

Light Commissioners' Meeting
April 16, 2025

Members present were: Dana Blais, Chairman
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 9:53 a.m. by Dana.

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

The minutes from February 27, 2025, were approved, on a motion by Chris seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor.

Old Business:

The General Manager (GM) discussed with the Board the MEAM Legislative/Regulatory Issues and Decarbonization Clearinghouse. The GM explained that the MLPs are out on Decarbonizations, there are no extra charges for NextZero or Net Metering like national Grid can offer and pass it onto their customers. There are no worries now, thanks to MEAM. The Clean Heat Standard handout shows the effects on the TMLP retail rates. They are requiring customers to convert to mini splits by 2050. MEAM has an ongoing battle for the MLPs because it should be up to the MLP Boards to decide. Over the course of a year the rates will increase 4%-5%, looking 25 years ahead will have a increase of 120%-124%. Gregg said the customers will have to pay a penalty if they do not do as required, this is being proposed through the state. The electric grids will not be able to handle the load, so the state will have to address that as well. The GM said if you fall behind on your renewables, they suggest buying RECs to be considered clean.

The GM updated the Board regarding the Large Building Energy Report Status. The GM explained that the DOER is requesting data on the MLPs largest billings 20,000+ square feet energy costs. The GM

provided the Board with the final list of our largest customers, with a few names dropping off the list. He does not feel that we should provide our customers with information to them. The GM said that the MLPs have decided not to provide the information, and it may come down to MEAM telling the DOER to contact our customers directly to get the information they need. The GM has included examples of letters from other Munis to the DEP regarding "local control" regulations.

New Business:

The GM distributed graphs for Templeton Electrification Plans, Electric Vehicle Additions and Mini-Split Additions to the Commissioners. The 3 graphs supplied were of Power Supply by Resource Type 2025-2044, Light Increases by Rate and New Light & Water Revenues from School Street 54 residential units to be built. The GM is interested in purchasing more Hydroelectric, we currently purchase 250 KW and he would like to increase that number to 500 KW with or without the tariffs that may be put into place it would still be a good purchase. Hancock Wind contract expires in the year 2037. In 2040 we will need to purchase RECs from different resources to stay within our percentage requirements for renewable energy. Light Increases by Rate there is not a huge increase in the next year, possibly 2%, which the GM believes the customers will handle. In a projected 20-year study, the overall increase to rates could possibly be up to 42% with the requirements due to renewable energy. If you turn to the New Light & Water Revenues chart, the 54 Residential Units off School Street will bring approximately \$97,000 additional funds for Light Dept and \$56,000 for Water Dept. All heating/AC units will be mini splits with a rebate for each one the construction company purchases. This will increase TMLPs load 300-400 KW. We are currently out to bid on two 1,000 KVA transformers, which will take up to a year to receive, with a cost of \$70,000 each. We normally do not charge the customers the cost of the transformers in exchange for an increased load we will have going forward.

The GM and LS discussed with the Commissioners the Substation Relay Upgrade Project Update. The LS explained there was a change order to the Substation Relay Project. Currently TMLP is down to 1 transformer while this one is being serviced. The LS explained that he would like to upgrade to diesel and increase the base tank size for the generator with a cost of \$3,548, which would intern eliminate the propane tank pad and trench for fuel line (credit cost -\$11,744). The second change order is an estimate for trenching for added conduit for lighting and cameras, \$30,567. TMLP would then hire an electrician for the final connection with a cost saving of \$53,000.

"On a motion made by Gregg, seconded by Chris, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to accept the change orders with an increase of \$22,360.46 to the Substation Relay Project"

Dana - Aye

Gregg - Aye

Chris - Aye

The GM had the following handouts to the Board:

- February 2025 Power Supply
- March 2025 kWh Sales
- April 2025 Retail Rates

“On a motion made by Chris, seconded by Gregg, 3-0 in favor the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to further discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel at 10:39 am”

Dana - Aye

Gregg – Aye

Chris - Aye

There being no other Open Session business to discuss, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Dana, 2-0 in favor the Light Commissioners’ Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Driscoll
General Manager