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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2019.

Present: Board members Tony Meola, Win Handy, Denny Smith, and, GM Jonathan Fitch, were present. Jim Goulet of Goulet, Salvidio & Associates, P.C. was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:18pm by Commissioner Handy.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda as posted.

Meeting Minutes: The Board did not review or approve meeting minutes.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None discussed.

2018 Financials and Bank Balances: Jim Goulet reviewed with the Board the results of attached 2018 financial audit and DPU report. The only significant issue in the annual audit is a qualified opinion due to pension valuation date timing issue with the Worcester County Retirement System. Jim requested the Board to consider writing-off the underbilled purchased power adjustment (PPA) balance. The write-off effectively lowers the amount billed to ratepayers over the year. Win Handy made a motion to write-off the PPA balance owed by ratepayers to WBMLP. Denny seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 approving the write-off of the accumulated PPA balance due WBMLP. The Board requested the GM to provide a list of employees and wages at the next possible meeting.

Berkshire Wind Phase II: The GM provide an update on the Berkshire Wind expansion project. The installation of (2) new 2.3MW wind turbines is under construction. COD for Berkshire Wind Phase 2 is July 8, 2019.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: The Board and GM discussed the ongoing FESS project. Amber is on-site this week to replace (2) flywheels. We scheduled the final grading, looming, and seeding of the site. Amber Kinetics will deliver and install the next (8) flywheels by June/July 2019.

Seabrook Nuclear: GM Fitch informed the Board that Seabrook's 20-year operating license extension was granted. The operating license is extended from

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the original 40-year length with an expiration date of midnight on March 15, 2030, to 60 years with an expiration date of midnight on March 15, 2050.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: The Board and GM discussed HB2863. This bill assists the commonwealth in meeting its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Each MLP will establish a greenhouse gas emissions standard known as the “Municipal Lighting Plant GGES.” MLP’s shall set the minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold by each MLP to all retail end-user customers purchasing electricity pursuant to rates established pursuant to section 58 of chapter 164 as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

This bill counts our ownership and long-term contracts for existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy as complying with the GGES standard. This provides WBMLP the time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach long term GHG reductions goal of 80% by 2050.

GM Fitch requested the Board to consider approving the GGES standard on itself independently by Board vote. The Board wants to consider this at a future date.

MassDEP Expanding the CES: GM fitch told the Board that WBMLP is monitoring the MassDEP stakeholder process for expending the CES, which could include MLP’s.

Library Exterior Lighting: The library exterior lighting project will begin in spring 2019.

Other: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting is May 7, 2019.

Tony Meola

Denny Smith

Win Handy