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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL

ROOM 315

45 SOUTHMAIN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Patrick Birney and Joel Rinebold (via telephone); Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo

Absent – None

Members of the public – None

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Agenda

- a.** Consider and approve Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

42 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the Month of**
43 **August 2022**

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45 Mr. Birney asked for clarification on the discussion that transpired with Mr. Frank Radigan.

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47 Mr. Hendershot stated that PTF stands for Pool Transmission Facilities. Mr. Frank Radigan met
48 with Mr. Buccheri, Ms. Dill and Mr. Hendershot on August 2, 2022 to discuss WED’s PTF
49 facilities, records and future filings. Frank Radigan is an expert in that field. Mr. Radigan is
50 responsible for the developing and filing that is put together and sent over to ISO and documents
51 the transmission costs for the upcoming year. All of the costs are then gathered up by ISO as
52 well and all load pays for all of the transmission costs. The better job that a utility company can
53 do in documenting its transmission cost, the greater revenue it will receive from all load who will
54 pay for transmission services. WED gets these services through Energy New England.

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56 Mr. Birney questioned if the WED makes the filings?

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58 Mr. Hendershot stated that WED provides the information and Mr. Radigan does the filings.

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60 Mr. Birney questioned how does the utilities benefit from the filings?

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62 Mr. Hendershot stated that it is a credit on the monthly invoices from ISO-NE. When ISO
63 calculates its monthly charges to WED from the socialized costs, WED pays regional network
64 service charges to Eversource, Avangrid and CMEEC as well as other transmission services that
65 are gathered up and passed on to WED through ISO. WED costs are part of what everybody else
66 pays in their transmission charges from ISO. WED’s revenue is a credit on WED’S ISO
67 invoices.

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69 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-2 Dam Inspections and questioned what inspections will be
70 done?

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72 Mr. Amwake stated that regulatory dam inspections are conducted every two years on the Class
73 C Dams. These are visual inspections only.

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75 **Motion to Approve the Director’s Report for the Month of August 2022**

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77 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

78 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

79 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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83 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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87 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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5. WPCF Upgrades Project

Mr. Amwake updated the Commission on the construction of the WPCF Project.

In regards to the general building, the Town, the Contractor and the Engineer continue to review and complete punch list items, including construction details such as wiring and equipment labeling, touch up painting and housekeeping. The target date to complete the majority of the punch list items is October 31, 2022. The System Integrator continues to finalize the SCADA user interface screens based on input from WSD staff.

At the Anaerobic Basin, optimization of the flow pattern through the AB continues. The influent baffle for the AB is scheduled to be installed in November, 2022 following the end of the tertiary phosphorus treatment season on October 31st.

At the Intermediate Pump Station, performance and functional testing of the IPS pump logic is ongoing.

At the Secondary Settling Tanks, work is complete with the exception of punch list items.

At the Secondary Pump Station, data collection and optimization of the pump on/off cycling in response to the influent flowrate to the SPS continues.

At the Tertiary Phosphorous Building, optimization of the individual equipment and chemical dosages associated with the tertiary phosphorus treatment process continues. Installation of the replacement polymer pumps ran into a material issue late this morning (Tuesday September 20th) so the pump supply company and the tertiary phosphorus treatment company are taking a step back to measure twice and cut once to ensure proper fit and configuration of the replacement polymer pumps and appurtenances.

At the UV Disinfection/Post Aeration Building, the UV disinfection system is operational and staff continues to monitor and adjust the system settings per experienced flowrates. The trenches for the sample lines in the UV concrete floor will be constructed in October, 2022 after the UV disinfection season ends September 30th.

Regarding site work, finished grading of the north and south soil stockpile areas is complete.

To date the net change orders approved by DEEP and not yet invoiced is \$538,114.00.

Behind the scenes orders continue to be negotiated and agreed to by the Engineer (AECOM), the Contractor (C.H. Nickerson) and the Town. To date net change orders equal \$618,607.00.

For reference, per DEEP Clean Water Funding protocols the Town allocated 5.00% of the original contract value for contingency (change orders) equal to \$2,275,350.00. The Town is within this contingency value and is estimating the final next change order value to be at 1.65%

133 to 1.75% of the construction contract value.

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136 Construction Contract Payment Applications – C. H. Nickerson

137 Original Contract Sum \$45,507,000.00

138 Net Change by Change Orders \$179,590.33 (No Change this Month)

139 Contract Sum to Date \$45,686,590.33 As of August 15, 2022

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141 Construction Contract Schedule

142 Original Completion Date February 10, 2022

143 Net Change Schedule Days 193 (No Change this Month)

144 Contract Completion Date August 22, 2022 As of August 15, 2022

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146 Mr. Beaumont complimented Mr. Amwake and stated that the project was very well managed.

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148 Mr. Birney concurred with Mr. Beaumont.

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152 **6. Executive Session pursuant to State of Connecticut General Statutes §1-**
153 **200(6)(E), §1-210(b)(S)(B), and §7-232a to discuss deviating from Hedging Policy**

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155 **Motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. pursuant to State of**
156 **Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(E), §1-210(b)(S)(B), and §7-232a to discuss**
157 **deviating from Hedging Policy**

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159 **Made by: Birney**

160 **Seconded by: Rinebold**

161 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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163 **Attendance at Executive Session: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioner Patrick**
164 **Birney; Commissioner Joel Rinebold (via telephone); Director Richard Hendershot;**
165 **Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri; Business Office Manager Marianne Dill**
166 **Time of Executive Session: 7:02 to 7:20**

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170 **6a. Discussion and Action: Waive Article I, Section I - To discuss deviating from**
171 **Hedging Policy**

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173 **Motion to Waive Article I, Section I and add the above referenced endorsement to the**
174 **Agenda**

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176 **Made by: Birney**

177 **Seconded by: Rinebold**

178 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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7. Discussion and Action: Discussion to Deviate from Hedging Policy

Mr. Birney asked Mr. Hendershot to comment on the ramifications of the WED increasing its hedging limits in 2023 from 35% to 40% with any given qualified counterparty. Mr. Hendershot replied this action would modestly raise the magnitude of the financial risk associated with a counterparty default or failure to actually provide the hedged energy as agreed to. With the only two recently active counterparties already at or very near the 35% limit for 2023, the WED is not sure how to procure the final 5% to 10% of forward energy for 2023 unless it is able to do so by increasing the allowable amount of energy to hedge, in 2023, from a given qualified counterparty.

Motion to Authorize Electric Division to deviate from Section 3.4 of the Hedging Policy, and specifically authorize the Division to hedge up to 40% of energy purchases, for calendar year 2023 only, from any individual qualified counterparty

Made by: Birney
Seconded by: Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn
Made by: Mr. Birney
Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold
Votes: 3 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernadette Sorbo
Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Joel Rinebold
Secretary