

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday February 1, 2022

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

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Minutes

Present for the meeting were:

MMLD Commissioners – Chairman Hull, Frechette, Homan, Johnson and Wolf, General Manager Kowalik

Chairman Hull opened the meeting at 4:30 PM

Minutes:

Vote #2022-03

Motion made by Commissioner Wolf and seconded by Commissioner Homan to approve the minutes of November 30, 2021 and January 4, 2022. **Unanimous**

Marblehead Green Choice:

Sam Bennett of 24 Central Street, Marblehead provided the following:

"There are now a growing number of municipalities which offer the option of 100% carbon free energy. Several people I know have elected it. Marblehead should be a leader in this area. I suspect there are many in town who feel the way I do. I understand that Marblehead rate payers are a diverse group, and you have many factors to consider. However, there should be no further delay in taking bold, aggressive action on climate change wherever we can. We have waited too long and are starting to see the tragic results of our inaction. The changes we need to make will be inconvenient, somewhat costly and disruptive; but they will be worth it, given the alternative. Individual citizens need a way to take positive action, and this is one very significant way for them to do so. I applied for this option several months ago. I respectfully request that you approve my request to purchase 100% carbon free energy at this month's meeting. Thank you very much for your consideration." Sincerely, Sam Bennett

General Manager Kowalik asked for a motion to offer a new "Marblehead Green Choice" opt-in charge on MMLD customer's monthly bills.

Customers who opt-in to this charge agree to pay an agreed-upon monthly incremental amount, with an option to opt-out. The annual total of the agreed-upon monthly payments represents an *estimated* payment amount required for MMLD to certify that the customer's energy use has been 100% Carbon-free over the prior year. MMLD will accomplish that by retiring Berkshire Wind RECs or purchasing and retiring comparable RECs on behalf of the customer.

The customer's monthly Green Choice payment will be a fixed amount for one year, based on:

- (1) the customer's monthly kWh energy usage, and
- (2) the estimated carbon-free percent of MMLD's portfolio in the prior year, as defined by then current Mass DOER/DEP regulations.
- (3) actual prices of Mass Class 1 REC otherwise sold quarterly by MMWEC on behalf of Marblehead and other Berkshire Wind Co-op-member MLDs.

All customers making 12 Green Choice payments in a year will receive written confirmation from MMLD that their prior year energy usage was in fact 100% Carbon-free and to be included in "Green Choice Customer" recognition on the MMLD website. Customers can opt-out of Green Choice Customer recognition.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to implement the Green Choice Policy as stated above, subject to General Manager Kowalik filing with the DPU, said policy to be reviewed six months from initiation. **Unanimous**

MMWEC Project 2022A:

General Manager Kowalik informed the Commission that the MMWEC Board voted at their January meeting to approve up to a 400 MWH energy/100 MW power flow battery storage project to be located at the MMWEC facility in Ludlow, MA with the intent to bid the asset into the ISO capacity market. MMWEC is currently assessing other MLD's interest. This project will increase MMLD's ownership in capacity assets.

Vote #2022-04:

Motion to go to Executive Session to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier, municipal aggregator or a cooperative determines that such disclosure will adversely affect its ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy.

Not to return to Open Session.

Roll call vote;

Frechette-yes

Homan - yes

Hull-yes

Johnson-yes

Wolf-yes

Executive Session commenced at 5:40