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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2020.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Smith.

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

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the meeting minutes from November 4, 2019.

Customer Questions or Concerns: Non discussed.

GM Performance Review: The Board discussed reviewing and approving a salary increase at the December 3, 2019 meeting based on a survey of all GM salaries and GM Fitch performance review. Commissioner Meola wanted a recorded vote and made a motion to approve a 7% salary increase for the GM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion to increase the GM's salary by 7% and the vote was approved 2-0.

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed and discussed the attached income statement through November 30, 2019 and bank balances through November 30, 2019. GM Fitch gave the Board the attached summary of 2019 expenses on energy efficiency and rebate programs.

2020 Budget: The Board reviewed and approved the attached 2020 kWh's sales and revenues budget and attached 2020 power supply and transmission budget.

Electrical Distribution Projects: Did not discuss.

Fiber Backbone: The GM provided the Board a project update on the installation of fiber from Shrewsbury through Boylston, West Boylston, and Sterling.

GWSA legislation: The Board received an update on House Bill 832/3983 from GM Fitch. This proposed legislation requires MLPs to comply with the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA). This would allow EEOA, DEP, and DOER to regulate MLPs, most likely through the RPS and CES standards.

MLP GGES Standard/Legislation: The GM updated the Board on House Bill 2863, which creates a greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction standard on MLPs, known as the “Municipal Lighting Plant GGES.” MLPs will set a minimum percentage of non-carbon emitting energy sold 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.

WBMLPs existing large-scale hydro and nuclear energy complies with the GGES standard. This GGES standard provides WBMLP the time to change its energy portfolio and help the Commonwealth reach its long term GHG emission reductions goal of 80% by 2050.

Building Renovations: Did not discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm. The next meeting is 5:00pm, February 4, 2020.

Tony Meola

Denny Smith