

TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

MINUTES OF MEETING

TIME: Monday, May 23, 2022

4:00 PM – 5:35 PM

PLACE: Office of the Commission

PRESENT: Chairman Blackwell, Commissioner Corr, Commissioner Hebert, Manager Holmes, Attorney Doukas (KP Law), Ms. Davine, Ms. Silveira, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Strojny, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tremont, Mr. October, Ms. Britland, Mr. Frank, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parrotta, Ms. Catherine Veschi (GreatBlue)

Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order.

Chairman Blackwell called for a roll call.

Present

Commissioner Hebert
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Blackwell

Absent

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2022

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

REGULAR WARRANT OF MAY 5, 2022

REGULAR WARRANT OF MAY 12, 2022

REGULAR WARRANT OF MAY 19, 2022

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Interoffice Communication from Peter Botelho to James Irving dated May 17, 2022 – Subject: Request Authorization for Insulation Services – Sealed Bid

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The current insulation contract with Atlantic Contracting Specialties expires September 2022.

This memo is a request to obtain TMLP Commission authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the 2022 Insulation Services with optional extensions through 2023 and 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to authorize the request for sealed bids for Insulation Services for 2022 with optional extensions through 2023 and 2024. Unanimous.

Interoffice Communication from Peter Botelho to James Irving dated May 17, 2022 – Subject: Request Authorization for Welding Services – Sealed Bid

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

22-083

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The current welding contract with O'Connor Corporation and Theilsch Engineering is set to expire July 2022.

This memo is a request to obtain TMLP Commission authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the 2022 Welding Services with optional extensions through 2023 and 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to authorize the request for sealed bids for Welding Services for 2022 with optional extensions through 2023 and 2024. Unanimous.

22-086

AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Award of Sealed Bid for (2) 500 KVA, 13.8KV Primary, 216/125V Secondary Network Transformers with Protector and Case:

Manager Holmes read the following bid evaluation into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation								
Stainless Steel Network Transformers with Protector and Case								
(2) 500 KVA, 13.8 KV Primary, 216/125V Secondary								
IFB 22-02				May 5, 2022				
Company	Meets Specs	Unit Price	Load Loss in Watts	No Load Loss in Watts	Evaluated Unit Cost	Delivery Weeks	Total Price	Comments
Richards Mfg. Irvington, NJ	NO	\$145,341.00	570	4610	\$169,816.00	36	\$284,182.00	Quoting Pioneer Transformer No High Side Safety Interlock Richards Protector \$6500 Credit
Richards Mfg. Irvington, NJ	YES	\$239,993.00	744	3787	\$260,788.00	28-30	\$475,985.00	Quoting ABB Transformer Richards Protector \$4001 Credit

NOTE: Credit given for freight costs and number of disconnectable legs per transformer.

NOTE: GE could not provide Richards Manufacturing with a quote

No Bid: Graybar, Wesco, Irby

The TMLP Engineering Department recommends Richards Manufacturing Quoting ABB for a total cost of \$475,985 meeting specifications

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to award IFB 22-02 for (2) 500 KVA, 13.8 KV Primary, 216/125V Secondary Stainless Steel Network Transformers with Protector and Case to Richards Manufacturing for a total purchase price of \$475,985.00 per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous.

22-087

Electric Line Clearance West of Route 138, Taunton and North Dighton:

Manager Holmes read the bid evaluation into the record:

MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2022

TMLP T&D Engineering Evaluation						
Electric Line Clearance West of Route 138, Taunton and North Dighton						
IFB 22-07				May 9, 2022		
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Meets Specs.</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Hours</u>	<u>WORK RATES</u>		
North-Eastern Tree Service Cranston, RI 02920	Yes	\$1,000,000.00	10,000	Regular Rate	OT Rate	
				Tree Remover	\$55.00	\$82.50
				Tree Trimmer	\$65.00	\$97.50
				Groundman	\$55.00	\$82.50
				Lift 50-60'	\$45.00	\$45.00
				Lift 75'	\$50.00	\$50.00
				12" Chipper	\$10.00	\$10.00
				18" Chipper	\$15.00	\$15.00
				Excavator w/ Brush Mower	\$80.00	\$80.00
				Track Loader w/ Brush Mower	\$50.00	\$50.00
				Log Loader	\$50.00	\$50.00
				30 Ton Crane	\$150.00	\$200.00
				60 Ton Crane	\$200.00	\$275.00
				Chip Truck (10 CY)	\$30.00	\$30.00
				Foreman	\$70.00	\$105.00
				Truck Driver	\$75.00	\$112.50
				Equipment Operator	\$100.00	\$150.00
Barnes Tree Service Rochester, MA 02770	Yes	\$1,010,000.00	10,000	Regular Rate	OT Rate	
				Tree Remover	\$76.00	\$114.00
				Tree Trimmer	\$76.00	\$114.00
				Groundman	\$76.00	\$114.00
				Lift 50-75'	\$35.00	\$35.00
				Chipper	\$15.00	\$15.00
				Tractor w/Brush Hog	\$35.00	\$35.00
				Skidder	\$43.00	\$43.00
				Dump Truck/Chip Truck	\$22.00	\$22.00
				Log Loader	\$60.00	\$60.00
				Strump Grinder	\$38.00	\$38.00
				4x4 Truck	\$14.50	\$14.50
				Foreman	\$76.00	\$114.00
				Truck Driver	\$81.00	\$121.50
				Equipment Operator	\$76.00	\$114.00

NOTE: 2X Rate for all Sunday and Holiday Work

Engineering Department recommends award of this bid to North-Eastern Tree Service for both the base bid of \$1,000,000.00 based on day rate of estimated 10,000 hours and lower extra work rates

Commissioner Corr asked if they would be used for storms also.

Manager Holmes responded yes.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award IFB 22-07 for Electric Line Clearance West of Route 138, Taunton and North Dighton to North-Eastern Tree Service for both the base bid of \$1,000,000.00 based on day rate of estimated 10,000 hours and lower extra work rates per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous.

22-088

COMMUNICATIONS:

Presentation – Residential Energy Efficiency Programs - 2021:

Manager Holmes invited Ms. Sonja Britland to the table to do the following presentation:

- **SLIDE #1 – Residential Energy Efficiency Programs - 2021 – May 3, 2022**
- **SLIDE 2 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP's Mission:

...to provide reliable, competitively-priced services to our community in a:

- Sustainable
- Environmentally-sensitive and
- Customer-centric manner...
- **SLIDE #3 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Customer Saving Programs:

Residential Programs:

- Go Green 100%
- Appliance rebate program
- Energy audit program
- Weatherization program – House n' Home
- Solar (net metering) & battery storage program
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate & Awareness
- Prompt Payment Discount
- **SLIDE #4 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**
- FaceBook@TheTMLP
- Bill Inserts – Monthly
- TMLP.com
 - Go Green

- Light Reading Newsletter
- Digital Communications
 - Welcome Series
 - Quarterly e-Newsletter
- Community Events
- Good ol' Print Advertising
- **SLIDE #5 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Saving Customers Money & Energy:

GO GREEN 100% - Since 2019

We are proud to offer customer choice renewable energy through the purchase of Massachusetts Class 1 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)

How it works:

1. Sign-up for the Go Green 100% Program
2. We review your energy usage history (kWh)
3. We purchase enough Mass Class 1 RECs to meet your energy needs
4. We will add a line item of \$0.019* per kWh to your monthly invoice

*Amount will be adjusted as the REC market prices change.

