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John M. Driscoll, General Manager

Light Commissioners' Meeting

January 11, 2023

Members present were:

Chairman Dana Blais

Clerk/Secretary Chris Stewart

Member Gregg Edwards

Employees present were:

General Manager (GM) John Driscoll

Light Superintendent (LS) Thomas Berry Business Manager (BM) Jennifer Belliveau

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Dana.

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

Old Business:

The General Manager (GM) updated the Board our on 2023 electric rates. He explained that an increase of +1¢/kWh would bring in of about \$700,000 more than 2022 this year, whereas an increase of +2¢/kWh would bring in about \$1,400,000 more than 2022 this year. At this point the GM suggested the 2¢/kWh (14-16%) be applied to residential and commercial customers' rates (A1, C2, C3, C4) while the 1¢/kWh (8-10%) be applied to industrial customers' rates (C1, T3). The light budget that the GM was proposing for 2023 was nearly \$9,300,000, so +\$1,300,000 (16%) above that of 2022. He had prepared a handout for the Board demonstrating his proposal for 1¢/2¢ rate increases for this discussion tonight:

Residential A1		\$100 in 2022	\$116 in 2023
Commercial C3		\$80 in 2022	\$93 in 2023
Commercial C4	*	\$500 in 2022	\$580 in 2023
Private Lighting C2	100W HPS	\$4.78 in 2022	\$5.69 in 2023
	150W HPS	\$7.04 in 2022	\$8.36 in 2023
	250W HPS	\$11.70 in 2022	\$13.75 in 2023
	400W HPS	\$18.84 in 2022	\$22.21 in 2023
	1000W HPS	\$43.94 in 2022	\$52.34 in 2023



The GM reported to the Board the events of December 24, 2022 due to New England's capacity shortage event. There was insufficient generation capacity to accommodate New England's total load on this day and it quickly turned into a PFP (Pay For Performance) day for all of the participating generators in New England. MMWEC had run 2 intermediate units and 2 peaking units for most of the day due to this shortage. The event was triggered by a curtailing of the load being imported to New England via the Hydro-Quebec interconnection at +/-450 KVDC, the curtailment due to increased loads in Quebec due to weather conditions up there. ISONE had actually entered into OP4 and OP7 conditions, otherwise known as voluntary load shedding (running for the hills). The GM stated that the Light Plant was not adversely affected by the events on this day and had more than enough capacity resources to make it through the day.

The usual handouts that the GM prepared for the Board weren't available tonight because of unforeseen maintenance issues with both printers that the GM is connected to at the TMLWP office.

Other Business

Dana asked if Templeton Wind was online. The LS said no, but that the converter should be changed tomorrow (1-12-23). The refurbished converter is doing well, and AMSC will be refurbishing the old converter as well.

Dana asked about the status on the building painting bid on painting the building; the LS said we would have to go back out to bid since we're in a new calendar year of prevailing wages.

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Light Commissioners' Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John M. Driscoll

General Manager