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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019.

Present: Board members Tony Meola 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 May 21, 2019 meeting minutes.

Customer Questions or Concerns: None discussed

MassDEP Request: The Board and GM discussed WBMLPs submittal of the attached spreadsheet, listing all of WBMLPs energy supply and contractual obligations, in response to a request for information from MassDEP. The list includes details on all our energy contracts and whether not there are environmental attributes associated with each contract or PPA.

P.L.A.N. Public Records Request: P.L.A.N. requested copies of WBMLPs energy supply contracts. See attached request. WBMLP is preparing the electronic document request and will comply with the request as soon as possible.

Berkshire Wind Phase II: GM Fitch provided the Board an update on the project to add two more wind turbines at the Berkshire Wind site. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for 10:30am, July 26, 2019. Commissioner Smith will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.

MMWEC Project Debt Retirement: MMWEC is hosting a lunch and a discussion on the recent retirement of all WBMLP project debt. Commissioner Smith will attend the meeting on July 23, 2019.

Flywheel Energy Storage System ACES Grant: The Board and GM discussed the FESS project. Amber Kinetics is installing and commissioning the next (8) flywheels on July 10, 2019. GM Fitch told the Board that installation and commissioning should be completed within 2 weeks.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: The Board and GM reviewed the MLP greenhouse gas emission standard proposed through HB 2863. 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. HB2863 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.

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

Other: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. The next meeting is 5:00pm, August 6, 2019.

Tony Meola

Denny Smith