

WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2019

The meeting started at 5:05pm with Commissioners Handy, Smith, and Meola attending.

Agenda: Please approve the agenda with any changes or corrections.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from August 6, 2019.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None where discussed.

Financial Statements: See attached income statement through August 2019 and bank balances.

Third party Pole Attachments and Antennas: The Board and GM discussed third party pole attachment agreements. GM Fitch told the Board that Crown Tower requested fiber attachments to our utility poles along the electrical ROW behind St Pierre Chain, up to the cell tower near FedEx.

MassDEP CES-E: The Board and GM discussed MassDEPs Clean Energy Standard for existing generation. MassDEP is soliciting comments on proposed amendments to the current CES to allow existing pre-2011 clean energy generation to count towards CES compliance. GM Fitch told the Board the proposed changes to regulations may allow existing nuclear and large hydroelectric to count towards CES. WBMLPs existing nuclear and large-scale hydroelectric accounts for almost 50% of our clean power supply. Our ratepayers have been paying for this existing clean, non-GHG emitting power supply since approximately 1990. The current CES only allows newly constructed nuclear and hydroelectric generation to count.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: GM Fitch told the Board he met with Representative O'Day to discuss HB2863 which helps the Commonwealth meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals and requires MLPs to establish a GHG emissions standard known as the "Municipal Lighting Plant GGES." The GGES sets the minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold by each MLP to all retail end-user customers as follows: (1) seven percent by 2021; (2) forty percent by 2030; (3) sixty percent by 2040; and (4) eighty percent by 2050.

The Board and GM Fitch reviewed the attached letter to Rep O'Day regarding the MLP GGES.

The Board discussed the requirement for WBMLPs existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy to count towards compliance with the GGES. The GGES standard provides WBMLP time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach its GHG emission reduction goal of 80% by 2050.

WBMLP will meet Senator Chandler later this month to discuss the bill.

Light Up Navajo II: GM Fitch let the Board know that WBMLP is sending two crews to LUN II this year. WBMLP considers the deployment of line-workers, tools, and PPE, to the Navajo Nation to perform electric distribution line construction under RUS standards, extended workdays, and harsh conditions, as vital to our workforce training and to prepare for other local and national mutual aid events.

Week 1 and week 2, April 4th – April 17th

Scott Barakian	1st Class Line-worker/Truck foreman
Ryan Bruder	Apprentice/3rd class line-worker

Week 3 and week 4, April 18th – May 1st

Matt Scirpoli	1st Class Line-worker/Truck foreman
Zack Helgerson	Apprentice/3rd class line-worker

Holiday Wreaths: WBMLP received the 36", side mount, wreaths with LED white lights for the holidays.

Historic Society: Driveway post light was installed.

Tennis Court Lighting: The (16) new LED lights for the tennis courts were delivered. GM Fitch will schedule install by April 2020.

Fiber Backbone: The Board and GM discussed the fiber project. Boylston, West Boylston, and Sterling started to install the line hardware for the project to install a fiber backbone thru each territory. WBMLP is responsible for purchasing and installing 6 miles of 432 ADSS fiber and hardware along Route 140 from Boylston to Sterling.

Building Renovations: The Board was updated on renovation project. New 6" Water service, ceiling insulation, plumbing demo, flooring demo and subfloor installation has been completed.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. The next meeting is 5:00pm, December 3, 2019.

Denny Smith

Tony Meola

Win Handy