2021 Totals: Customers: 52

- **SLIDE #6 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Saving Customers Money & Energy:

Appliance Rebate Program

Save money on Energy Star rated appliances since 2002.

Expanding our list in 2018 and again in 2021:

Clothes washer - \$50; Dehumidifier - \$25; Dishwasher - \$25; Ductless mini-splits - \$100; Electric clothes dryer - \$25; Battery Push Mower - \$50; Battery Riding Mower - \$100; Electric hybrid water heater - \$100; Ground source heat pumps - \$100; Refrigerator - \$75; Room air conditioner - \$25; Thermostat – programmable - \$25*; Thermostat – smart Wi-Fi - \$50*

Detail on qualification and application online at www.TMLP.com.

*maximum 2 thermostats

2021 Totals: Appliances: 406 – Rebates: \$22,650

➤ **SLIDE #7 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Saving Customers Money & Energy:

Energy Audit Program since 2010

- Discover ways to improve the energy efficiency in your home
- Auditor walks through the home to conduct an “energy audit”
- Received a report with recommended improvements
- Receive \$50 worth of products to get you started
- Customer informational website: <https://ee.ene.org>

2021 Totals: Audits: 120 – Value: \$38,400

Commissioner Hebert asked does that \$38,400 include the \$50 worth of products to get you started.

Ms. Britland responded no it does not. What we mean by products is LED light bulbs, outlets that have surge protectors that have a trickle charge and we even have a rocker switch that will automatically shut off your coffee maker. We give you \$50 worth of products to get you started on your energy efficiency journey for every audit that we do.

➤ **SLIDE #8 - Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Saving Customers Money & Energy:

Weatherization – House n’ Home Program

- Receive 50% of project cost up to \$500 maximum credited to account
- Requires an energy audit prior to completing work
- Audit report must recommend improvement to receive rebate
 - Insulation: Attic, Ceiling, Wall, Floor, Pipe or Duct
 - Weather stripping
 - Energy efficient window shades
 - Energy efficient window blinds
- Customer can DIY or hire contractor

Details on qualifications and application online at www.tmlp.com

2021 Totals: Customers: 10 – Rebates: \$4,443

Commissioner Hebert asked when we started this program

Ms. Britland responded about 2010

➤ **SLIDE #9 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Saving Customers Money & Energy:

Solar (net metering) Program

Residential Accounts since 2010

- Receive up to \$4500 rebate check
- Must own system
- Must own property of array location
- Must be TMLP customer of record
- Solar contractor must sell (not lease) array to the customer
- Rebate is issued after the array has received permission to operate

Details on qualifications and application online at www.TMLP.com

2021 Totals: Customers: 29 – 325 KW – Rebates: \$130,500

➤ **SLIDE #10 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

EV Rebate Since 2019

- **\$450** Car Purchase Rebate: Purchase a new or used Battery Electric Vehicle or Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (BEV or PHEV)
- **\$300** Level 2 Charger Rebate: Purchase and install a Level 2 Charger at your residence associated with your TMLP account
- 'Off Peak Charging' Program for **\$10/month**: Charging during off peak times (9:00 PM – 9:00 AM EST M-F)

2021 Totals: Customers: 33 – Rebates: \$18,070*

*Does not include recurring off-peak

➤ **SLIDE #11 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Helping Customers save Money & Energy!

- Prompt payment discount
 - Commission Initiated program – all customers receive 5% off their monthly bill
 - Pay invoice in full within 10 days to receive discount
- History of the Prompt Payment Discount:

- 1989 – December holiday discount of 5%
- 1990 – Summer months discount of a 5%
- 1992 – Prompt payment discount of 3% for the entire year
- 1993 – Prompt payment discount to 5% for the entire year

Sign-up for automatic bill pay and always receive your prompt payment discount!

2021 Total: \$2,329,209.18

➤ **SLIDE #12 – Sustainability & Commercial Development**

TMLP Cost Savings Programs – 2021 Totals

Rebate Type	Amount in USD
Appliance Rebates	\$ 22,650
Energy Audit + House N' Home	\$ 42,843
Res Solar Rebates	\$ 130,500
EV Rebates	\$ 18,070
Total	\$ 214,063

Discount Type	Amount in USD
Prompt Payment Discounts (2021 Only)	\$ 2,329,209.18

Commission thanked Ms. Britland for the presentation.

Presentation – Great Blue Research Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Manager Holmes invited Ms. Catherine Veschi from Great Blue to do the presentation.

- **SLIDE #1 – 2022 Customer Satisfaction Study**
- **SLIDE #2 – Harnessing the power of data to help clients achieve organizational goals**

Data to support strategic decisions to improve on products and services. Since 1979, our experience with study and instrument design, data collection, analysis and formal presentation assists our clients in identifying the “why” and “what’s next.”

Talent with a knowledge base in a wide range of industries and methodologies ensures a 360 degree view of the challenges faced and the expertise to address them.

Solutions that are customized to provide a personalized approach of understanding organizational, employee and customer needs allowing for more informed decisions.

➤ **SLIDE #3 – Project Overview**

- GreatBlue Research was commissioned by Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant (hereinafter “TMLP”) to conduct comprehensive research among its residential customers to gain a deeper understanding into their perceptions of the utility and satisfaction with the services provided.
- The primary goals of this research study were to assess the effectiveness of TMLP’s ability to service its customers, identify areas for improvements and isolate areas that may increase engagement.
- In order to service these research goals, GreatBlue conducted digital and telephone surveys among a random sampling of TMLP’s residential customers.
- The outcomes of this research will enable TMLP to a) more clearly understand, and ultimately set, customers’ expectations, b) act on near term opportunities for improvement, and c) create a strategic roadmap to increase customer satisfaction.

➤ **SLIDE #4 – Areas of Investigation**

The TMLP Customer Satisfaction Study leveraged a quantitative research methodology to address the following areas of investigation:

- Rating TMLP’s organizational characteristics
- Satisfaction with customer service personnel
- Awareness of TMLP’s ownership model
- Interest in services and products offered by TMLP
- Assessment of the value of TMLP’s communication platforms
- Gauging support for potential upcoming initiatives
- Likelihood to purchase an electric vehicle
- Willingness to pay extra for all electricity to come from renewable resources
- Demographic profiles of respondents

➤ **SLIDE #5 - Research Methodology Snapshot**

- Methodology – Phone/Digital
- No. of Completes – 1,002 (226 phone + 776 digital)
- No. of Questions – 40*
- Incentive – None
- Sample – Customer List
- Target – Residential Customers
- Quality Assurance – Dual-level**
- Margin of Error – 3%
- Confidence Level – 95%
- Research Dates – February 14 – March 21, 2022

*This represents the total possible number of questions; not all respondents will answer all questions based on skip patterns and other instrument bias.

