

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard Sheppard, Chairman
Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk
Matthew Stelmach, Third Member

SMLD MANAGER: John Kilgo, Jr.

MINUTES: Sandy Pellecchia

IN ATTENDANCE: George Pape, Sterling Resident
Nancy Perry, Sterling Resident

Richard Sheppard (Sheppard) opens the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr. (Coughlin) makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, June 30, 2009 agenda as written. Seconded by Matthew Stelmach (Stelmach). Unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Coughlin makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, May 26, 2009 regular session Sterling Municipal Light Department Board Meeting Minutes amended as corrected. Seconded by Stelmach. Approved by the Board.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Mr. George Pape (Pape) reviews his most recent request. As of June 11, 2009 Pape received a partial audit. He was looking for a complete audit with any and all attachments. He received a full audit last year and would like the same. The manager (Kilgo) responded that this must have been an error and you will receive the other pages. Also the audit has been placed at the Town Library.

Nancy Perry inquires about ENERGY STAR appliances. The Manager directs her to the Customer Service supervisor.

FINANCIALS

Kilgo notes that overall kWh sales are down almost 5% versus last year. Revenues are up. The average system load factor is at 67%.

Stelmach asks if the Manager thinks it's a reduction in the industrial segment's cooling load? The Manager agrees and comments further.

The Space Age Technology site is discussed.

Sheppard asks about the last page with 19 years of data accumulated. Let's carry it to a 10-year slice. Kilgo recommends using from 1998 forward and the Board concurs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kilgo notes that the transmission increase is important. We will see high double-digit increase in the next 3-4 years. The SMLD is holding rates steady and is trying to absorb the impact this year. Presently the transmission charge is only half of what it should be.

Sheppard asks can we use some of the FEMA monies to put toward any rate increases? Kilgo notes that we should see what monies come in from FEMA first and catch up with year to date financial losses. Then going forward operating costs should be reduced slightly, as we permanently repair the power system.

Coughlin asks how is the windmill farm coming along? According to Kilgo, financing will be done shortly and hopefully commercial operation will be no later than February 2010, according to Kilgo.

Stelmach requests that he would like to see a correlation of degree-days to kWh within the financials. Kilgo stated that they are just estimates and using the law of averages is a conservative gauge. Stelmach will present to the manager how he uses estimates for accuracy and the manager will review for further adapting to the Board financials.

Stelmach and Kilgo had a discussion of the MTC and the Green Communities Act. Templeton and Ashburnham have signed on. Princeton and Littleton are looking to sign on. Stelmach would like to look into this again after the FEMA situation is closed. Kilgo mentioned that he met with DOER, took a look at the Act closely and notes that he has a problem joining **irrevocably**. Sheppard states to Stelmach when we readdress the issue, please give us your input (Kilgo later mentions to Stelmach he will have a full report on MTC participation in the year end business plan).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The July board meeting will not be held. An August board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Coughlin makes a motion to go into Executive Session per MGL Chapter 164, Section 47D to discuss confidential and proprietary information and to come back to open session for a vote. Stelmach seconds the motion. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Sheppard, aye. Stelmach, aye. Unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board goes into Executive Session as of 5:43 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:00 p.m.

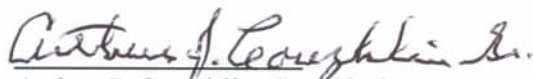
RHODE ISLAND LANDFILL GAS (RILFG) PROJECT

Stelmach makes a motion in open session for participation in Special Project 2009 A known as the Rhode Island Landfill Gas (RILFG) Project. A Participation Acknowledgment Certificate is filled out and signed by the Clerk. Seconded by Coughlin. Unanimously approved by the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Sheppard asks for a motion for the Light Board to adjourn the meeting. Coughlin makes the motion and Stelmach seconds it. Unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting is adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk

DATE:

26 August 2009