

TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

MINUTES OF MEETING

TIME: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

4:00 PM – 5:38 PM

PLACE: Office of the Commission

PRESENT: Chairman Corr, Commissioner Blackwell, Manager Goulart, Ms. Holmes, Attorney Pollart (KP Law), Mr. Melanson, Mr. Irving, Mr. Foley, Ms. Davine, Mr. October, Mr. Botelho, Mr. Strojny, Mr. Bell, Ms. Silveira, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Baker, Mr. Him, Mr. Lewis

Chairman Corr called the meeting to order.

Chairman Corr asked for a Moment of Silence for John McGovern, a retired Lineman who passed away.

Chairman Corr called for a roll call.

Present

Commissioner Blackwell
Chairman Corr

Absent

Commissioner Martin

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve. Unanimous.

REGULAR WARRANT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

REGULAR WARRANT OF OCTOBER 7, 2021

REGULAR WARRANT OF OCTOBER 14, 2021

REGULAR WARRANT OF OCTOBER 21, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve. Unanimous.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Request for Sealed Bids for 50kVA Single Phase (120/240V 2.4/7.9kV) Padmount Transformers

Manager Goulart read the following interoffice communication dated September 27, 2021 into the record:

Item #1: 50kVA Single Phase (120/240V 2.4/7.9kV) Padmount Transformers

Request to go out for sealed bids for (40) 50 kVA single phase Padmount transformers to replenish stock. Last purchased in April 2020. Current lead times are 52 to 63 weeks due to industry labor and material shortages. This quantity is expected to last a period of two years. Approximate cost \$100,000.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to authorize the request to go out for sealed bids for (40) 50kVA Single Phase (120/240V 2.4/7.9kV) Padmount Transformers. Unanimous.

Request for Sealed Bids for (4) 250kVA 7/9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers and (4) 333kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers

Manager Goulart read the following interoffice communication dated October 5, 2021 into the record:

Item #1 (4) 250kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers

Request for sealed bids for (4) 250kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Transformers. These will be used in order to convert voltage on South Walker Street and Somerset Avenue in the upcoming future. With materials and possible longer lead times we would like to start this process. Approximate cost is \$8,000 per transformer for an estimated total of \$24,000.

Item #2 (4) 333kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers

Request for sealed bids for (4) 333kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Transformers. These will be used in order to convert voltage on South Walker Street and Somerset Avenue in the upcoming future. With materials and possible longer lead times we would like to start this process. Approximate cost is \$9,000 per transformer for an estimated total of \$36,000.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to authorize the request to go out for sealed bids for (4) 250kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers and (4) 333kVA 7.9kV/2.4kV Stepdown Overhead Transformers. Unanimous. 21-151

Request for Proposals to Clean and Degas the Cleary-Flood Station Residual Fuel Oil Storage Tank

Manager Goulart stated by way of background, the Commission had previously approved this request and we had some issues with the bids so this is a request to both decline the existing bid and authorize a re-bid.

Manager Goulart read the following interoffice communication dated October 18, 2021 into the record:

Upon receiving TMLP Commission approve, TMLP issued Request-for-Proposal (RFP) 21-04 to clean and degas the Cleary-Flood Station residual fuel oil storage tank. Only one submittal was received, which did not meet RFP requirements.

TMLP subsequently contacted potential bidders about the RFP to determine why they did not provide a proposal; TMLP also contacted the bidder who submitted a proposal to discuss why the bidder did not meet RFP requirements.

Based on the above, TMLP request the TMLP Commission:

- (a) Reject the RFP 21-04 submittal based on it did not meet the RFP requirements; and*
- (b) Authorize TMLP to re-issue the RFP in order to obtain new proposal(s) that will meet the RFP requirements.*

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to reject RFP 21-04 submittal based on not meeting the requirements and authorize the request to re-issue the RFP to obtain new proposals that will meet requirements. Unanimous. 21-152

Manager Goulart requested that the Commission go out-of-order to Communications (a) at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to go out-of-order to Communications (a). Unanimous. 21-153

COMMUNICATIONS:

ISG Presentation

Mr. Bell and Mr. Lewis invited to the table.