**Supervisory personnel, in addition to computer-aided interviewing platform, ensure the integrity of the data is accurate.

➤ **SLIDE #6 – Respondent Snapshot**

This slide quantifies select data points to provide context for this research study. The data is not meant to be proportional to population contribution, rather to provide an empirical view into the demographic profile of the participants.

AGE

18 to 24 – 0.6%
25 to 34 – 9.0%
35 to 44 – 15.3%
45 to 54 – 18.8%
65 or older – 3.5%
Prefer not to answer – 3.4%

INCOME

Under \$9,999 – 0.9%
\$10,000 to less than \$25,000 – 3.3%
\$25,000 to less than \$40,000 – 7.5%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000 – 7.1%
\$50,000 to less than \$60,000 – 5.8%
\$60,000 to less than \$75,000 – 8.3%
\$75,000 or more – 45.0%
Don't know / Unsure – 1.4%
Prefer not to answer – 20.8%

TYPE OF DWELLING

Single family home – 67.1%
Town house or multi-family house – 10.9%
Apartment building – 7.9%
Mobile home – 4.9%
Condo – 5.6%
Other (specify) – 1.8%
Don't know / Unsure – 1.9%

➤ **SLIDE #7 – Respondent Snapshot**

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RENT OR OWN

Rent – 13.4%
Own – 84.9%
Don't know / Unsure – 1.7%

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY

15 years or less – 46.5%

16 years or less – 18.9%
30 years or more – 33.2%
Don't know / not sure – 0.6%
Refused - .08%

➤ **SLIDE #8 – Key Study Findings – Report highlights – TMLP's Strengths**

- In 2022, TMLP's average positive rating for several company characteristics increased (91.4% over 90.3% in 2020). This was driven by high positive ratings for TMLP's "reliable service" (96.5%), "overall satisfaction with TMLP" (95.5%) and "honesty / integrity" (94.7%).
- Over four-fifths of respondents (84.6%) indicated that when they contact TMLP, their issues or questions are resolved to their satisfaction the first time they contact TMLP, and only 2.6% of respondents reported needing to contact TMLP multiple times before their issue is resolved.
- The majority of respondents (85.2%) correctly indicated TMLP is a "City Owned Municipal Utility."
- Over three-quarters of respondents reported TMLP's e-mails (78.8%) and website (76.8%) are valuable communication methods.
- Nearly one-quarter of respondents (23.5%) reported being likely to purchase an electric vehicle in the next three years.

➤ **SLIDE #9 – Key Study Findings – Report Highlights – Opportunities to Grow**

- In 2022, TMLP received decreased ratings for "helping customers use energy more efficiently," and "lack of energy efficiency / conservation tips" was mentioned as a reason for providing low ratings for TMLP for any company characteristic mentioned. Further, roughly two-fifths of respondents reported future plans to enroll in "Energy Audit / Efficiency Rebate Programs" and "Weatherization Rebate Program (House n' Home)."
- A decreased frequency of 2022 respondents correctly identified TMLP as a "City Owned Municipal Utility." However, an increased frequency of respondents reported it is important to them to maintain local control of their municipal utility.
- Over three-quarters of respondents indicated self-service digital options that provide the ability to have their general needs and questions taken care of without the need to speak with a live representative, are important to them.

➤ **SLIDE #9 – Increased Ratings for Utility Service Characteristics**

In 2022, surveyed customers provided a slightly increased average positive rating of 91.4% over 90.3% in 2020.

Notably, respondents provided the highest positive ratings for TMLP's "reliable service" (96.5%), their "overall satisfaction with TMLP" (95.5%) and TMLP's "honesty / integrity" (94.7%).

Of note respondents provided decreased ratings for TMLP "helping customers use energy more efficiently" (81.0% from 86.5% in 2020).

	2016	2018	2020	2022
Customer interactions and communication	-	-	-	92.1
Helping customers use energy more efficiently	84.6	77.5	86.5	81.0
Honesty / Integrity	-	-	-	94.7
Reliable service	97.5	94.2	95.1	96.5
Rates	89.9	84.1	89.2	89.7
Community Service	-	-	-	90.4
Overall satisfaction with TMLP	-	-	-	95.5
Average	90.7	85.2	90.3	91.4

-Question was not asked in previous studies

➤ **SLIDE #10 – Issues Resolved on First Point of Contact**

Over four-fifths of respondents (84.6%) indicated that when they contact TMLP, things are taken care of to their satisfaction the first time, while only 2.6% of respondents indicated they must have repeated contact with TMLP before their issue is resolved. Among the 14 respondents who reported requiring multiple points of contact with TMLP, primary reasons for needing repeated contact included a "billing issue" (28.6%) or "internet issues" (21.4%).

Question: For what reason(s) did you require multiple points of contact with TMLP?

	2022
Sample size	14
Billing issue	28.6
Internet issues	21.4
Recurring outages	7.1
Difficult to speak with a rep	7.1
High bills / too expensive	7.1
Meter issue	7.1
Automated system needs improvements	7.1
Payment issues	7.1
Employee errors made	7.1

➤ **SLIDE #11 – Majority Aware of Municipal Ownership**

Over four-fifths of customers surveyed in 2022 (85.2% from 92.4% in 2020) correctly identified TMLP as a "City Owned Municipal Utility." Further, the majority of respondents, 94.0%, indicated it is either "very important" (80.8%) or "somewhat important" (13.2%) to maintain local control of their municipal utility (up from 88.3% who reported the same in 2020).

➤ **SLIDE #12 – Future Interest in Weatherization and Efficiency Programs**

Over on-quarter of respondents (28.6%) reported previously participating in "Energy Audit / Efficiency Rebate programs" with TMLP, while nearly two-fifths of respondents (38.7%) have not previously but plan to do so in the future. While only 11.0% of respondents indicated they have participated in TMLP's

"Weatherization Rebate Program (House n' Home)," over two-fifths of respondents (42.5%) indicated they have not previously but plant to enroll in the future.

Question: Now, I will read you a short list of programs or services from TMLP; for each program or service, please tell me if you have participated in the past or would be willing to in the future.

	Yes, have & will in future	Yes, have & won't in future	No, but will in the future	No, and won't in the future	Don't know
Energy Audit / Efficiency Rebate Programs	26.5	2.1	38.7	14.1	18.6
Weatherization Rebate Program (House n' Home)	9.8	1.2	42.5	20.4	26.1
Solar Rebate Program	5.0	0.1	22.7	43.1	28.7
Electric Vehicle Program	3.5	0.4	23.5	41.7	30.9

Commissioner Hebert asked do you folks do this for a lot of other Massachusetts Municipal utilities.

Ms. Veschi responded yes.

Commissioner Hebert asked how this interest maps to other utilities.

Mr. Veschi responded usually what we see is low current participation on energy efficiency programs. There is usually high interest in the future but we cycle these programs in and out. They are utility specific but it is normal to see lower participation especially when you look at electric vehicles programs. Obviously, you are not participating if you do not have an electric vehicle yet and we are still in the early adoption phase of those so those are pretty normal numbers to see but it really depends on the program you are looking at.

