

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**DATE:** Tuesday, December 5, 2006  
**PLACE:** Wilmington Town Hall, Room 4  
**PRESENT:** CAB: Messrs. Lessard, Carakatsane, Norton, Vale and Herlihy  
RMLD Board: Commissioner Soli  
RMLD Staff: Messrs. Cameron and Seldon  
Ms. Parenteau

**1. Call the Meeting to Order – R. Lessard**

Chairman Lessard called the Executive Session to order at 7:22 P.M.

**2. Minutes of Meeting – R. Lessard**

June 21, 2006

Mr. Carakatsane made a motion seconded by Mr. Norton to accept the minutes of 6/21/06 as written.

**Motion carried 5:0:0**

August 28, 2006

Mr. Carakatsane made a motion seconded by Mr. Norton to accept the minutes of 8/28/06 as written.

**Motion carried 5:0:0**

September 12, 2006

Mr. Carakatsane made a motion seconded by Mr. Norton to accept the minutes of 9/12/06 as written.

**Motion carried 5:0:0**

October 4, 2006

Mr. Carakatsane made a motion seconded by Mr. Vale to accept the minutes of 10/4/06 as written.

**Motion carried 4:0:1** (Mr. Norton abstained, because he was not present at the meeting.)

**3. Power Supply – V. Cameron, J. Parenteau**

Mr. Cameron stated that Ms. Parenteau and Mr. Seldon have mapped out and will explain a Strategic Power Supply Plan that the CAB will be voting on in the near future.

Ms. Parenteau referred the CAB to the Executive Summary contained in the Strategic Power Supply Plan binder and outlined highlights including the spot market, lack of generation, the Forward Capacity Market (FCM), and the RMLD's strategy to diversify its power supply portfolio. She stated that Energy Services would be working with Attorney Ken Barna to prepare an RFP as they did in the past. A sample RFP and contract are included in the binder in the "Contracts" section. Ms. Parenteau explained that she and Mr. Seldon have been visiting and speaking to other utilities, who are also looking at a variety of options for power supply including some projects that are presently in development.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Parenteau stated that the energy costs would be higher and the rates will be increasing. She stated the Department will convey this increase to the ratepayers.

Mr. Lessard asked if there should be more money in the Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) to offset any increase since the RSF is used to help even out the costs.

Ms. Parenteau replied that the Department is presently charging the customers less than the cost.

Mr. Cameron stated that costs are recovered through the Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA).

Mr. Carakatsane asked what is a "firm strip"?

Ms. Parenteau explained that the Department used to buy "blocks" of power and those "blocks" are now known as "strips".

Discussion ensued on the Heat Rate Index, keeping a percentage of the portfolio in the spot market, the exploration of renewables, and peaking plants.

Mr. Soli commented that he highly valued the CAB's input on this plan and said that there is a cost associated with "green" power.

Discussion ensued on "green" energy.

Ms. Parenteau understands that it is the sense of the Board to look at conservation including demand side management. She said that Energy Services Department (ESD) would look into developing an RFP to determine what measures are available in the service territory and perhaps go out for a technical study for opportunities.

Mr. Cameron stated that an executive session joint meeting of both the RMLD Board and the CAB and with Attorney Ken Barna present would be held in January.

Mr. Carakatsane thanked Ms. Parenteau and Mr. Seldon and stated that the plan and ideas are absolutely going in the right direction for diversity including looking at renewables.

#### **4. Other Items for Discussion**

Joint meeting to be scheduled in January. Ms. Foti and Ms. O'Leary will schedule.

#### **5. Adjournment**

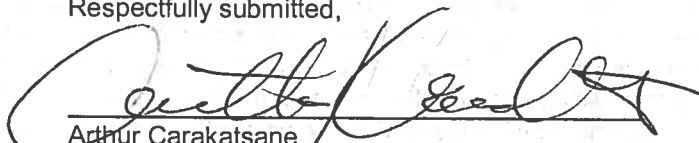
Motion was made by Mr. Norton at 8:00 P.M. to return to Regular Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Mr. Carakatsane seconded the motion.

**Motion carried by a poll of the CAB Members: 5:0:0.**

Mr. Lessard – Aye; Mr. Carakatsane – Aye; Mr. Norton – Aye; Mr. Herlihy-Aye; Mr. Vale-Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Arthur Carakatsane  
Secretary  
Minutes approved on: 5/10/07

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