Mr. Bell presented the following slides:

- **SLIDE #1 – ISG Department Update**
- **SLIDE #2 – Presentation Overview**
 - ISG Update
 - SpryPoint – Deployment Challenges
 - Broadband Update
 - Grants
 - Project Status
 - Recommendation
- **SLIDE #3 – ISG Update**
 - 350 FTTB Customers
 - 569 FTTH Customers
 - 182 VOUP Customers
 - \$800,000 2021 Projected Net Income
- **SLIDE #4 – SpryPoint Deployment Challenges**
 - Request eliminating interest phase to reduce time
 - Request to standardize TMLP install cost/mile
- **SLIDE #5 – SpryPoint Deployment Challenges (Cont.)**
 - Customer frustration between phases
 - Time to connect
 - Lost customers to Comcast/Verizon
 - Install delays (T&D availability)
 - Confusion of the sign-up process
 - Stagnant data

Average Deployment Time

- Gathering interest
 - 6-12 months
- Accepting applications
 - 6-12 months to never
- Under construction
 - 3-6 months
- Connected
 - 30 months total

➤ **SLIDE #6 – New SpryPoint Deployment – Cont.**

- Eliminate the interest phase
- Increase and standardize TMLP installs cost per mile
- Reduce stale data (Purge data older than 3-years)
- Minimize lost customers to Comcast/Verizon
- Reduce Confusion of the sign-up process
- Reduce frustration between phases
- Ties into full broadband deployment

New Deployment Time

- Gathering interest
 - Eliminate
- Accepting applications
 - 6-12 months
- Under construction
 - 3-6 months (Commission approval)
- Connected
 - 18 months total

➤ **SLIDE #7 – Project Status**

- ISG received 2 responses for the Engineering Design

- Bids came in more costly than expected
- ISG reviewed 7 available grants to fund project:
 - EDA CARES Program
 - HUD CDBG
 - NTIA
 - RDOF
 - ARPA
 - Emergency Connectivity Fund

➤ **SLIDE #8 – Grants**

American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) Grant – Selected

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA) has anticipated that Taunton will receive funds.
- Through the Mayor's Office, the City of Taunton can request ARPA monies for the TMLP Broadband infrastructure project.
- If awarded, TMLP would use the funds to lower initial construction costs.

➤ **SLIDE #9 – Project Status**

FTTP Engineering Design RFP 21-01

Magellan Advisors, LLC (Recommended Vendor)

- Proposal meeting all specifications
- \$1,420,000 not to exceed, total price
- Technical capability excellent, quality control and references excellent

Matrix Design Group

- Proposal meeting all specifications
- \$4,013,369 estimated total price
- Technical capability excellent, quality control and references excellent

VantagePoint (Price Check)

- Proposal meeting all specifications
- \$2,211,100 estimated total price

- Technical capability excellent, quality control and references excellent

➤ **SLIDE #10 – Project Status – Cont.**

- Magellan will deliver a two-phased model to the project.
 - **Phase 1**
 - FTTP Design
 - Bill of materials
 - Documentation
 - Quote package for contractors
 - **Phase 2**
 - Final FTTP Design, Engineering, Prints and Termination Plans
 - Final inventory
 - Final bill of materials
 - Stamped construction sheets by Mass licensed engineer
 - PDF construction package
- Working with Magellan we determined the phase approach was most cost effective.
 - \$543,840 Phase 1
 - \$876,160 Phase 2 – Awarded upon Phase 1 completion
 - \$1,420,000 total

➤ **SLIDE #11 – Project Update – Cont.**

Phase 1					
Design Task	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Project Ramp Up					
Aerial FTTP Design					
Underground FTTP Design					
Headend, Distribution POPs & Splitter Cabinets					
Fiber Service Drops					
Fiber Splicing & Termination					
Bill of Materials & Cost Estimates					

➤ **SLIDE #12 – Project Update – Cont.**

Phase 2 - If Approved					
PHASE 2 (2022)					
Design Task	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
Final Engineering Design					
Final Construction Drawings					
Permitting (As-Needed)					
As-Builts (To be completed once construction is finished)					

➤ **SLIDE #13 – Recommendations**

- Request to retain 2021 ISG Net Income estimated at \$500,000
- Award contract to Magellan (Phase 1 Award Only)
 - Phase 1 - \$543,840 (2021) 5 Months
 - Phase 2 - \$876,160 (2022) 5 Months
- Continue communication with Mayor's office for ARPA Funds
- Eliminate gathering interest phase
- Standardize cost per mile fiber installation
- Create preapproved Business Case Form

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Blackwell stated with the ARPA money we requested from the City, didn't we also request money from the County.