➤ **SLIDE #13 - Find E-mail and Website Most Valuable Communication Methods**

Over three-quarters of respondents indicated TMLP's e-mails (78.8%) and website (76.8%) are 'very valuable' or 'somewhat valuable' communication methods. Further, nearly two-thirds of respondents (64.4%) reported TMLP's direct mail is a valuable communication method for them.

Question: Now, I would like you to rate the value of the following communication methods provided by TMLP; for each following please tell me if you believe this method is very valuable, somewhat valuable, not very valuable, or not at all valuable. (Total "valuable")

Email	78.8
TMLP Website	76.8
Direct Mail	64.4
Text Messages	59.1
Bill inserts + Newsletters (digital)	57.4
Bill inserts + Newsletters (printed)	54.5
Social Media (Facebook)	38.4

➤ **SLIDE #14 – Find Self-Service Digital Options Important**

Over three-quarters of respondents, 76.9% indicated self-service digital options that give them the ability to get general needs and questions taken care of without the need to speak to a live representative are either "very important" (45.8%) or "somewhat important" (31.1%) to them.

Question: The need for self-service options (online appointments setting, bill payment, etc.) is growing among many customers. How important are self-service digital options (website, e-mail, text) that give you the ability to get general needs and questions taken care of without the need to speak to a live representative?

Very important	45.8
Somewhat important	31.1
Not at all important	8.5
Not very important	8.3
Don't know / Unsure	6.3

➤ **SLIDE #15 – Increased Likelihood to Purchase Electric Vehicles**

In 2022, nearly one-quarter of respondents, 23.5% indicated they are “very likely” (7.3%) or “somewhat likely” (16.2%) to purchase an electric vehicle in the next three years (up from 12.7% who reported the same in 2020). Further, a decreased frequency of respondents (51.4% from 76.3% in 2020) indicated they are “not at all likely” to purchase an electric vehicle in the next three years.

Question: In the next 3 years, how likely would you say you are to purchase an electric vehicle? Would you say...?

	2020	2022
Very likely	3.2	7.3
Somewhat likely	9.5	16.2
Somewhat unlikely	6.6	14.5
Not at all likely	76.3	51.4
Don't know / Unsure	4.5	10.7

The Commission thanked Ms. Veschi for the presentation.

Presentation – TMLP Cost of Service and Rate Change – May 23, 2022

Manager Holmes invited Mr. Devon Tremont to the table to do the following presentation:

- **SLIDE #1 – TMLP Cost of Service and Rate Change – May 23, 2022**
- **SLIDE #2 – Expected 2022 Returns by Rate Component**



Actual figures for Jan – Mar; Budget figures for Apr – Dec

➤ **SLIDE #3 – Proposed Rate Change: Residential (01, 05, 11)**

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$18.93	\$16.50
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Dist. 1st 600 kWh	0.01381	0.01742
Dist. Excess 600 kWh	0.03222	0.04064
Transmission	0.01949	0.02499
Transistion	0.03385	0.03418
Gen. 1st 600 kWh	0.05127	0.06562
Gen excess 600 kWh	0.06442	0.08245
PCA	-	-
Total 1st 600 kWh	0.11842	0.14221
Total Excess 600 kWh	0.14998	0.18226



➤ **SLIDE #4 – Proposed Rate Change: Residential (01, 05, 11)**

Based on 750 kWh Average Residential Usage:

8/1/2008 - \$125.54
 1/1/2009 - \$118.42
 5/1/2009 - \$113.61
 11/1/2009 - \$105.77
 2/1/2011 - \$99.09
 6/1/2014 - \$98.29
 10/1/2014 - \$101.85
 7/1/2015 - \$108.98
 2/1/2016 to Present - \$106.86
 7/1/2022 - \$123.00

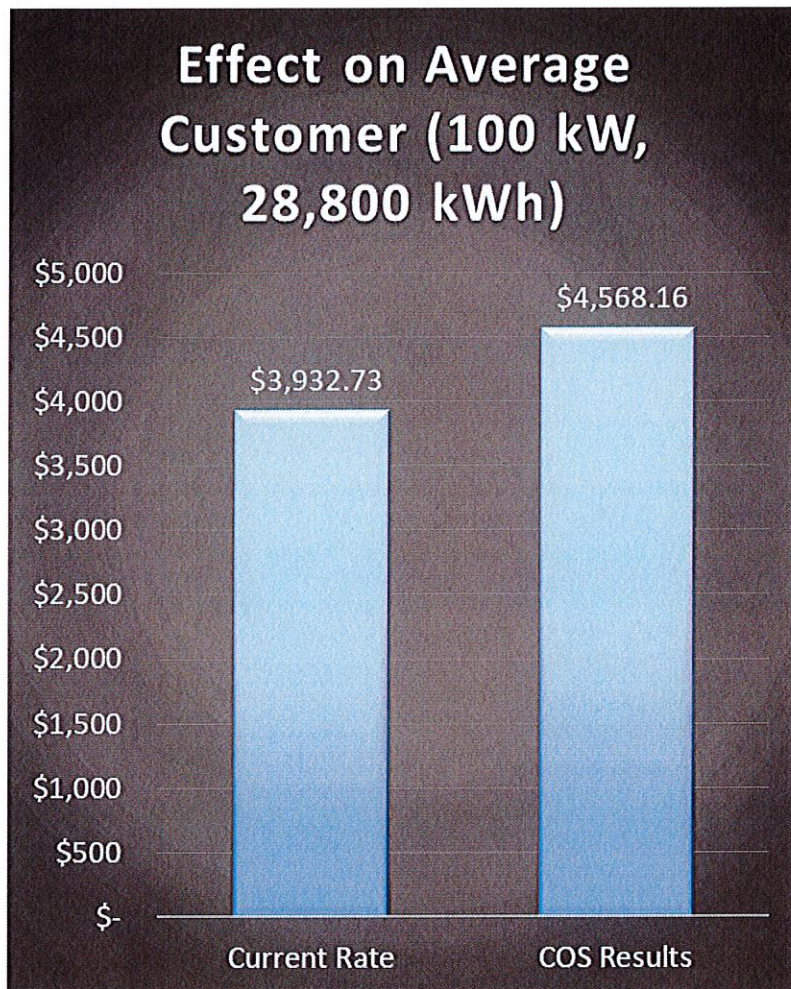
➤ **SLIDE #5 – Proposed Rate Change: General Service (21, 27)**

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$24.83	\$34.37
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Distribution	0.03592	0.04773
Transmission	0.02663	0.02158
Transition	0.03325	0.05023
Generation	0.06420	0.05873
PCA	-	-
Total	0.16000	0.17827



