Reading Municipal Light Board of Commissioners Executive Session 230 Ash Street Reading, MA 01867 December 3, 2003

Start Time of Executive Session: 9:00 p.m. End Time of Executive Session: 9:10 p.m.

Attendees:

Commissioners: Hughes, Pacino, Soli, Herlihy and Ensminger

RMLD Staff: Mr. Cameron

Lynch, Brewer, Hoffman and Fine, LLP

Mr. Soli made a motion seconded by Mr. Ensminger to authorize the Department to address the concerns raised by Rubin and Rudman relative to the Lynch, Brewer, Hoffman and Fine, LLP settlement. The Commission did not previously vote on this subject matter.

Motion carried by a show of hands 5:0:0.

	Mr. Ensminger pointed out if Article 7 is passed the Commission would be responsible for hiring counsel.
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Energy New England (ENE)

Mr. Cameron noted he had a meeting with Leo Swift. Mr. Cameron reiterated to Mr. Swift that the Commission does not buy into the Financial Statements. Mr. Cameron then proceeded to call Mr. Shor who had done prior work on this issue for the Department. Mr. Shor would cost \$150 per hour. Mr. Shor suggested starting at \$100,000 with a cap to not go lower than \$50,000. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the ratepayers. Mr. Cameron stated there is a Board of Directors meeting on December 16 in which he will have to recuse himself. Mr. Cameron hopes to have a sense of the direction this will be taking by the end of the year. Mr. Cameron added he will be using Mr. Shor as it is a corporate structure set up issue rather than a power supply issue which Rubin and Rudman traditionally handle.

Mr. Pacino added it would be a conflict of interest to use the services of Rubin and Rudman. They represent ENE as well as the three other founding members.

Mr. Ensminger inquired if the Department has a contract with legal services?

Mr. Cameron replied there is no contract it constitutes a service. Mr. Cameron pointed out that according to the August/September Financials ENE is barely treading water. The energy market is currently soft.

Mr. Hughes added he would like the least expensive approach in order to reach a conclusion on this issue.

Union Negotiations

Mr. Cameron had nothing to report at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Soli made a motion seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the Executive Session, and to return to Regular Session for the sole purpose of adjournment.

Motion carried 5:0:0.

Mr. Pacino called for a poll of the vote:

Mr. Soli Aye; Mr. Ensminger Aye; Mr. Hughes; Aye, Mr. Pacino Aye; and Mr. Herlihy 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