Manager Goulart stated yes. We have already met with the City a couple of times. As of right this moment the County has still not released the application for Bristol County. I believe they were going to model it on the one that Plymouth has released. We have not been able to apply through the County yet because they are still getting their ducks in a row. For the City specific money, we are still trying to determine whether the City has any left available to provide us. When we initially spoke with the City there were strongly encouraging that we go through the County to get the bulk of the cost that we would like to get reimbursed for this project.

Commissioner Blackwell stated I was talking with someone who is involved with the COVID money that the City received. They told me that the City got \$10 million for ARPA money. I thought it was closer to \$30 million.

Manager Goulart stated my understanding is there are two pieces to this, what has been appropriated and what has been released and I think that is where the question is. I'm pretty sure that they were

appropriated almost \$30 million but they have only received \$10 million so far. They are still waiting on the rest of that money. That is our understanding of the situation.

Commissioner Blackwell stated that we still have not gotten an answer from the County as far as the funding. We still may be able to get some funding from the City.

Manager Goulart stated that we still expect that we will be putting in an application through the City to the County once the application is released for submittal. They are just not there yet.

Commissioner Blackwell stated just to recap. That was a very nice presentation. What has brought us to this point right now is the difference between the evaluation we did and the one CTC did for us. So that is what is making all this happen. So anything we can do to decrease the cost to our ratepayers is what we should be doing.

Manager Goulart stated there are two competing interests here. (1) The desire from the ratepayer to have Internet through the TMLP and (2) us having to protect the electric ratepayer from subsidizing this project. There are two parts of this presentation to summarize, (1) the piece about the way we do business right now which is through individual fiberhoods and (2) the piece about awarding the bid to Magellan for the Phase I part. To refresh the public's knowledge, the idea was to at least get Phase 1 done so we can confirm the numbers that were provided to us so that we would have real numbers to work with and then be able to come back to the Commission to either say go or no go for the rest of the project. If we can get this done in the next year that is a great thing for all of us, the ratepayer and the TMLP. I also want to make sure we address the question of the fiberhoods. ISG had come to the Commission a while ago about approving how we were doing business. The Commission at that time approve the fiberhood process which included the "gathering interest" phase. To the point made in the presentation, that phase is basically a waste of time for the customer so what we want to do is have you be able to say to us we can get rid of the gathering interest phase and just do the application phase. We have been doing each business case on an actual cost basis and we would like to take a different model. We would like to work with T&D and treat T&D like a contractor and get a standardized cost. Then it would be a lot more efficient for ISG to get these fiberhood analyses done on a much timelier basis. There are two things we would like from you today. We are going to jump back into the award of sealed bids and deal with the project but what I would ask the Commission now is for your approval to adjust the current business case analysis the way they just presented. If the Commission could vote on the recommendation of the ISG team then we will push forward with that and then revert back to award of bids to deal with the FTTP analysis. For your consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the recommendations as presented by the ISG Team. Unanimous. 21-154

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to revert back to regular order of business. Unanimous. 21-155

AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS:

FTTP Engineering Design

Manager Goulart read the following invitation for bid evaluation into the record:

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FTTP Engineering Design

RFP 21-01

October 21, 2021

	Meets Specs	Total Price	Evaluated Phase 1 Price	Evaluated Phase 2 Price	Comments
Magellan Advisors, LLC 999 18th Street Suite 3000 Denver, CO 80202	Y	\$1,420,000	\$543,840	\$876,160	Lowest evaluated bidder meeting specifications
Matrix Design Group 11 Melanie Lane, Suite 14 East Hanover, NJ 07936	Y	\$4,309,438	\$1,436,479	\$2,872,959	Meets Specifications

Recommendation:

ISG recommends awarding Phase 1 of the FTTP Engineering Design to Magellan Advisors LLC for the amount of \$543,840 as the lowest evaluated bidder meeting specifications. Future recommendation to award Phase 2 will be determined upon completion of Phase 1.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award the Request for Proposals for the FTTP Engineering Design to Magellan Advisors, LLC for an evaluated bid price of \$543,840 for Phase 1 only per the recommendation of the ISG Department. Unanimous. 21-156

Award of Sealed Bid for 32 Washington Post Lights – Weir Street and Broadway Decorative Upgrade

Manager Goulart read the following bid evaluation into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation

32 Washington Post Lights - Weir Street and Broadway Decorative Upgrade

IFB 21-08

October 8, 2021

<u>Company</u>	<u>Meets Specs</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>	<u>Delivery Weeks</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	7,032.00	225,024.00	8-20 Weeks	Quoting Hapco Posts
Yale Electric Canton, MA	YES	7,216.00	230,912.00	8-20 Weeks	Quoting Hapco Posts

The TMLP Engineering Department recommends Wesco for a total purchase price of \$225,024, lowest total cost that meets specifications.

