

**STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Richard Sheppard, Chairman  
Arthur J. Coughlin, Jr., Clerk  
Kenneth I. H. Williams, Board Member

**SMLD MANAGER:** John Kilgo, Jr.

**MINUTES:** Sandy Pellecchia

**IN ATTENDANCE:** George Pape, 69 Redemption Rock Trail, Sterling, MA 01564  
Matthew Stelmach, 2 Birch Drive, Sterling, MA 01564

Richard Sheppard (Sheppard) opens the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

John Kilgo (Kilgo) notes there is no need for executive session this evening.

**Williams makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, March 31, 2009 agenda as amended with no executive session necessary. Seconded by Coughlin. Unanimously approved by the Board.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Coughlin makes a motion to approve the Tuesday, February 24, 2009 regular session Sterling Municipal Light Department Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Williams. Unanimously approved by the Board.**

**CUSTOMER COMMENTS**

Customer George Pape (Pape) asks Kilgo what is the number of poles that you intend to request for reimbursement from FEMA? Kilgo offers that the SMLD is currently in the mechanical process of compiling project worksheets with FEMA. Kilgo gives Pape an estimate of somewhere between 175-200 poles. Kilgo will let Pape know a more accurate number when the SMLD defines it.

Pape asks about the spacing between light poles and Kilgo offers that, in general, it is about 150'.

Matthew Stelmach (Stelmach) states that he has about 50' of secondary wire in the back of his truck. He asks what is the best way to dispose of it? Kilgo and Williams say to drop it off (bound) to the recycling center in a scrap metal bin that is labeled "TRUCK AWAY".

Pape inquires about MEMA reimbursement. Kilgo answers that the SMLD intends to put in a request for reimbursement of up to 25% with MEMA.

## **FINANCIALS**

Kilgo notes that residential sales are down. NEPOOL energy and degree-days were also down in February compared to last. The SMLD is carrying close to a 73% load factor. Also year to date sales dollars are up.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kilgo reminds the Light Board of the formation of The Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative (BWPC) with MMWEC and the related Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Kilgo also informs the Light Board that during a recent meeting with bond counsel, and reviewing long-term financing options, it became clear in today's environment a step-up provision should be added to the PPA. Basically, the step-up is viewed as a means of enhancing the security for the payment of the 100% debt financing for the Cooperative through MMWEC, which will issue bonds for the build out of the project.

There is no need for each member of the co-op to go back to its Light Board for another certificate signing; however, Kilgo feels it appropriate to show the financial world that not only each Manager signed but also each Light Board supported the step-up amendment. This will reduce financing costs and make the project attractive to investors.

Kilgo asks for the Light Board to vote the certificate in place as is and for the Clerk to sign the First Amendment to the Berkshire Wind Power Purchase Agreement.

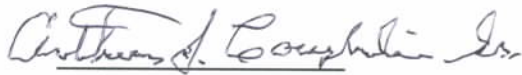
**Sheppard asks for a motion for the Light Board to sign the certificate for the BWPC as described by Kilgo. Williams makes the motion. Coughlin seconds the motion. Sheppard asks for further discussion. Role call: Coughlin, aye. Sheppard, aye. Williams, aye. Approved by the Board.**

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The April board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Sheppard asks for a motion for the Light Board to adjourn the meeting. Williams makes the motion and Coughlin seconds it. Unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting is adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**

ATTEST:   
Arthur J. Coughlin, Sr., Clerk

DATE: 04-29-2009