

Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners
Executive Session
230 Ash Street
Reading, MA 01867
July 21, 2004

Start Time of Executive Session: 10:07 p.m.
End Time of Executive Session: 10:35 p.m.

Attendees:

Commissioners: Pacino, Soli, Herlihy, Ensminger and Kearns
RMLD Staff: Mr. Cameron and Ms. Antonio

Minutes

May 26, 2004

Mr. Ensminger made a motion seconded by Mr. Herlihy to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 26, 2004 with the corrections presented.

Motion carried 4:0:1. Mr. Ensminger abstained, as he was not present at this meeting.

June 15, 2004

Ms. Kearns made a motion seconded by Mr. Soli to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of June 15, 2004 as presented.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Update on Salem Harbor Litigation

Mr. Cameron updated the Commission on the status of the Salem Harbor litigation. Mr. Cameron explained that currently there is an agreement filed with the FERC between ISO and Salem Harbor. Agreement needs to be reached by July 31, 2005. Mr. Cameron discussed further information relative to the Salem Harbor matter to the Commission.

Ms. Kearns inquired of Mr. Cameron what would be the costs to go to court would be?

Mr. Cameron replied the Department would be represented by John Coyle of Duncan & Allen which would cost \$200,000 over a few years but is billed on a load ratio share which the RMLD's percentage is forty eight percent.

Mr. Cameron will keep the Commission update to date on this matter.

Power Supply Strategy

Mr. Cameron commented that he had met with Ken Barna of Rubin and Rudman and they discussed how the power supply market might be potentially changing. Mr. Cameron explained to the Commission that Rubin and Rudman is the legal firm the Department utilizes for its power supply. Mr. Cameron explained that there maybe a window for lower energy prices prior to the presidential election this year. The RMLD is hiring Rubin and Rudman to do some contract work so that the RMLD could take advantage of the lower prices on a long-term basis. Mr. Cameron noted that the contracts that are in place should allow the Department to pull the trigger when prices come down. Mr. Cameron went over some of the energy companies that are in the New England markets. Mr. Cameron emphasized the ultimate goal is the best long-range contract for the best deal.

Mr. Soli expressed concern if the Department backs off its previous criteria for power contracts.

Mr. Cameron replied no. The guarantees the RMLD will seek in the future are similar to what we have now. Mr. Cameron will keep the Commission informed of any new changes.

Release of Executive Session Minutes

Discussion ensued among the Commission as far releasing Executive Session meeting minutes while being in conformance with the Open Meeting Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This will be addressed again at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:35 p.m. Mr. Ensminger made a motion seconded by Mr. Soli to return to Regular Session.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Mr. Pacino called for a poll of the vote:

Mr. Soli Aye; Mr. Herlihy, Aye; Ms. Kearns, Aye; Mr. Pacino, Aye; and Mr. Ensminger, Aye.

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

Daniel A. Ensminger, Secretary
RMLD Board of Commissioners