Manager Goulart stated that the City had requested these lights.

Mr. Foley stated that this is a State job.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award the invitation for bid for (32) Washington Post Lights to Wesco for a total bid price of \$225,024 per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous. 21-157

COMMUNICATIONS:

Major Project Request – Stanley Avenue FTTH Expansion

Manager Goulart read the following major project request into the record:

Project Title: Stanley Avenue FTTH Expansion

Project Description: Extend fiber infrastructure from existing endpoint at Bayview Avenue, Stanley Avenue. This will pass 28 homes which we will have commitments for 12 homes for a 43% take rate. This project was vetted and approved by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Project Justification: By expanding to this fiber-hood, we increase our presence in the Bayview Avenue area of Berkley. We have had much success in capturing extra houses during and after building out the fiber on our way down Bayview Avenue. We expect we will capture at least an extra 3 houses during the build out.

Alternates Considered: We are currently considering multiple areas of Taunton, Berkley and Raynham for future FTTH expansions.

<u>Budget Estimate:</u>	<u>Project Start Year:</u>	2021
	<u>Total Amount Requested:</u>	\$55,000

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the Stanley Avenue FTTH Expansion for a budget estimated of \$55,000 per the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee. Unanimous.

21-158

Major Project Request – Unit 9 Gas Turbine Controls Upgrade

Manager Goulart stated by way of preface and transparency, the next 5 items all relate to Cleary-Flood Generating Station specifically the Unit #9 outage. As a result of all of the unanticipated work that was done through additional issues that were found that got corrected we, in an effort to keep the budget inline, we needed to shunt some of the projects that we were going to initially do during the outage and push them off to next year. That is what the next two Major Project Budget Requests (MPBR) are, work that was going to be done during the outage and now is going to be held off to next year and as such they cannot be covered under the outage budget so we are putting these MPBR's in front of you for that purpose.

Manager Goulart read the following major project request into the record:

Project Title: Unit 9 Gas Turbine Controls Upgrade

Project Description: The current Unit 9 Gas Turbine Controls System is no longer supported by GE and needs to be upgraded to support Unit #9 operation.

(Note: This effort was originally approve under Major Outage 2021, Project Number 1183. However, the vendor's material delivery schedule could not meet the 2021 outage schedule due to COVID-19 manufacturing/delivery restraints. It was, therefore, decided to remove this effort from the 2021 Major Outage and postpone installation of this effort until 2022.)

This project has been vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Project Justification: This project will help to ensure Unit #9's reliability, maintain unit efficiency and extend the unit's useful life.

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Alternates Considered: Do nothing. This effort will eventually result in Unit #9 being unable to run. Therefore, this option is not considered to be a viable option.

<u>Budget Estimate:</u>	<u>Project Start Year:</u>	2021
	<u>Total Amount Requested:</u>	\$1,500,000
	<u>Amount Spent to Date:</u>	\$667,000

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the Unit 9 Gas Turbine Controls Upgrade for a Budget Estimate of \$1,500,000 per the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee. Unanimous.

21-159

Major Project Request – Cleary IT Network Upgrade

Manager Goulart read the following Major Project Request into the record:

Project Title: Cleary IT Network Upgrade

Project Description: The Cleary IT Network Upgrade needs to be upgraded to meet NERC Standards and to improve Unit #9 reliability and availability.

(Note: This effort was originally approve under Major Outage 2021, Project Number 1183. However, due to this effort needing to be completed in various phases due to its complexity and the Gas Turbine Controls System Upgrade being postponed until 2022 (which interfaces with this scope of work), a decision was made to remove this effort from the 2021 Major Outage and to complete it in 2022.)

This project has been vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Project Justification: NERC Standards continue to be updated. Cleary IT Network needs to be upgraded to remain in compliance with the latest NERC Standards. This upgrade will also improve Unit 9 reliability and availability.

