

Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) Board of Commissioners
Power & Rate Committee
Regular Session
June 22, 2011

Start Time: 6:35 p.m.

End Time: 7:25 p.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Messrs. Hahn and Soli, Ms. Snyder

RMLD Staff:

Messrs. Cameron and Seldon and Ms. Parenteau

Mr. Hahn called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Soli and Mr. Hahn were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Ms. Snyder had previously informed the Committee that she would be arriving late, due to a prior commitment.

Executive Session

At 6:35 pm. Mr. Hahn made a motion that the Power & Rate Committee go into Executive Session to discuss issues related to Chapter 164 Section 47D, exemption from public records and open meeting requirements in certain instances, and return to Regular Session for the release of Executive Session minutes and adjournment.

Mr. Soli questioned why the Power & Rate Committee needed to go into Executive Session. Mr. Hahn stated that the General Manager and RMLD Staff were going to present information on power supply that is confidential. Mr. Soli still questioned why the need for Executive Session. Mr. Cameron said that each time he and the RMLD Staff have made a presentation on power supply to the RMLD Board, CAB or a committee that included sensitive information of a competitive nature it has been done in Executive Session.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Soli seconded the motion on the table.

Motion carried 2:0:0.

Mr. Hahn, Aye; Mr. Soli, Aye.

The Power & Rate Committee re-entered Regular Session at 7:15 pm.

Response to Mr. Soli's Inquiry on the Proposed Street Light Rates

Mr. Cameron stated that Mr. Soli circulated a handout at the May 25, 2011 RMLD Board Meeting concerning the proposed street light rates the RMLD is putting in place on August 1, 2011. Mr. Cameron said that Mr. Soli basically redid his analysis of the proposed street light costs, and that Mr. Soli had used only the directly-charged street light maintenance costs shown in the FY12 budget. Mr. Cameron developed a response to Mr. Soli's analysis, which was sent to all RMLD Board Members. Mr. Cameron pointed out that Mr. Soli's analysis understates the cost of maintaining the street lights by only using the direct charge maintenance costs shown in the FY12 Operating Budget. The RMLD's originally proposed street light rate used the allocated costs from the FY11 Cost of Service Study, which correctly assigns operating, maintenance costs associated with the operation of the street lights on annual basis.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Hahn said that the committee should take this issue again at a future meeting.

Ms. Snyder entered the meeting at this point. Mr. Soli left the meeting at this point.

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Hahn made a motion seconded by Ms. Snyder to adjourn.

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

Motion carried 2:0:0.