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**Light Commissioners' Meeting  
December 14, 2022**

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 6:58 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda for 12-14-22 was approved on a motion from Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

**Old Business:**

The Board re-visited the GM's proposed operating budget for 2023. He was looking to approve \$9,286,478 for next year, and increase of +\$1,365,515 (+17%) from 2022. He explained that the primary driver for this was the increase projected costs for next year's power supply. In 2022, the power supply budget was just \$5,162,193 and for 2023 this figure needed to be \$6,310,063, an increase of +\$1,147,870 (+22%). The GM had gotten power supply budget estimates from MMWEC like in prior years but the new figures were far more expensive for next year than this year because of what has been going on in the energy sector nationally. The GM was confident that we'd be able to get about \$300K of this \$9.3M from revenues other than from kWh sales, as this current year looked to be approaching the \$300K amount. But we'd still need to go from an \$8M budget to a \$9M one; +\$1M, or 12%.

The GM stated that there were two ways to accomplish this. The first way would be to adjust the PPCA monthly to account for the extra revenues needed to cover our fuel costs, adding that a +1.5¢ per kWh adjustment would yield about \$83K more revenue monthly (\$1M per year). The second way would be to simply adjust our base rates by about 1.5¢, either evenly across all rate schedules or alternatively by cost-of-service methods.

There being no other regular session business to discuss tonight, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll  
General Manager