

Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) Board of Commissioners
Power & Rate Committee
Regular Session
July 21, 2011

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 9:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Messrs. Hahn and Soli and Ms. Snyder

RMLD Staff:

Mr. Cameron, Ms. Parenteau, and Mr. Seldon

Commissioners:

Ms. O'Neill

Mr. Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Renewable Energy Policy

Mr. Hahn asked Mr. Soli to present his request concerning a Renewable Energy Policy for the RMLD. Mr. Soli said that he thought the RMLD needed both a Renewable Energy Policy as guide for the RMLD purchasing renewable energy.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Hahn asked the General Manager and Staff to come up with initial language for a Renewable Energy Policy.

Direction Regarding Renewable Power

Mr. Soli thought that the RMLD was also in need of a direction in purchasing customer owned generation. Mr. Cameron said that legal counsel is reviewing the customer owned generation guidelines as requested by the Power & Rate Committee.

Discussion followed.

Energy Environmental Policy Concepts

Ms. Snyder said that she cut these concepts from articles and other things she found on the Internet that were related to Environmental Policies.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Snyder said that she would like to look these over and get back to the committee with a formalized draft policy.

Article Relative to – Greater Reliance on Efficiency, wind and Long Term Contracts Reduces Risks and Ratepayer Costs

Ms. Snyder said that she sent this to the General Manager and thought it would be helpful for the RMLD. Mr. Cameron said that he downloaded the report, which he had with him. Mr. Cameron said that the report analyzes power supply planning from regions such as vagueness, ignorance, uncertainty, and risk. Mr. Cameron said that the conclusions are that central station power projects are not the most favored and that companies should be looking at renewable energy projects in small to medium sizes.

Concepts for Possible RMLB Environmental Policy

Ms. Snyder said that this information was from her and that it is somewhat related to the article submitted.

Discussion followed.

Other Discussion

Mr. Hahn said that he had a discussion with the General Manager recently about the RMLD's ability to use the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) from the Swift River project to cover the RMLD requirement for RECs in the Green Choice program. Mr. Hahn said he agreed with that concept. Ms. O'Neill said that she disagreed and that the Green Choice Program should be discontinued. Ms. O'Neill believed that the Green Choice program had outlived its usefulness and that since the RMLD is receiving RECs with the Swift River power purchase the RMLD should consider going in another direction.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Hahn asked the General Manager and Staff to come back to the committee with more detail about the Green Choice Program.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Soli made a motion seconded by Ms. Snyder to adjourn.

Mr. Hahn, Aye; Ms. Snyder, Aye, Mr. Soli, Aye.

Motion carried 3:0:0.