

Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners
Executive Session
230 Ash Street
Reading, MA 01867
November 25, 2008

Start Time of Executive Session: 8:51 p.m.

End Time of Executive Session: 9:35 p.m.

Attendees:

Richard Hahn, Chair

Philip Pacino, Commissioner

Mary Ellen O'Neill, Vice Chair

Ellen Kearns, Commissioner

Staff:

Vinnie Cameron, General Manager

Jane Parenteau, Energy Services Manager

September 24, 2008 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Ms. O'Neill made a motion seconded by Mr. Pacino that the Executive Session meeting minutes of September 24, 2008, be approved as presented.

Motion carried 4:0:0.

Power Supply Update

Ms. Parenteau updated the Board on the power supply projects that the RMLD is currently looking into.

Ms. Parenteau stated that the Concord Steam project is a wood burning generating project that is proposed to be built in Concord, New Hampshire. Presently, Concord Steam is operating a steam plant for distribution of district steam and process heat in Concord, New Hampshire. Concord Steam is proposing to build a wood fired plant in the outskirts of Concord and they will generate electricity along with steam. The plant is a qualifying renewable facility because the primary fuel is wood. The RMLD is interested in purchasing five megawatts from the 15 to 17 megawatt plant.



Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cameron said that the Power Contracts, Rate Setting, and Green Power Committee would be contacted to set up a meeting to discuss the Concord Steam project and the proposed contract in more detail.

Ms. Parenteau mentioned that Patriot Wind, a local company trying to develop a wind farm in northern New England, contacted her but the discussions are very preliminary.

Ms. Parenteau then provided an update on the progress in the proposed Middleton Power Plant. There was a meeting and a conference call concerning the Middleton Power Plant. Middleton Electric Light Department (MELD) is having CH2M Hill look into another generation scenario.

Ms. Parenteau reported to the Board on the Taunton Municipal Light Plant's (TMLP) proposed generation project. Ms. Parenteau explained that Mark Dean, a New Hampshire lawyer, is representing the RMLD in the TMLP project. Mr. Dean is also representing New Hampshire Electric Coop. in the TMLP project.

Ms. Parenteau said that the Braintree Electric Light Department (BELD) generating unit is scheduled to be on line in March, 2009.

Ms. Parenteau left the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Mr. Cameron updated the Board on the legal activities of the RMLD.

Mr. Cameron said that the MMWEC audit is moving forward. Melanson Heath said that they should be sending information sometime next week. Mr. Cameron explained that the group of municipals involved in the audit needed the assistance of Rubin and Rudman with respect to the information request issue.

The RMLD had asked Ray Couture, who handles the RMLD's local legal issues, to look into a pole location easement issue in Lynnfield. Mr. Cameron said that the issue was taken care of.

Duncan and Allen, the RMLD's Washington law firm, is looking into two issues. The first issue is related to the ISO-NE lobbying expenses. The RMLD is sharing the cost of this matter with five other municipals. The second issue is NSTAR filing for a return on their new transmission plant. The RMLD is sharing the cost of this matter with three other municipals.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:35 pm Mr. Pacino made a motion seconded by Ms. O'Neill that the Board return to Regular Session for the purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried 4:0:0.

Chair Hahn called for a poll of the vote:

Ms. O'Neill, Aye; Mr. Hahn, Aye; Mr. Pacino, Aye; and Ms. Kearns, Aye.

A true copy of the RMLD Board of Commissioners minutes as
approved by a majority of the Commission.

Mary Ellen O'Neill
Secretary Pro Tem, RMLD Board of Commissioners