Alternates Considered: Do nothing. This option does not support meeting NERC Standards and jeopardizes the reliability/availability of Unit #9. Therefore, this option is not considered to be a viable option.

<u>Budget Estimate:</u>	<u>Project Start Year:</u>	2021
	<u>Amount of this Request:</u>	\$400,000
	<u>Amount Spent to Date:</u>	\$317,000

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the Cleary IT Network Upgrade for a Budget Estimate of \$400,000 per the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee. Unanimous.

21-160

Interoffice Communication from Peter Botelho and Jim Irving to Kenneth Goulart dated October 7, 2021: Subject: Unit 9 Steam Turbine GE Mechanical Field Engineering Support

Manager Goulart stated with the approval of those two MPBR's that freed us up to do these hopefully final Change Orders for the Cleary 9 outage for this year which we expect will be over by the end of this week.

Manager Goulart read the following memo into the record:

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This memo is sole source request for General Electric (GE), the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the Unit 9 steam turbine, to provide on-site Mechanical Field Engineering Services. The estimated duration is 35 days. These services will assist the outage team and contractors for the remainder of the outage including start-up and testing. This service will ensure a successful start-up and assist in resolving decades old problems.

The cost includes travel and per diem working 12 hours days, 7 days a week. This service will give TMLP access to proprietary information that will expedite a resolve to some of the current challenges during this phase of the outage. The service will also provide validation, peer review and spot checks of work performed on the steam turbine.

Estimated Days on-Site	35 Days
Total Estimate Cost	\$238,992

Action Requested

Please secure the necessary approval for the sole source engineering field services provided by GE for an estimated amount of \$238,992.

Manager Goulart stated I had already polled the Commission individually on this because we needed to move forward and I knew that we would be able to put this on the agenda for your review in public but a lot of this has already been dealt with. For your consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the request for sole source for General Electric to provide on-site Mechanical Field Engineering Services for the Unit 9 Steam Turbine for an estimated cost of \$238,992. Unanimous. 21-161

Interoffice Communication from Peter Botelho and Jim Irving to Kenneth Goulart dated October 7, 2021: Subject: Unit 9 Steam Turbine Inspection Change Order #18 for Turbine Generator Maintenance

Manager Goulart read the following memo into the record:

This memo is Change Order #18 request to PO #4500050878 for Turbine Generator Maintenance (TGM) to perform work services during October. This work is related to the outage and includes further troubleshooting efforts and working with GE field services staff. This effort will include final alignment service and final turbine assembly to resolve current vibration issues.

Purchase Order History

Current Approved Contract Price	\$3,176,268.40
C.O. #18 October further troubleshooting	\$349,672.00
New Contract Total Price	\$3,525,940.40

Action Requested

Please secure the necessary approval of Change Order #18 to TGM for October further troubleshooting services for \$349,672.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve Change Order #18 for Turbine Generator Maintenance for October further troubleshooting in the amount of \$349,672. Unanimous.

21-162

Interoffice Communication from Peter Botelho and Jim Irving to Kenneth Goulart dated October 7, 2021: Subject: Unit 9 Steam Turbine Inspection Change Order #19 to PO #4500050878

Manager Goulart read the following memo into the record:

This memo is Change Order #19 request to PO #4500050878 for Turbine Generator Maintenance (TGM) costs associated with previous approved change order overages. This work effort included TGM and consulting service costs related to troubleshooting vibration issues using computer modeling and laser alignment. Also, included is new packing material costs for the steam turbine.

Purchase Order History

Current Approved Contract Price	\$3,525,940.40
C.O. #19 Overages, consulting, material costs	\$350,148.00
New Contract Total Price	\$3,876,088.40

Action Requested

Please secure the necessary approval of Change Order #19 to TGM for overages, consulting and material costs for \$350,148.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve Change Order #19 for Turbine Generator Maintenance for overages, consulting and material costs in the amount of \$350,148. Unanimous.

21-163

Letter from City of Taunton Office of Mayor to Kenneth Goulart dated September 20, 21: Subject: Voluntary Contribution Fiscal Year 2022

Manager Goulart read the following letter into the record:

The City of Taunton's Fiscal Year 2022 runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. I respectfully request a Payment In Lieu of Tax in the amount of \$2,995,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2022. Please schedule this request on the next Commissioner's Meeting agenda. The Debt/Interest, Employee Benefits and Overhead will be requested as soon as the FY 22 Final Budget is completed which usually happens around mid-November of each year.

