salary adjustments for 2013:

Gregg – “aye”

Chris – “aye”

Dana – “aye”

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager