Reading Municipal Light Department RMLD FINANCIAL REVIEW

June 18, 2020

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS CY2019

- > CY 2019 ENDED AT 9.33% RATE OF RETURN 1.33% over allowed 8%
- > CY 2019 ENDED UNDER BUDGET
 - ❖ Annual budgeted emergencies based on past averages of storms fell underbudget due to continued mild weather trends which eliminated the additional costs of resources
 - RMLD storm overtime
 - Mutual aid
 - Tree trimming
 - Emergency supplies
 - Crane rentals
 - Additional equipment rental
 - Multiple vacancies within the Department
 - Energy Conservation resources and timing of projects
 - Diligence on finalizing construction jobs and bringing in the funds owed
 - ❖ Interest Income based on rate increases
- > \$1,077,737 or 1.33% over 8% TRANSFERRED TO THE RATE STABILIZATION FUND
- > THE RATE STABILIZATION FUND HELPS TO STABILIZE RATE FLUCTUATION

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- FINANCIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR RE-FORECAST EFFORTS OF THE 6-YEAR PLAN BASED ON COVID AND ONGOING MILD WEATHER CONDITIONS CONSIDERATIONS FOR BALANCING:
 - ❖ Base Revenue impact
 - ❖ Rate of Return between 4% to 6%
 - Funding Below-the-line Town of Reading obligation
 - Funding Capital Projects with Operating Fund transfers
 - ❖ Maintaining the Operating Fund at 2 to 3 months of available cash per monthly average of operating expenses
 - * Rate Stabilization Fund balance
 - * Rate increase to customers
- ➤ RMLD WILL SUPPLEMENT THE ENTIRE RE-FORECASTED BASE RATE INCREASE OF 7.7% IN CY21 WITH RATE STABILIZATION FUNDS OF \$2M
- RMLD WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPLEMENT A PORTION OF BASE RATE INCREASES FOR YEARS CY22 AND CY23
- RMLD WILL CONTINUE TO STAY ON TARGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS





