Reading Municipal Light Department Board of Commissioners RMLD Board of Commissioners Budget Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2010

Start Time of Regular Session: 7:30 p.m. End Time of Regular Session: 8:47 p.m.

Attendees:

<u>Committee Members:</u> Richard Hahn, Member

Gina Snyder, Member

Commissioners:

Mary Ellen O'Neill, RMLD Board Chairman Bob Soli, Commissioner

Staff:

Vinnie Cameron, General Manager Kevin Sullivan, Engineering and Operations Manager Paula O'Leary, Operational Assistant Robert Fournier, Accounting Manager

Mark Uvanni, MIS Manager

Mr. Hahn in called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Review the 2011 Capital Budget

Mr. Hahn said that the General Manager had requested that Mark Uvanni, Manager of Information Services provide his presentation first.

Mr. Uvanni explained that Project 27 included hardware upgrades that are performed each year on obsolete computer equipment. Project 28 is Software and Licensing, which includes general software purchases, software upgrades, and upgrades to the Outage Management System.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Sullivan was then asked to give an overview of Project 1 through 17. The following comments were made during this presentation.

Project 5 – Chestnut Street – Wilmington - Ms. Snyder asked what the Underground Sub Divisions are. Mr. Sullivan responded that these are the groups of house in the service territory that are served from an underground distribution network.

Discussion followed.

Project 9 – Gaw Station 115 kV Disconnect – Mr. Soli asked about possible reimbursement for the Pool Transmission Facility (PTF) portion of this work. Mr. Cameron replied that the RMLD keeps its accounting on project such that any costs eligible for PTF reimbursement would be indentified and sent to the ISO-NE.

Project 23 – 15 kV Circuit Breaker Replacement at Station 5 – Chairman O'Neill asked about the oil containment at Station Five. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Cameron described the contamination at Station 5.

Project 15 – GIS – Mr. Hahn asked how much has been spent on the GIS system and when will it be done. Mr. Cameron said that he would get the costs. The GIS is essentially done for the purpose of system configuration and design. There is still work to do with respect to doing load flows and short circuit studies.

Project 17 – AMR High Powered ERT Meter Upgrade Project Report – Mr. Soli asked how long the project is expected to take and how does these meters communicate. Mr. Sullivan responded that he is planning on completing the meter upgrade project over 2.5 years. Mr. Sullivan the explained the ERT that are in the meters and how they communicate with the meter reading collection equipment.

Mr. Cameron explained Projects 19 through 24.

Project 24 – Enlarge Parking Area – Construct Island – Mr. Cameron explained this is the capital portion of the demolition of the former Station Building to add parking. Chairman O'Neill asked that the RMLD proceeded with this conservation in an environmentally manner. Mr. Cameron said that any material (curbs, etc.) that is reusable for the grass island will be used.

Mr. Hahn made a motion seconded by Ms. Snyder that the RMLD Board of Commissioners accept the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Budget - Draft 2 of \$5,605,581. **Motion carried 2:0:0.**

At 8:47 p.m. Ms. Snyder made a motion seconded by Mr. Hahn to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried 2:0:0.**