Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners

Executive Session 230 Ash Street Reading, MA 01867 November 18, 2009

Start Time of Executive Session: 8:34 p.m. End Time of Executive Session: 9:14 p.m.

Commissioners:

Mary Ellen O'Neill, Chair

Robert Soli

Richard Hahn

Phil Pacino, Secretary

Ellen Kearns

Staff:

Vinnie Cameron, General Manager Beth-Ellen Antonio, Human Resources Manager

Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2009 Executive Board Meeting

Commissioner Pacino made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hahn to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of October 28, 2009 as presented.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Motion for Release of Executive Minutes

Commissioner Pacino made a motion seconded by Commissioner Kearns that the Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners approve the release of the Executive Session meeting minutes, as redacted, for July 9, 2003, August 6, 2003, September 11, 2003, October 1, 2003, November 5, 2003, November 12, 2003, December 3, 2003, and December 30, 2003.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

PCB Issue - Legal Implications

Comm. Kearns asked about possible legal liability against the capacitor banks suppliers and/or manufacturers. Mr. Cameron stated that the company that the RMLD purchased the capacitor banks from has been bought and sold twice since the 1970's and finding a responsible party could be problematic.

Power Supply Update

Mr. Cameron stated that a meeting with Concord Steam will be held soon. He also reported that he hopes to sign the BELD contract the day after the CAB meeting of 11/30/2009. The Taunton project has had no activity. Comm. O'Neill asked if RMLD portfolio is in the right spot for our power supply now based on our plan. Mr. Cameron answered in the positive but he and staff may be back to the Board in the spring to acquire more power supply.

MMWEC Arbitration

Mr. Cameron stated that the Department may be going to the American Arbitration Association to get an arbitrator so that they can move forward.

Union Negotiations

Mr. Cameron stated that a meeting was held with the Line-Meter-Station (LMS) union to begin the process of negotiations.

Mr. Cameron informed the Board that he had indications from the Management Union that the Management Unit had met and voted to continue the contract as is. The Union indicated that its members would go with a \(\bigcup_{\pi} \) annual increase, however, they are not ready to sign a contract yet.

Ms. Antonio informed the Board that meetings with the LMS union will start in December and that the Clerical Technical union had not scheduled anything at this time.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:14 p.m. Commissioner Pacino made a motion seconded by Commissioners Hahn that the Board return to Regular Session for the purpose of approving the release of executive session minutes and then to adjourn. **Motion carried 5:0:0.**

Chair O'Neill called for a poll of the vote: Mr. Pacino, Aye; Ms. O'Neill, Aye; Mr. Hahn, Aye; and Ms. Kearns; Aye; Mr. Soli; Aye.