

Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners
Executive Session
230 Ash Street
Reading, MA 01867
May 30, 2007

Start Time of Executive Session: 9:20 p.m.
End Time of Executive Session: 10:45 p.m.

Commissioners:

Ellen Kearns, Chair

Mary Ellen O'Neill, Secretary

Robert Soli, Commissioner

Richard Hahn, Vice Chair

Philip Pacino, Commissioner

Staff:

Vinnie Cameron, General Manager

Jeanne Foti, Executive Assistant

Bill Seldon, Senior Energy Analyst

Beth-Ellen Antonio, Human Resources Manager

Patricia Mellino, Operational Assistant

Jane Parenteau, Energy Services Manager

Guest:

Norman Bates, President, Liability Consultants, Inc.

Presentation By Liability Consultants, Inc



Mr. Cameron noted that the access issues have not been consistent, nor has the interaction with the police been consistent. Mr. Cameron said that security has been assigned to Joe Donahoe, Facilities Manager. There has been, \$75,000 put in the 2008 budget to address security measures.

Ms. O'Neill requested that once Ms. Parenteau gives her power supply update that all staff leave the meeting with the exception of Ms. Antonio.

Update on Power Supply Contracts

Ms. Parenteau updated the Board on the Strategic Power Supply plan that was presented to the Board in January 2007. The RFP for Demand Side Management Technical proposal has gone out and one bid has been received. The technical evaluation and cost proposal process is moving forward. Ms. Parenteau reported that the Braintree project is under budget and ahead of schedule. Ms. Parenteau said that they are looking into renewable projects as well for the power supply portfolio. Ms. Parenteau informed the Board that Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant is in the early stages of looking at the feasibility of a unit they are proposing to build.

In response to a question from Ms. Kearns, Ms. Parenteau replied that there is a power requirement that the Board has given them the authorization to fill and currently they are evaluating pricing. Ms. Parenteau explained that the RFP that went out was to fill 100% of the need for the first fourteen months (11/07 to 12/08), then to fill the portion of the need for the next 36 months. The natural gas and electric pricing have been trending upward.

Update on Power Supply Contracts

Ms. Parenteau said that factors influencing pricing are the storage levels have been the highest in five years, mild winter, and production. Ms. Parenteau said that pricing has historically proven that this has been the time to procure power supply, but factors have changed this because pricing is up.

Ms. Parenteau said that they are in the process of finalizing the contract with Florida Power & Light. Ms. Parenteau stated that the negotiations with JP Morgan are going well, there is just some fine-tuning. JP Morgan requested a legal opinion from Rubin & Rudman because they have not dealt with municipals in contracts. That contract should be finalized in the next two weeks.

Data Security Update

Discussion continued on Mr. Bates' report and recommendations. The sense of the Board is that the General Manager needs to get the items in the security report tended to. The Board also wants updates at the upcoming executive session Board meetings.

Ms. Kearns would like to have a motion from the Board at the next Executive Session meeting concerning the security issue stating the Board's support for updating the security measures.

Update on Union Negotiations

Mr. Cameron asked Ms. Antonio to update the Board on the union negotiations. She said that the Line Meter Station and Clerical Technical union have settled and the contracts are on the table for signature. The IBEW (Professional union) negotiations are going slow. Presently, the IBEW is at 12.75% and Management is at 9.5%. Ms. Antonio did mention that there was discussion with the IBEW about getting positions out of the union and possibly getting the sick time buy back for new employee down to sixty days. The IBEW is looking for █% over three years with those changes. The Board was not receptive to this and said that no more than █% is the Board's number for three years.

Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2007 Executive Board Meeting

Concern about the length and content of executive sessions minutes was expressed. It was decided to take no action on the minutes and ask Mr. Cameron and Ms. O'Neill to review them again.

Motion to Adjourn

At 10:45 p.m. Mr. Soli made a motion seconded by Mr. Hahn that the Board return to Regular Session for the sole purpose adjournment.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Chair Kearns called for a poll of the vote:

Mr. Soli, Aye; 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
RMLD Board of Commissioners