Thank you, the Commissioners and your terrific employees for all of the assistance you provide for the City of Taunton and its taxpayers. We appreciate you!

Kind regards,

Mayor Shaunna O'Connell

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to refer Mayor's letter to Management for review and a recommendation for next Commission meeting. Unanimous.

21-164

Interoffice Communication from Sonja Britland to Kenneth Goulart dated September 30, 2021:
Subject: 2nd Drive Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate DEED Grant Program

Manager Goulart read the following memo into the record:

The purpose of this memo is to request approval from the TMLP Commission to update our 2nd Drive Used EV Rebate DEED Grant Program. We have been offering this rebate since 2019 in an effort to promote used EV's as an economical option for our rate-payers. To date we have had 1 customer who participated.

Current Program:

- Program ends 12/31/2021
- DEED grant matching TMLP rebate for used qualifying Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) & Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) under \$15,889.
- TMLP Rebate of \$450 plus DEED Matching Rebate of \$450, total's \$900 for the customer.
- TMLP committed a total of \$50,000 towards this program.

Proposed Changes:

COVID had seriously impacted not only customer finances but auto inventory. We recognize a 40% increase in the pricing for used vehicles. Additionally, in our recent EV survey we discovered that the majority of the customers that answered our survey purchased a used car in the \$20,000 - \$30,000 range vs. what we originally thought, \$10,000 - \$20,000. Therefore, we propose the following changes:

1. Dated extended to 12/31/2023 or until \$50,000 TMLP commitment funds are exhausted. Already approve by DEED.
2. Increase used car purchase price qualification for \$15,899 to \$22,500.
3. Increase rebate amount for qualifying used EV purchases from \$450 to \$1,250 BEV and to \$750 PHEV.

The current state rebates are for new EV's only, BEV is \$2,500 and PHEV is \$1,500 only. We would like to mirror the state and offer the same totaling rebate amount for qualifying used EV's.

a. Example – Customer purchase \$20,000 used BEV.

- i. TMLP Rebate - \$1,250
- ii. DEED Matching Rebate = \$1,250
- iii. Customer would receive a total of \$2,500 in TMLP and DEED rebates. The customer would not receive the state rebate due to purchasing a "used" vehicle.

b. Example – Customer purchased \$20,000 used PHEV

- i. TMLP Rebate = \$750
- ii. DEED Matching Rebate = \$750
- iii. Customer would receive a total of \$1,500 in TMLP and DEED rebates. The customer would not receive the state rebate due to purchasing a "used" vehicle.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the proposed changes to the 2nd Drive Used EV Rebate DEED Grant Program as cited in Sonya Britland's memo dated September 30, 2021. Unanimous.

21-165

Draft Press Release – Vineyard Wind

Manager Goulart read the following draft Press Release into the record:

Vineyard Wind, a joint venture between Avangrid Renewables, a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), today announced that the company's recent "Commonwealth Wind" proposal includes a first of its kind partnership with Energy New England (ENE) that will allow Municipal Light Plants (MLPs) to purchase offshore wind power, an opportunity that will green the portfolios of MLPs across the state.

Under the agreement, MLPs would be able to purchase up to 146,000 MWh per year in addition to Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), reducing carbon pollution by 300,000-400,000 tons over the lifetime of the contract. This agreement will enable the MLPs, which currently provide 15% of the state's energy baseload, to make meaningful progress toward meeting renewable energy targets, as required under Massachusetts' new climate law.

"Massachusetts MLPs have set targets to increase the share of clean energy in their portfolio, and with this partnership in place we can help them take meaningful steps toward this goal" said Vineyard Wind CEO Lars Pedersen. "We are proud to partner with ENE to ensure that communities across the state can buy power from the Commonwealth Wind Project and we hope to be able to expand on creative solutions for communities utilizing offshore wind going forward."

"This agreement demonstrates that offshore wind can and will deliver the benefits of clean electricity to all of Massachusetts," said Bill White, President and CEO of Offshore, Avangrid Renewables. "This partnership is an important step forward in our work to green the Commonwealth's energy mix and to make clean energy accessible to all."

