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John M. Driscoll, *General Manager*

Light Commissioners' Meeting October 9th, 2012

Members present were: Dana Blais, Gregg Edwards

Employees present were: John Driscoll, Tom Berry

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dana.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

The September 11th, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The Manager informed that Board that after its completion of repair to the generator bearings on August 13th that Templeton Wind was now functioning normally as Templeton Light moves into the wind season for 2012/2013.

The Manager updated the Board on the status of the King Phillip Trail Recloser. The unit had been picked up by Wesco 3.5 weeks prior and had been delivered to the Thomas & Betts factory in New Jersey. No results on the unit's failure had yet been relayed to the Superintendent or to the Manager.

The Manager again brought up the issue of increasing the monthly level of funding for Templeton Light's Massachusetts Reserve Trust (MRT) and Working Capital (WC) accounts held at MMWEC. He had prepared both a document and a spreadsheet illustrating the effects that his proposed increased assessments would have on both ISO

Interchange Power Costs and Total Power Costs. The Manager had, after discussions with Jeff lafrate of MMWEC, determined that an approximate \$3M balance between these two accounts would be more prudent than the current approximate \$2M normally held. He added that with the transmission tap line reconstruction and the distribution substation projects complete, the likelihood of needing large sums of money for capital expenses (other than vehicles) was low and the plant's level of risk in the open wholesale energy market was also low.

The Manager's proposed increases in both the MRT and WC assessments would raise Templeton Light's Power Supply Costs by 2.9 %, and added that with wholesale electricity prices being held low this was the right time to make these upward adjustments in funds to be put aside. Rather than vote on this proposal at this time, Gregg felt that some sort of policy/procedure be put in place which would perhaps lower/raise these assessments based on our fluctuating operating costs. No action would be taken by the Manager at this time as far as adjusting the MRT and WC assessments until he does more research.

The Manager received a second proposal from Keene Web Works on a TMLWP website to be set up and hosted by them. A sample home page had been prepared by Keene Web Works such that the Manager and the Board could get a sense of what a TMLWP could look like. Their proposal consisted of a onetime \$ 2,200 fee for website design and \$ 20 monthly for web hosting & changes (agendas, minutes, rates, etc.). The Manager acknowledged that this was a much better offer then the previous one from Comfort Zone Communications but still felt that at least a third proposal was needed for best business practices. The Board agreed and the Manager would be in contact with the group who had set up Littleton Electric Light & Water Department's site of many years.

New Business:

The Manager informed the Board about a potential \$10K rebate to be received from Constellation Energy pending a ruling from FERC on a settlement. Back in 2007, Constellation together with PJM had re-routed many MW of hydroelectric power across Pennsylvania to Ohio, back into Pennsylvania, across New York and finally into New England. This was done under the auspices of reliability and for reasons unknown, the normal path for this hydroelectric power had been compromised by unavailable substations and/or transmission lines. For several months the cost of the NYPA portion of Templeton (and many others) had more than doubled per MWH.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities had contacted the Manager about this proposed rebate and had informed him that the issue currently is in FERC's hands, and

hopefully within a year's time the rebate will be seen by Templeton in its Power Supply Costs.

The Manager updated the Board on all Wind REC revenues received in September of 2012 for the Q1 MWH Generation of both Berkshire & Templeton Wind. Templeton Light received \$ 44,576 for 832 MWH of Berkshire Wind AND \$ 36,771 for 619 MWH of Templeton Wind. The Manager added that the Wind REC rate being up around \$ 60 per MWH is really helping to reduce the operating costs of Templeton Light's wind generation, especially given the damage to the Berkshire Wind Recloser and the Templeton Wind Generator Bearings.

There being no other regular session business to discuss, on a motion by Gregg, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the light board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

At this time [7:45 p.m.] a roll call vote was taken for the Light Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing certain issues involving the General Manager and the Light Commission believed that the reputation, character, physical and/or mental health of the General Manager would be discusses. The Light Commission would go into Executive Session to protect the General Manager's privacy & reputation.

Gregg – "aye"

Dana – "aye"

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager