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PEABODY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Peabody Municipal Light Plant, 201 Warren Street Ext., Peabody, Massachusetts at 6:30 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Raymond Melvin, Thomas D'Amato and Thomas Paras; Manager Joe Anastasi, Assistant Manager Tim Hennessy, Attorneys Philip Durkin and Adam Buckley, and Recording Secretaries Barbara Previte and Nicole Patti.

There were no additions to the agenda.

- Agenda Item A: Approval of Agenda:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (3-0):

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

- Agenda Item B: Announcement:

Commissioner Paras acknowledged that this is an open meeting and informed the public that the meeting is being recorded by hand.

- Agenda Item C: Approval of Minutes:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (3-0):

22-48 MOVE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2022.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (3-0):

22-49 MOVE TO APPROVE AND NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2022.



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- Agenda Item D: Appointments:

REMARKS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Commissioner Paras asked if there were any remarks of the general public.

Peabody resident Joel Brenner thanked PMLP for allowing NASCAP to be a part of the Bulb Sale, which occurred on Saturday, October 8. Donations to NASCAP helped people in need.

- Agenda Item E: Correspondence:

There was none.

- Agenda Item F: Manager's Reports:

Manager Anastasi mentioned that two new PMLP employees, Andrew Ibarra (Line Worker) and Brian Gomes (Meter Technician), were supposed to attend tonight's meeting but both unfortunately had to cancel last minute, due to unexpected circumstances.

STATUS REPORTS:

- **MUTUAL AID UPDATE: HURRICANE IAN**— PMLP was able to provide two lineworkers and one linetruck to assist with Mutual Aid in Florida due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ian, in late September. Our line workers were off site, either travelling or assisting with repairs for 10 days. Both of our lineworkers were very appreciative of the opportunity to travel to Florida and contribute to the restoration efforts.
- **PMLP BULB SALE**— This year's Bulb Sale took place on Saturday, October 8 and it was a beautiful, fall day. The event was well-attended by the public. Customers enjoyed donuts, apples and coffee provided by PMLP. It was one of our most successful and engaging bulb sales in years.
- **SENIOR DAY BROOKSBY FARM**—Senior Day took place on Tuesday, September 20, at Brooksby Farm and was a huge success. PMLP had a table at the event and employees handed out bags and night lights. This was the first time the event was held since COVID.



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- **ALEXANDER COTTON SOLAR ARRAY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**— On October 17, Manager Anastasi and Commissioner Melvin participated in a ribbon cutting and project naming ceremony at MMWEC for the 2020A Solar Project. The project was renamed as the Alexander Cotton Solar Array, named after the late Master Sergeant Cotton of the 439th Airlift Wing at Westover Air Reserve Base. The event garnered positive attention and appeared in The Daily Item, the Peabody Patch, and Salem News.
- **PLAQUE FROM NAVAJO NATION THANKING PMLP**— PMLP donated 70,000 surplus cutouts to Navajo Nation and received a plaque thanking us for our donation. We will hang the plaque in the PMLP lobby.
- Agenda Item G: Committee Reports:
There were none.
- Agenda Item H: Award of Bids:
There were none.

Agenda Item I: General Business

- **PP&FCA INCREASE**— As of early October 2022, the Purchased Power & Fuel Cost Adjustment was increased for our residential customers by 1.9 cents/KWH. This resulted in an overall increase to the Residential Rate by approximately 15%. Other customers (Commercial and Industrial) saw an increase in the range of 15% to 17%. This was an unprecedented increase due to the record setting energy prices we are experiencing. Every utility across the region is experiencing similar (or larger) increases. Other Massachusetts Municipalities are averaging a 25% increase. PMLP continues to strive to have some of the lowest and most affordable electric rates in the State.
- **ISO NEW ENGLAND DE-LIST BID FOR WATERS RIVER JET 1**— PMLP met the July 20, 2022 deadline for submittal to notify ISO-NE of our intent to de-list GT#1 for the period of June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027. ISO-NE has accepted our submission and notified us that they approved us to enter into the next Forward Capacity Auction, to be held in March, 2023. Also, we have taken GT#1 out of service for the month of November. We will continue to enter GT#1 into the reconfiguration auction each month to try to take GT#1 out of the energy market and avoid having to run GT#1 on oil for the months when we do not have gas available. In the spring of 2023, we will



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begin the process of permanently delisting GT#1 which, if successful, would be effective June 1, 2027.

- **CHRISTMAS PARTY / HOLIDAY PARTY**—The annual holiday party for employees and retirees will be held this year on Friday, December 16, 2022, after business hours, at Spinelli's.

Remarks of the Commission – There were none.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER D'AMATO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (3-0):

- 22-50** MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TO DISCUSS TRADE SECRETS OR COMPETITIVELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Commissioner Paras declared the Regular portion of the Meeting of October 27, 2022 adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD

Attest: *Charles Bonfanti*
Charles W. Bonfanti, Secretary
Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission