

**APPROVED**

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET  
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

6:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold (via teleconference) and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division Acting General Manager Jake Arborio; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo

*Absent – None*

*Members of the public – John Pierlioni*

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 March 21, 2023

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

**Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

**Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

**Votes: 3 ayes**

**3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None**

43                   **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the Month of**  
44                   **March 2023**  
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46 Mr. Rinebold questioned if the Mystic 8 and 9 unit’s cost of service charges is now costing the  
47 WED over \$544,800.00?

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49 Mr. Hendershot responded yes.  
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51 Mr. Rinebold referenced Item No. 4-101 and questioned if the Masonic Tank and Westside Tank  
52 painting project is just for the exterior? Will the tanks be taken out of service during the  
53 maintenance?  
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55 Mr. Amwake stated at the Masonic Tank the project is both an interior and exterior rehabilitation  
56 therefore the larger Masonic Tank will be out of service during the project while the smaller  
57 Masonic Tank will remain in service. The Westside Tank is exterior only therefore the Water  
58 Division does not anticipate this tank being out of service during the painting project.  
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60 Mr. Rinebold questioned what was the cross connection violation referenced in Item No. 4-101  
61 and what was the remedy for correction, penalty and cost?  
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63 Mr. Amwake responded that he would have to check with the water quality team on this matter  
64 as he does not have the details.  
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66 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-7 Spot Market Prices and noted that the MA Hub Max  
67 prices for the month of February was \$329.98/MWH. These prices were on the high side.  
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69 Mr. Hendershot responded it was probably a cold day.  
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71 Mr. Beaumont referenced the chart in Item No. 4-10 \$/MWH Nodal Value and questioned how  
72 the values are calculated as they do not add up to \$255.22.  
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74 Mr. Hendershot responded that this is a “graduate seminar”. This comes up once every year or  
75 so. Mr. Hendershot stated he will check with Mr. Kieny and get back to the Commissions with  
76 the answer.  
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78 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-11 February 2022 Wholesale Power Costs and noted that  
79 the Regional Network Service (RNS) transmission costs were under budget by approximately  
80 \$304,200.00.  
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82 Mr. Beaumont referenced Item No. 4-108 and questioned if the Synagro transported 47.66 dry  
83 tons of bio solids for disposal was exceptionally high?  
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85 Mr. Amwake stated that this item was a hold as the Sewer Division was waiting on the last two  
86 tickets for the month of March. The bullet was a holdover and should have been deleted from the  
87 report.  
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89 Mr. Hendershot stated that this valve was a repeat from the February report.

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91 **Motion to Approve the Director's Report for the Month of March 2023**

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93 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

94 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

95 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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99 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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101 Mr. Pierlioni stated that he is the steward for the local union. Mr. Pierlioni questioned if line  
102 contractors are being brought in to perform power line work?

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104 Mr. Arborio responded yes, WED currently utilizes McPhee to do underground line work.

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106 Mr. Pierlioni inquired on overhead line work?

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108 Mr. Arborio responded not at this point, no.

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110 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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114 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Bid Waiver Request – Dynegy/Vistra**

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116 Mr. Hendershot stated as the PUC is aware, WED has a limited number of responding counter  
117 parties. Not everyone who WED has a form of agreement with is responsive to energy hedging  
118 solicitations. Recently, WED had requested authorization from the PUC to deviate from the  
119 WED's hedging policies so that the Division can exceed 35% of one year's energy volume with  
120 an individual counter party. The way to get out of this situation is to find more responsive firms.  
121 Both Energy New England and Energy Initiatives, Inc. have recommended that the WED move  
122 to develop an EEI standard form of agreement with Dynegy Marketing and Trade, of Irving  
123 Texas, dba Vistra Energy Corporation. The WED is asking for PUC endorsement of a request for  
124 Bid Waiver to enable the WED to utilize Vistra as part of future energy hedging solicitations  
125 prior to July 1. If the PUC takes action, this will not be on the Town Council Agenda for another  
126 2-3 weeks as the Mayor has a lot of questions and needs to understand this better. This process is  
127 no different from any of the other counter parties that are listed: Public Service Electric and Gas,  
128 EDF, Shell, Exelon, Next Era, etc..

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130 Mr. Zabrowski questioned if the list is available and if so can he obtain a copy?

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132 Mr. Hendershot responded yes and he will send a copy to the PUC for review.

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134 **Motion to Endorse a Bid Waiver to add Dynegy Marketing & Trade, of Irving, Texas dba**  
135 **Vistra Energy Corporation for future energy hedging solicitations**

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137 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

138 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

139 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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143 **ADJOURNMENT**

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145 **Motion to Adjourn**

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147 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

148 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

149 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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151 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:59 p.m.

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153 Respectfully submitted,

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155 *Michelle Bracale for*

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157 Bernadette Sorbo

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159 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,

*Laurence Zabrowski/mb*

Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary