

MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COMPANY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MMWEC
LUDLOW, MA

REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2020

10:00 AM

MINUTES

A. PROCEDURE

1. Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Those present:

Directors and Officers:

Chairman Michael Flynn; President Peter Dion; Directors Joseph Sollecito, Michael Hale, Charles Orphanos, Kevin Kelly, James Lavelle, Luis Vitorino; General Counsel Peter Barry; CEO and Secretary Ronald C. DeCurzio

Others:

Hull Manager, Panos Tokadjian; South Hadley Manager, Sean Fitzgerald

MMWEC Staff:

Director, Engineering & Generation Assets, Brian Quinn; Director, Communications & External Affairs, Kate Roy

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. DeCurzio asked that Legislative Strategy be added to the Executive Session agenda and that the Decommissioning Vote be removed from the current agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Orphanos, seconded by Mr. Sollecito and it was unanimously voted to accept the agenda as amended.

3. Approval of December 11, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hale.

The December 11, 2019 Regular Session Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

B. CURRENT AGENDA

1. Member/Participant Comments

There were no comments.

2. Activities Report

Mr. DeCurzio began the discussion on the Activities Report by reporting that any new information added to the report has been italicized for easier reading.

Mr. DeCurzio introduced Mr. Joe Cowles, Efficiency Program Manager at MMWEC. Mr. Cowles was invited to discuss MMWEC's efficiency initiatives. He began by noting that although solar initiative was not included in the Activities Report, MMWEC has sent in a response for the second round of funding. This second round request was equal to the difference between what was requested and what was awarded in round one. Results will be emailed out to MLPs participating in the initiative. If any MLPs do not want to use their share, it could become available to others. The heat pump rebate program with Mitsubishi will be expanded through 2020. Mr. Flynn asked if there were plans for looking into any other manufacturers. Mr. Cowles stated he was willing to reach out to others and will confirm with Mitsubishi, beyond its oral commitment, that the program will continue through 2020. There are 83 electric vehicle chargers in the system currently. Connected homes are ready to go in quarter one. A focus initiative for 2020 is the home audit report through SNUGGPRO. Mr. Cowles distributed a sample report.

Mr. Flynn stated that Connecticut (CMEEC) is moving forward on a large battery storage program. Mr. Flynn questioned if battery use has been explored along with solar for the MMWEC land site, while recognizing that funding is a major issue. Mr. Flynn will get more information and pass it along to Mr. DeCurzio.

Mr. Sollecito asked for an update on the FERC ruling on PJM. Ms. Roy stated that it appears to be good news for MMWEC, but clarification on applicability is still needed. Mr. Sollecito asked that an update be sent when more information becomes available.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Vitorino, seconded by Mr. Sollecito, that the MMWEC Board meeting enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to discussing commercial or financial information the disclosure of which would adversely affect MMWEC's ability to conduct business in relation to other suppliers of electric power and energy, under St. 1975, c.775 Section 19(a), and to reconvene the meeting in Open Session upon termination of the Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment. Based on roll call vote as follows:

Sollecito "aye"
Lavelle "aye"
Orphanos "aye"
Vitorino "aye"
Hale "aye"
Kelly "aye"

It was:

(VOTED 20-1):

To enter Executive Session pursuant to St. 1975, c. 775 Section 19(a) for the purpose of discussing strategy and competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that would adversely affect its ability to conduct its business and that upon termination of the Executive Session, the Board Meeting will be reconvened in Regular Session to adjourn the meeting.

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

The Board meeting reconvened Regular Session at 10:55 a.m.

All business having been concluded, it was moved by Mr. Sollecito, seconded by Mr. Lavelle, and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Board of Directors' meeting.

Chairman Flynn declared the Regular Session of the Board of Directors' Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

A TRUE RECORD

ATTEST:


Peter H. Barry, General Counsel to MMWEC