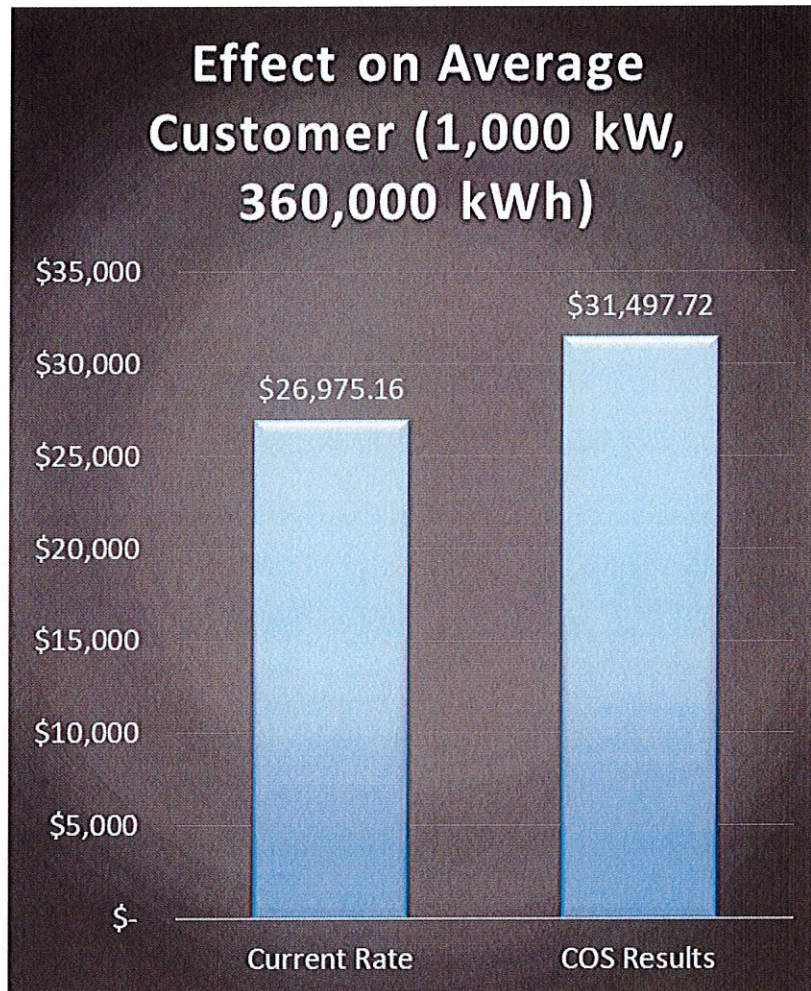
➤ **SLIDE #6 – Proposed Rate Change: Secondary L&P (37, 38, 39)**

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$171.33	\$206.38
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Distribution	0.00331	0.00369
Transmission	-	-
Transistion	0.01880	0.02324
Generation	0.05582	0.06747
PCA	-	-
Total Energy	0.07793	0.09440
Demand Charges (\$/kW)		
Distribution	6.56	7.31
Transmission	7.02	7.01
Transistion	3.66	4.53
Total Demand	17.24	18.84



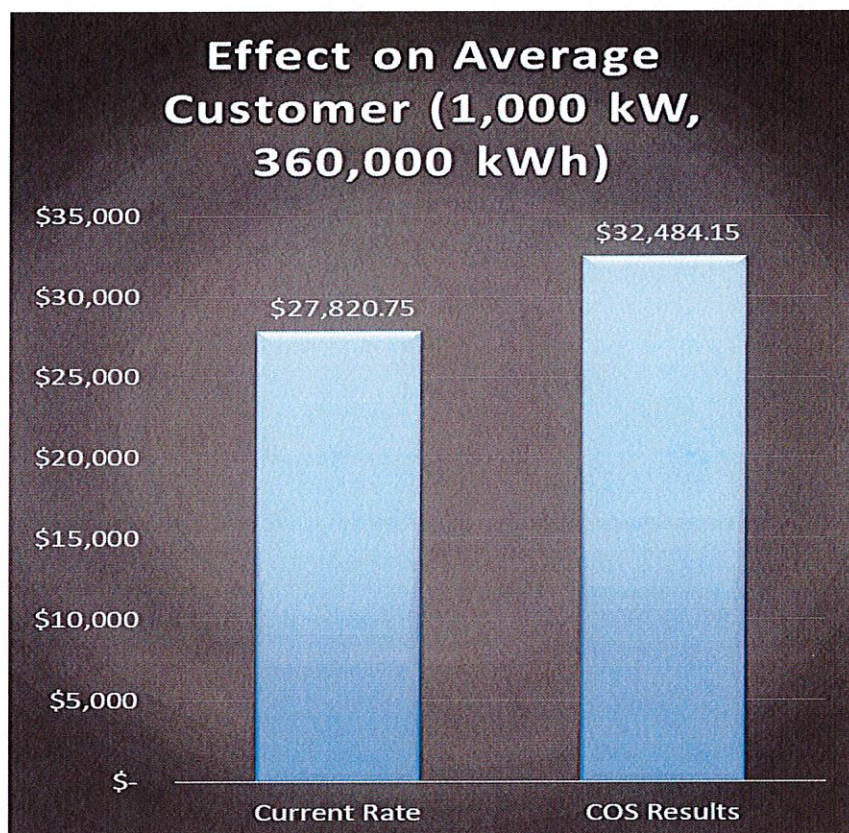
➤ SLIDE #7 – Proposed Rate Change: Industrial (31)

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$959.90	\$907.76
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Dist. 1st 300	0.01128	0.00800
Dist. Excess 300	0.00376	0.00267
Transmission	-	-
Transistion	0.01624	0.01869
Gen. 1st 300	0.05823	0.07003
Gen. Excess 300	0.05099	0.06132
Total Energy 1st 300	0.08575	0.09671
Total Energy Excess 300	0.07099	0.08267
Demand Charges (\$/kW)		
Distribution	4.81	3.41
Transmission	5.04	8.67
Transistion	4.94	5.68
Total Demand	14.79	17.77



