



MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC POWER ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes
May 23, 2018

HMLD

6:00 p.m.

Members present: Scott Carlson, Peter Elkas, Gary Harrington, Tom Runstrom, Steve Sendrowski, John Shepherd and Joe Sullivan.

Staff present: James Robinson, General Manager – HMLD

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and determined there was a quorum.

Meeting minutes

On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sendrowski, the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2017 were unanimously approved.

General Manager Update

Mr. Robinson provided an update on activity of HMLD. A lineman left in March and HMLD will be seeking tuition reimbursement. HMLD has participated in 4 mutual aid deployments since January, 2018. Discussion ensued.

Legislative/regulatory Update

Mr. Robinson updated the board on the push to mandate MLPs to follow IOU requirements in regards to renewable energy legislation. MLPs are still on a path of getting credit for much of the “clean” energy already under contract – nuclear, hydro, etc. The MLPs, through MEAM are developing a plan to participate. The challenge is to agree to a plan that will be voluntary. Mr. Robinson discussed SREC II and the expiration of the program. This will be replaced with SMART and will not be applicable to MLPs. MLPs are working with the DOER to develop a voluntary incentive proposal which will focus on residential solar installations. The proposal is structured where customers may receive a total of \$1.50/watt where the DOER funds \$0.75/watt and the MLP matches the \$0.75/watt. Each MLP is allowed to construct their individual rebate.

Street Light Rate

Mr. Robinson provided the board with an update on the street light rate change. Presently, HMLD receives a total of \$108,000/year, in two installments – December and June. The \$108,000 amount was set in 2009 when the last rate/cost of service study was performed based upon annual energy usage of 830,922 kWh by the Town’s 1,732 street lights. This equates to an average cost of \$0.13/kWh. The new LED lights are projected to reduce the annual energy usage by 332,576 kWh or 40%. The Light Department will propose reducing the Town’s annual charge for the existing street lights from \$108,000 to \$64,766 effective July 1, 2018. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Runstrom, the Street light rate as presented was unanimously approved.

Other Business – General Discussion

General discussion ensued with no votes taken.



There being no further business, the meeting of the Municipal Electric Power Advisory Board was adjourned by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Approved: August 30, 2018