MMWEC elects directors and officers in 44th year of service to municipal utilities

LUDLOW, Mass. – May 14, 2013 – The members and board of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) on May 9 elected directors and officers of the organization, which is entering its 44th year in service to the consumer-owned municipal utilities of Massachusetts.

MMWEC was created in 1969 and became a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth in 1976, empowered to issue tax-exempt bonds to finance energy facilities for the benefit of municipal utilities and their customers.

Paul Robbins, a gubernatorial appointee to the MMWEC Board of Directors, was re-elected by the board to a one-year term as chairman. Peter D. Dion, general manager of the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department, was re-elected by the MMWEC membership to his fifth one-year term as president of MMWEC.

Representatives of MMWEC’s 21 member municipal utilities also re-elected three directors to three-year terms on the board, including Mansfield Municipal Electric Department Director Gary R. Babin, Chicopee Electric Light Manager Jeffrey R. Cady and Sterling Municipal Light Department General Manager Sean Hamilton.

Additional MMWEC officers for the coming year, as elected by the board, are Ronald C. DeCurzio, chief executive officer and secretary; Stephen J. Smith, assistant treasurer; Alan R. Menard, assistant treasurer; Nancy A. Brown, assistant secretary; and Nicholas J. Scobbo, Jr., general counsel.

Other MMWEC directors, elected previously by the membership, are James M. Lavelle, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department manager; Kevin P. Kelly, Groton Electric Light Department manager; Philip W. Sweeney, Marblehead Municipal Light Department commissioner; and Jonathan V. Fitch, West Boylston Municipal Light Plant manager.

Michael J. Flynn of Wilbraham is a gubernatorial appointee to the MMWEC board and also represents the Town of Wilbraham. Luis Vitorino represents the Town of Ludlow, and Cornelius Flynn recently was appointed to represent the Town of Hampden on the board.

The MMWEC board consists of 12 director positions, with seven directors elected by the MMWEC membership, two appointed by the governor of Massachusetts, and three representing the towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham and Hampden.

MMWEC, the joint action agency for public power in Massachusetts, provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state’s consumer-owned, municipal utilities.

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