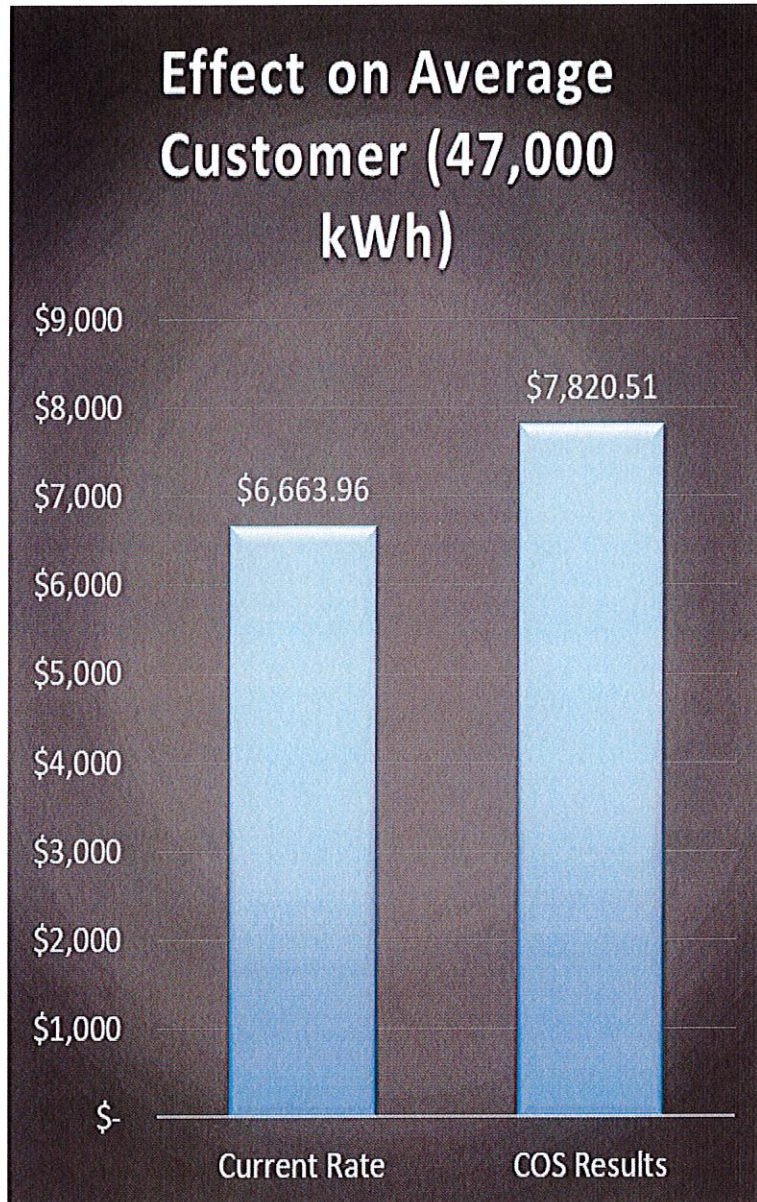
➤ SLIDE #8 – Proposed Rate Change: Interruptible Industrial (31i)

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$1,110.00	\$1,057.76
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Dist. 1st 300	0.01128	0.00800
Dist. Excess 300	0.00376	0.00267
Transmission	-	-
Transistion	0.01624	0.01869
Gen. 1st 300	0.05823	0.07003
Gen. Excess 300	0.05099	0.06132
Total Energy 1st 300	0.08575	0.09671
Total Energy Excess 300	0.07099	0.08267
Demand Charges (\$/kW)		
Distribution	5.05	3.58
Transmission	5.29	9.11
Transistion	2.10	1.75
FCM	2.88	3.99
Schedule 3	0.21	0.23
Total Demand	15.53	18.66



➤ **SLIDE #9 – Proposed Rate Change: Commercial Apt (35)**

	Current	Required
Service Charge	\$154.57	\$154.88
Energy Charges (\$/kWh):		
Distribution	0.027200	0.029695
Transmission	0.022120	0.022719
Transistion	0.039330	0.052736
Generation	0.057310	0.066707
PCA	-	-
Total	0.145960	0.171856



➤ **SLIDE #10 – Cost of Service Conclusions**

- TMLP's electric rates need to be restructured to account for increased costs of electricity that we purchase. This provides:
 - An optimal rate structure based on cost of service allocations
 - Assurance of TMLP's financial stability
 - Competitive and equitable electric rates

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hebert asked when the last time this was done.

Mr. Tremont responded 2016.

Commissioner Hebert stated that the before and after PCA's are all blank on here, normally you reset to have zero PCA's but is the PCA zero now.

Mr. Tremont responded correct.

Commissioner Hebert asked has there been a trend behind this for a while. It is like every 5 years we do PCA or in between that's why, I'm sorry, do cost of service we have PCA for the in between, but some of it is allocations and some of it more of cost of doing business. Has it been pretty apparent for a while is my question?

Mr. Tremont responded it started towards the end of last year, late July August was when you started seeing issues in the global fuel market that was just pushing up power prices everywhere. It was at that point that everyone else was looking at the same issues. Other utilities may have imposed a PCA rate on their customers, we elected not to. But we knew that we were headed to a rate change, it was inevitable.

Commissioner Hebert asked what is in transition?

Mr. Tremont responded those are for all of the legacy assets from prior to deregulation so those are some of the older stuff down at the Plant, a lot of legacy things like that, overhead lines some of the older lingering infrastructure.

The Commission thanked Mr. Tremont for the presentation.

Interoffice Communication from Devon Tremont to Kimberly Holmes and the Commission dated May 23, 2022: Subject: 2022 Rate Adjustment

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

I am request authorization to adjust the following TMLP rate classes to be effective July 1, 2022:

- Residential (Rates 01, 05, 11)
- General Service (Rates 21, 27)
- General Service – Primary (Rate 31)
- General Service – Primary Interruptible Option (Rate 31i)

- All Electric Commercial Apartment Building (Rate 35)
- Secondary L&P (Rates 37, 38, 39)

The proposed rates are attached.

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE – GENERAL
(RATES 01, 05, 11)

This rate is available for private residences, individual apartments, condominiums, and condominium common areas where electricity is used for domestic purposes including lighting, heating, space heating, and incidental power. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

Service Charge See Minimum Charge Below

Distribution Charge		
First 600 kWh		\$0.01742 per kWh
Excess of 600 kWh		\$0.04064 per kWh
Transition Charge		\$0.03418 per kWh
Transmission Charge		\$0.02499 per kWh
Subtotal	First 600 kWh	\$0.07658 per kWh
Subtotal	Excess of 600 kWh	\$0.09981 per kWh

Generation Charge	
First 600 kWh	\$0.06562 per kWh
<u>Excess of 600 kWh</u>	<u>\$0.08245 per kWh</u>
 Total First 600 kWh	 \$0.14221 per kWh
Total Excess of 600 kWh	\$0.18226 per kWh

MINIMUM CHARGE

The Service Charge will be billed per meter and is calculated as follows:
For consumption of 0 to 200 kWh/mo the Service Charge is \$7.27.
For consumption of 201 to 300 kWh/mo the Service Charge is $\$7.27 + [(Consumption - 200) \times \$0.0923]$.
For consumption above 300 kWh/mo the Service Charge is \$16.50 per meter.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Open order.

DISCOUNT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RECIPIENTS

Customers who are head of a household and are presently receiving Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Administration are eligible to receive a credit equal of the monthly service charge. It is the responsibility of the customer to annually certify, by forms provided by the utility, the continued compliance with the qualifications for this credit.

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M.D.P.U. No. 155
Cancels M.D.P.U. No. 146
Effective July 1, 2022

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant GENERAL SERVICE (RATES 21, 27)

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for small professional, mercantile, commercial, school, church, hospital, public building and any industrial light and power, where the monthly energy usage is below 15,000 kilowatt hours. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

MONTHLY CHARGE

Service Charge \$34.37

Delivery Services:

Distribution Charge	\$0.04773 per kWh
Transition Charge	\$0.05023 per kWh
Transmission Charge	\$0.02158 per kWh

Supplier Services:

Generation Charge	\$0.05873 per kWh
TOTAL	\$0.17827 per kWh

MINIMUM CHARGE

\$34.37 per month per meter.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

POWER FACTOR

When the customer power factor, based on a test, is found to be below 90% lagging, the energy portion of the monthly bill will be increased by 0.5% for each 1% that the power factor is below 90%.