"This is a significant partnership between Vineyard Wind and ENE and its MLP clients, one that signifies the commitment that all the relevant parties have to the Commonwealth's clean energy goals," said John G. Tziorangas, President and CEO of Energy New England. "The willingness of the MLPs to participate in this proposal and to continue their commitment to reducing emissions, as they have been doing, adds to their non-emitting portfolios. Working with the Vineyard Wind team, we've created a proposal that truly benefits the entire Commonwealth, bringing together private and public entities in an effort to provide the best proposal to Massachusetts in their latest solicitation for off-shore wind power."

"TMLP has been actively working towards adding more non-carbon-emitting agreements to our portfolio. As a not-for-profit public power company and active member of the ENE Board of Directors we support the Commonwealth wind proposal. This agreement would benefit our rate-payers in multiple ways. Aside from the local jobs and reducing our carbon emissions, it will add another local source of clean energy to meet these needs. With transmission costs climbing, this will help keep our rates stable. We look

forward to actively participating in our partnership with the Commonwealth, ENE and Vineyard Wind,” said Kenneth Goulart, General Manager of TMLP and Board of Directors member of Energy New England.

Implementation of the plan is contingent on Commonwealth Wind being selected by the state in the most recent round of solicitation for offshore wind energy. Commonwealth Wind is a newly proposed offshore wind project submitted to Massachusetts’ third competitive offshore wind solicitation. If awarded, Commonwealth Wind will be developed in an area 22 miles south of Martha’s Vineyard that was designated by the federal government in 2015 following a multi-year stakeholder process. Commonwealth Wind can deliver up to 1,200 MW of clean and affordable energy to Massachusetts, power 750,000 homes in Massachusetts, create over 11,000 jobs (FRE), catalyze hundreds of millions of investments in offshore wind infrastructure, and deliver substantial commitments to environmental justice communities.

Manager Goulart stated this is the gist of the press release we will be sending out. There is another press release from ENE regarding Vineyard Wind that has already been sent out. It think it is important that the public is aware that we are getting involved in this type of a process and we are very hopefully optimistic that this is going to happen for us.

Commissioner Blackwell asked when they will be awarding this.

Manager Goulart responded they should award by December 17, 2021.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Corr announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Corr stated that the next order of business is Executive Session for Competitive Advantage, Contract Negotiations (Collective Bargaining Units COVID Pay Request and General Manager’s Contract – Kimberly Holmes)

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated by the Chairman. (4:50 PM)

21-166

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows:

In Favor

Absent

Commissioner Blackwell
Chairman Corr

Commissioner Martin

Manager Goulart stated that we will be returning to Public Session with a vote and will be adjourning in Public Session.

Executive Session discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to returned to Open Session. Unanimous. (5:36 PM)

21-167

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to return to Open Session as follows:

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021

In Favor

Commissioner Blackwell
Commissioner Corr

Absent

Commissioner Martin

Chairman Corr announced that we are back in Regular Session and the next order of business is the General Manager's contract for Kimberly Holmes.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to reaffirm the July 6, 2021 appointment of Kimberly Holmes to the position of General Manager upon the retirement of the current General Manager Kenneth Goulart and to approve and execute the Employment Agreement negotiated between the TMLP Commission and Kimberly Holmes. Unanimous. 21-168

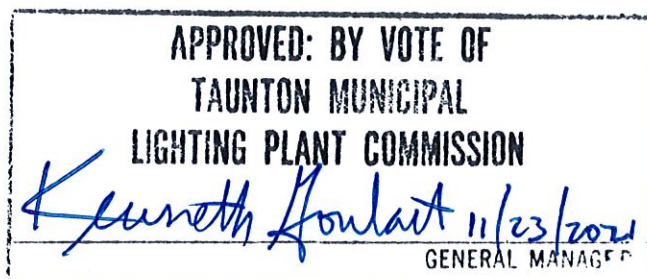
Commission congratulated Ms. Holmes.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to adjourn. Unanimous. (5:38 PM) 21-169



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Competitive Advantage

Manager Goulart and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Contract Negotiations

➤ **Collective Bargaining Units COVID Pay Request**

Manager Goulart and the Commission discussed this issue.

➤ **General Manager's Contract (Kimberly Holmes)**

Manager Goulart and the Commission reviewed the contract for Kimberly Holmes.

Motion by Commissioner Blackwell, seconded by Commissioner Corr to return to Open Session.
Unanimous. (5:36 PM)

21-167