

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday June 8, 2021

80 Commercial Street, Commissioner's Conference Room, Marblehead, MA

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Minutes

Present for the meeting were:

MMLD Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Burke, Homan, Johnson and Wolf, General Manager Kowalik, Colin Coleman Operations Specialist

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

2015A Peaking Plant:

General Manager Kowalik informed the Commission that MMLD will hold a public informational meeting for project 2015A on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Marblehead High School at 6:30 PM. and that MMWEC will hold their own 2015A public meeting at the Peabody Torigian Community Center on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

General Manager Kowalik presented the importance of the 2015A project (presentation attached)

General Manager Kowalik noted that MMLD has paid approximately \$430,000 to date for Project 2015A and that the estimated cost associated with withdrawing as a participant would be approximately \$900,000. There are also longer-term financial risks for meeting future capacity supply obligation in the ISO market versus self-supplying additional capacity for the next 30+ years by participating. General Manager Kowalik also presented several slides showing that battery storage is not economically viable as a capacity resource. The Project 2015A presentation will be incorporated into the minutes of the June 17, 2021 public meeting.

Vote #2021-14:

At the conclusion of General Manager Kowalik's presentation, Commissioner Homan moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded a motion to ratify the original 2015A vote taken at their January 25, 2017 meeting. Roll call vote was taken:

Homan – yes, Johnson – yes, Burke – yes, Wolf – abstained, Hull – yes

Commissioner Wolf requested the Commission to table the ratification until after the Tuesday, June 22, 2021 Town Election as there is the possibility of two new commissioners. General Manager Kowalik requested the vote be made at this meeting so he could report back to MMWEC the following day.

General Manager Kowalik left the meeting.

General Managers Contract:

The Commissioners reviewed a new 5-year contract prepared by Kopelman and Page for General Manager Kowalik.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Wolf seconded to approve a new 5-year contract effective April 8, 2021 for general Manager Kowalik. **Unanimous**

Peak Alerts:

Commissioner Wolf reiterated her suggestion made at the May 27, 2021 meeting that MMLD use the Town's Code Red System to alert customers for peak alerts while General Manager Kowalik considers other alternatives. Commissioner Hull stated that he will inform General Manager Kowalik to begin using the system.

Vote #2021-15:

It was moved by Commissioner Homan and seconded by Commissioner Burke to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. **Unanimous.**