TEMPORARY SERVICE RIDER

Available for temporary service upon payment by the customer of the estimated cost to the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant of installing and removing all equipment necessary to supply the customer his requirements; provided, however, that no such service will be supplied at voltage and phase other than available from the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's existing lines.

TERMS OF CONTRACT

Twelve months, and yearly thereafter.

Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month on any past due balance over thirty day

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M.D.P.U. No. 156
Cancels M.D.P.U. No. 147
Effective July 1, 2022

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant
GENERAL SERVICE – PRIMARY
(Rate 31)

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for service to any industrial or commercial use, where the load is in excess of 150 kilovolt-amperes. Service will be applied and measured at Primary voltage. The customer shall supply all transformer and regulating equipment. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

MONTHLY CHARGE

Service charge \$907.76

Delivery Services:**Energy Charges:**

Distribution Charge	First 300 Hours	\$0.00800 per kWh
	Excess 300 Hours	\$0.00267 per kWh
Transmission Charge		\$0.00000 per kWh
Transition Charge		<u>\$0.01869 per kWh</u>
	Subtotal First 300 Hours	\$0.02668 per kWh
	Subtotal Excess 300 Hours	\$0.02135 per kWh

Demand Charges:

Distribution Charge	\$3.41 per kva
Transmission Charge	\$8.67 per kva
Transition Charge	<u>\$5.68 per kva</u>
Subtotal	\$17.77 per kva

Supplier Services:

Generation Charge	Under 300 Hours	\$0.07003 per kWh
	Over 300 Hours	<u>\$0.06132 per kWh</u>
	Total Under 300 Hours	\$0.09671 per kWh
	Total Over 300 Hours	\$0.08267 per kWh
	Total Demand	\$17.77 per kva

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

BILLING DEMAND DETERMINATION

The Billing Demand shall be determined by comparing the highest fifteen minute kilovolt-ampere demand recorded or indicated in the current month by standard meter and the highest fifteen minute kilovolt-ampere demand recorded or indicated in the preceding months of June, July and August. The customer will be charged based on the higher of the two demands.

MINIMUM CHARGE

\$ 3,573.26 per month including a minimum billing demand of 150 kilovolt-amperes.

TRANSFORMER RENTAL RIDER

Only when available and under special emergency conditions will the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant install, for a temporary period, a transformer for customer requirements. The customer will be charged \$0.20 per month per kilovolt-ampere of transformer capacity. Any new or additional transformer capacity will be provided by the customer.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Twelve months, and yearly thereafter. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month on any past-due balance over thirty days.

M.D.P.U No. 157
Cancels M.D.P.U. No. 153
Effective July 1, 2022

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant
GENERAL SERVICE – PRIMARY
INTERRUPTIBLE OPTION
(RATE 31i)

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for service to any industrial or commercial use, where the load is in excess of 150 kilovolt-amperes. Service will be applied and measured at Primary voltage. The customer shall supply all transformer and regulating equipment. Customers may not be participating in any other demand response program. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

MONTHLY CHARGE

Service Charge \$1,057.76

Delivery Services:

Distribution Charge	First 300 Hours	\$0.00800 per kWh
	Excess 300 Hours	\$0.00267 per kWh
Transition Charge		\$0.01869 per kWh
Transmission Charge		\$0.00000 per kWh
Subtotal	First 300 Hours	\$0.02668 per kWh
Subtotal	Excess 300 Hours	\$0.02135 per kWh

Supplier Services:

Generation Charge	First 300 Hours	\$0.07003 per kWh
	Excess 300 Hours	\$0.06132 per kWh
Total	First 300 Hours	\$0.09671 per kWh
Total	Excess 300 Hours	\$0.08267 per kWh

	Customer 12-mo Peak	Coincident Network Peak	Coincident ISO-NE Peak	Coincident TMLP Peak
Distribution Demand*	\$3.58 per kVA			
Transition Demand*	\$1.75 per kVA			
Transmission Demand		\$9.11 per kVA		
FCM			\$3.99 per kVA	
Schedule 3				\$0.23 per kVA
Total Demand	\$5.33 per kVA	\$9.11 per kVA	\$3.99 per kVA	\$0.23 per kVA

MINIMUM CHARGE

\$ 3,856.76 per month including a minimum billing demand of 150 kilovolt-amperes.

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

BILLING DEMAND DETERMINATION

Four Billing Demands will be determined for this rate:

- (1) The Billing Demand applicable to the Distribution and Transition Charges shall be determined by comparing the highest fifteen minute kilovolt-ampere demand recorded or indicated in the current month by standard meter and the highest fifteen minute kilovolt-ampere demand recorded or indicated in the preceding 12 months. The customer will be charged based on the higher of the two demands.
- (2) The Billing Demand applicable to the Transmission charge shall be determined by the customer's Monthly Network Load. Network Load as defined by ISO-New England, customer's kilo-volt ampere demand recorded or indicated coincident with the coincident aggregate load of all Network Customers served in each Local Network in the hour in which the coincident load is at its maximum for the month ("Monthly Peak").
- (3) The Billing Demand applicable to the FCM charge shall be determined by the customer's kilo-volt ampere demand recorded or indicated coincident with the annual peak load determined on a 12 month rolling basis for the ISO-NE territory.
- (4) The Billing Demand applicable to the Schedule 3 charge shall be determined by the customer's kilo-volt ampere demand recorded or indicated coincident with the annual peak load determined on a 12 month rolling basis within the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's service territory.

TRANSFORMER RENTAL RIDER

Only when available and under special emergency conditions will the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant install, for a temporary period, a transformer for customer requirements. The customer will be charged \$0.20 per month per kilovolt-ampere of transformer capacity. Any new or additional transformer capacity will be provided by the customer.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Twelve months, and yearly thereafter. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month on any past-due balance over thirty days.

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M.D.P.U. No. 158
Cancels M.D.P.U. No. 148
Effective July 1,
2022

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant
ALL ELECTRIC
COMMERCIAL APARTMENT BUILDING
(RATE 35)

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for all-electric commercial apartment buildings of 6 apartments or more where electricity is used for all services, who were customers of record as of July 1, 1981. The customer shall arrange the wiring for electric water heaters in such a manner that the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant could install control equipment to control the water heaters. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

MONTHLY CHARGE

Service Charge \$259.95

Delivery Services:

Distribution Charge	\$0.02969 per kWh
Transition Charge	\$0.05274 per kWh
Transmission Charge	\$0.02272 per kWh

Supplier Services:

Generation Charge	\$0.06671 per kWh
TOTAL	\$0.17186 per kWh

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

MINIMUM CHARGE

\$259.95 per month per meter.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Twelve months and yearly thereafter.

Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month on any past-due balance over thirty days.

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M.D.P.U. No. 159
Cancels M.D.P.U. No. 149
Effective July 1,
2022

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant
SECONDARY LIGHT and POWER SERVICE
(RATES 37, 38, 39)

AVAILABILITY

This rate is available for general commercial and industrial service where lighting, power, refrigeration and heating are used in accordance with the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's general service requirements. Service under this rate is subject to Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's General Terms and Conditions for Retail Electric Service and its applicable requirements and specifications, as in effect from time to time.

