

**Block Island Utility District
December 12, 2020
11:00 AM**

HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 AND TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM
EMERGENCY ORDER

Minutes

Participating BOD Members Present via ZOOM: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, Bill Penn, Elliot Taubman.

Absent: Mary Jane Balsler

Also Present: President Jeffery Wright, Tim Hebert (ENE), Ken Stambler (ENE), Dan Cuillo (ENE), Mike McElroy, Renee Meyers and Chris Warfel.

Board Chair Barbara MacMullan called the meeting to order promptly at 11:00 AM.

1. Public Input

- Chris Warfel voiced his concerns with two items:
 - i. Traffic control for recent BIUD pole replacement work.
 - ii. Dual meter systems for proposed new solar tariff.

2. Receive Presentation from Energy New England (ENE): Power Supply 101 – A Start to Developing a Long-Term Power Supply Strategy

- President Jeffery Wright introduced the ENE team of Tim Hebert, Ken Stambler and Dan Cuillo.
- Mr. Wright voiced his appreciation for all that ENE did for the BIUD and the expertise that they brought to the table. He explained that the ENE presentation (on record) was intended to be mostly educational but also was to start an ongoing discussion on power supply strategy – citing that there were no easy answers and that there were pros and cons to every supply and every contract type.
- He asked the BOD to consider the recent Governor’s executive order requiring 100% renewables by 2030 and to consider how that would influence our procurement decisions going forward, despite being exempt from the RI RPS.
- ENE presented their materials (posted to the BIUD website) and a lengthy and robust discussion was had regarding the development of the BIUD procurement plan and how we could include as much flexibility as possible to allow for load following contracts, strip/block purchases and promised continued discussion on renewables as a portion of our supply. Mr. Wright committed to a follow up discussion with ENE and the RI-OER regarding the renewable goals.

3. Review and Act on Standard Offer and Transmission Overcollection Filing

- Mr. Wright presented a summary of the discussions with the DPUC staff regarding the overcollections. He explained the apparent support for a restricted reserve account and explained an idea that developed in those discussions pertaining to accelerating the retirement of the DSI fund in lieu of a rate adjustment. With Mike McElroy's help he detailed the filing that was prepared. A lengthy discussion amongst BOD members and a motion was made to proceed with the filing asking that the surplus be assigned to a restricted account and to accelerate the DSI retirement in lieu of making a rate adjustment.
- The motion to approve the filing was made by Elliot Taubman, seconded by Bill Penn and was passed unanimously.

Elliot Taubman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM, seconded by Bill Penn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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