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Board of Light Commission, Regular Session Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2017, 5:10pm

Present: Board members William Smith (Vice), Win Handy (Secretary), Anthony Meola (Chairman), and GM Jonathan Fitch were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Commissioner Smith.

Agenda: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda.

Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed and approved the May 2, 2017 July 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

Dog Park Paul Tivnan Drive: The Board discussed the use WBMLP controlled land for a dog park. See attached document regarding proposed use of WBMLP controlled land on Paul Tivnan Drive. Commissioner Meola had questions regarding general liability on WBMLP and an agreement that has a clause to terminate in the event WBMLP requires the land back.

Customer Questions or Concerns: GM Fitch gave the Board an update on the Angel Brook Drive transformer failure on September 3, 2017.

Financial Statements: The attached FY2017 financial statements were reviewed and discussed. GM Fitch stated that the depreciation account has accumulated enough funds to consider purchasing in the future capital equipment like a new replacement bucket truck, replacement line pickup, and office interior renovations.

2017 Power and Transmission Budget: The Board and GM discussed a MMWEC refund from the various generating projects amounting to \$234,831.47. As the project debt is paid off, the required amount of pre-paid capital held by MMWEC can be reduced and refunded to WBMLP. The GM prepared the attached 2018 draft energy and transmission budget. The GM and Board discussed the draft 2018 budget.

New MassDEP Regulations: The GM updated the Board on the MassDEP issued regulations 7.74 Generator GHG emission limits & 7.75 Clean Energy Standard (CES). GM Fitch told the Board that MEAM was successful in

getting MLP's excluded from the CES for now, but MassDEP will discuss including MLP's in additional hearings in December 2017.

Electrical Distribution Projects: The GM told the Board that new distribution upgrade projects will have to consider the future state of our electric sector. Massachusetts regulators and legislators want to electrify both the transportation sector (gasoline) and the heating/cooling sectors (oil & natural gas). This electrification will require a distribution system that is much larger in size and capacity.

Fiber: New fiber from WBMLP to the Beaman Rd cell tower site is installed and fibers are being terminated and connected this week. Fiber from the cell tower to the new police station is installed and fiber splices and terminations are being completed this week as well.

EV Rebate: Nissan is offering a \$10k rebate, not including \$10k in state and federal incentives, to purchase a Nissan Leaf. One customer has taken advantage of this offer to date.

EV Charger: WBMLP is offering free, smart EV chargers, to our customers. Value is approx. \$650 each, but it provides WBMLP time-of-use control to manage our load. One customer has taken advantage of this offer to date.

Flywheel Energy Storage System Grant: MassCEC expects to select grant winners in late November 2017.

Other: None

The next meeting is October 3, 2017. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Anthony Meola Jr,

Winthrop Handy

William Smith