

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019.

Present: Board members Tony Meola, Win handy, and Denny Smith, and, GM Jonathan Fitch, were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Commissioner Smith.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from March 5, 2019.

Customer Questions or Concerns: The Library thanked the light department for the new light fixtures.

2019 Financials and Bank Balances: The Board and GM reviewed the attached bank balances.

Berkshire Wind Phase II: GM Fitch provided the Board a project update. COD for Berkshire Wind Phase 2 is July 8, 2019.

MLP State House Advocacy Day: The GM invited the Board to attend the 10:00am, June 25, 2019 advocacy day at the state house.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: GM Fitch told the Board that final grading, looming, seeding, and fencing around site is complete. Amber Kinetics will deliver and install the next (8) flywheels on June 19, 2019.

Solar Incentive: The Board and GM Fitch discussed a WBMLP solar rebate incentive. MMWEC was successful in proposing a voluntary MLP solar incentive program with DOER. DOER committed to the following:

- Effective date: May 2019 - End date: April 30, 2021
- Solar rebate of up to \$1.20 per watt, capped at 50% of total installed costs
- MLPs and DOER will each contribute \$0.60 per watt or 50% each.
- \$43,719.71 from WBMLP
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- This would install approximately 73kW of new renewable solar energy for WBMLP
- 10kW or less, less than 20% shading, facing between 90 and 270 degrees.
- WBMLP's rebate is capped at first 5kW.
- Solar installations must be registered for Massachusetts Class 1 REC's
- REC's owned by MLP and retired by MLP for the life of solar installation.
- MLP's can have their own regulations regarding solar installations.

Federal tax Incentive. 30% total installed cost tax credit in 2019 with 5-year carryover provision. 26% in 2020, 22% in 2021.

State Tax Incentive: 15% tax credit of the net expenditure for a renewable energy system, up to \$1,000 max, with 3-year carryover provision.

The Board discussed the solar rebate program requirements, costs, and anticipated take-rate. Commissioner Meola made a motion to approve a WBMLP solar incentive, as outline in the attached flyer. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. **The Board vote 3-0, in favor of approving and providing a WBMLP solar rebate incentive.**

2019 CBA: The Board discussed the union wage survey and analysis prepared by the GM. See attached analysis. The Board asked GM Fitch to provide information regarding Hull's outsourced line-worker wages, dues for union members, and life insurance policy premiums.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: GM Fitch told the Board that 56 legislators supported the MEAM MLP greenhouse gas emissions bill (HB2863). HB2863 assists the commonwealth in meeting its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Each MLP establishes 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 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 its long term GHG reductions goal of 80% by 2050.

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50% of WBMLP's 2018 power supply is already non-emitting as a result of our nuclear assets and large-scale NYPA hydroelectricity per MassDEP reporting. An additional 18% is RPS qualified as either wind, solar or small-scale hydroelectricity. WBMLP controls the REC's on 12% of the this RPS qualified energy and plans to retire those REC's at a future date.

GM Fitch asked the Board to consider WBMLP adopting the GGES standard on its on by Board vote. The Board will continue discussions and consider at a later date.

Building Renovations: Davis Architect is completing he interior design and specifications for the renovation project.

Other: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Win Handy

Tony Meola

Denny Smith