MONTHLY CHARGE

Service Charge \$206.38

Delivery Services:

Energy Charges:

Distribution Charge	\$0.00369 per kWh
Transition Charge	\$0.02324 per kWh
Transmission Charge	\$0.00000 per kWh
Subtotal	\$0.02693 per kWh

Demand Charges:

Distribution Charge	\$ 7.31 per kW
Transition Charge	\$ 4.53 per kW
Transmission Charge	\$ 7.01 per kW
Subtotal	\$18.84 per kW

Supplier Services:

Generation Charge \$0.06747 per kWh

Total Energy \$0.09440 per kWh
Total Demand \$18.84 per kW

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

The power cost adjustment, either a charge or a credit, will be applied to all kilowatt-hours used under this rate. Details of the power cost adjustment are provided in Service Classification No. 1.

MINIMUM CHARGE

\$394.78 per month, including a minimum billing demand of 10 kW.

DETERMINATION OF DEMAND

The Billing Demand shall be determined by comparing the highest fifteen minute kilowatt demand recorded in the current month by standard meter and the highest fifteen minute kilowatt demand recorded in the preceding months of June, July and August. The customer will be charged based on the higher of the two demands.

POWER FACTOR

When the customer power factor, based on a test, is found to be below 90% lagging, the Billing Demand will be increased by adding 1% of the Actual Demand for each 1% that the power factor is below 90%.

PRIMARY EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT

A customer who furnishes, installs, operates and maintains transformers and auxiliary primary equipment necessary to deliver at a secondary voltage is eligible for a discount of \$0.15 per kilowatt of billing demand, which will be applied to the bill.

TERM OF CONTRACT

Twelve months, and yearly thereafter. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 ½% per month on any past-due balance over thirty days.

Discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Corr stated I would like to make a comment that this is the times that we are in. I am not in favor of this but this is something we have to do and I am sure my two colleagues feel the same way.

Commissioner Blackwell stated absolutely. The last time we had a rate change was a 2% decrease in 2016 when other companies were going up. It is just the way of the times

Commissioner Hebert stated that I think to that point on a % basis this is a lot less than what I think everyone sees at the gas pump, heating oil, natural gas cost etc. So there is some good news in there somewhere. I guess at least from my perspective, I would ask the General Manager and the ESP Department to provide us with quarterly updates on how we are going following instituting the rate changes.

Commissioner Corr asked that this be added to the motion and seconded it.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept the proposed rates per the attached rate sheets per Devon Tremont's memo of May 23, 2022 with regard to the 2022 rate adjustments and that the General Manager provide the Commission with quarterly updates on how the TMLP is going following instituting the rate changes. Unanimous.

22-089

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated May 23, 2022 –
Subject: MMUSIFT Voting Representative

Manager Holmes stated as you know we have a new Financial Manager, Robert Frank, and the next few items on the agenda are just clean up items to give him the authority he needs to move forward in his position.

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

Attached is a certificate of vote required by the Massachusetts Municipal Utility Self-Insurance Trust Fund (MMUSIT) to designate me as TMLP's voting representative on the Trust replacing Kenneth Goulart. I would also like to take this opportunity to appoint Robert Frank as the alternate voting representative.

TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION

Designation of Voting Representative and Alternative Representative

To the Massachusetts Municipal Utility Self-Insurance Trust Fund

Be it resolved that Kimberly Holmes, the General Manager of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant ("TMLP"), hereby replaces Kenneth Goulart, and is hereby designated as the voting representative of the TMLP to the Massachusetts Municipal Utility Self-Insurance Trust Fund ("Trust"), and that Robert Frank,

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the Financial Manager for the TMLP, is hereby ratified as the alternative voting representative of the TMLP to the Trust.

This vote was taken at a duly noticed meeting of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission, held on May 23, 2022 at which a quorum was present and operating throughout the meeting. The vote was passed by majority vote of the members of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission.

Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission

Mark E. Blackwell, Sr., Chairman

Peter J. Corr, Secretary

Timothy J. Hebert, Member

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to appoint Kimberly Holmes, General Manager as TMLP's voting representative on the Trust replacing Kenneth Goulart and to appoint Robert Frank, Financial Manager as the alternate voting representative on the Trust. Unanimous. 22-090

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated May 23, 2022 – Subject: Appointment of Trustee – Sick Leave Trust (Financial Manager)

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Sick Leave Trust requires the Commission to appoint the Financial Manager to serve as a Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Sick Leave Trust. In accordance with the terms of the Trust document, I am hereby requesting a formal vote to appoint Robert Frank to serve as Trustee effective immediately.

Also attached is an acceptance agreement in accordance with the terms of the Trust.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Robert Frank, duly appointed and presently serving as TMLP's Financial Manager, do hereby accept the position as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Sick Leave Trust under the terms of the Trust dated October 5, 1982 and amended as of May 23, 2022.

Robert Frank, Financial Manager

May 23, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to appoint Robert Frank, Financial Manager, to serve as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Sick Leave Trust effective immediately. Unanimous. 22-091

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated May 23, 2022 – Subject: Appointment of Trustee – Retirement Trust (Financial Manager)

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust requires the Commission to appoint the Financial Manager to serve as a Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust. In

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accordance with the terms of the Trust document, I am hereby requesting a formal vote to appoint Robert Frank to serve as Trustee effective immediately.

Also attached is an acceptance agreement in accordance with the terms of the Trust.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Robert Frank, duly appointed and presently serving as TMLP's Financial Manager, do hereby accept the position as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust under the terms of the Trust dated March 11, 1980 and amended as of May 23, 2022.

Robert Frank, Financial Manager

May 23, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to appoint Robert Frank, Financial Manager, to serve as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust effective immediately. Unanimous. 22-092

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated May 23, 2022 – Subject: Appointment of Trustee – OPEB Trust (Financial Manager)

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Sick Leave Trust requires the Commission to appoint the Financial Manager to serve as a Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's OPEB Trust. In accordance with the terms of the Trust document, I am hereby requesting a formal vote to appoint Robert Frank to serve as Trustee effective immediately.

Also attached is an acceptance agreement in accordance with the terms of the Trust.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Robert Frank, duly appointed and presently serving as TMLP's Financial Manager, do hereby accept the position as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's OPEB Trust under the terms of the Trust dated March 3, 2015 and amended as of May 23, 2022.

Robert Frank, Financial Manager

May 23, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to appoint Robert Frank, Financial Manager, to serve as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's OPEB Trust effective immediately. Unanimous. 22-093

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated May 23, 2022 – Subject: Appointment of Trustee – Retirement Trust (Commissioner)

Manager Holmes stated this is to fill Commissioner Martin's vacant spot on the Retirement Trust.

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

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The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust requires a commissioner of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission serve as Trustee. In accordance with the terms of the Trust document, I am hereby requesting a formal vote to appoint for the commission a commissioner to serve as Trustee effective immediately. Attached is the acceptance document in accordance with the terms of the Trust.

ACCEPTANCE

I, Timothy J. Hebert, duly appointed and presently serving as TMLP's Commissioner, do hereby accept the position as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust under the terms of the Trust dated March 11, 1980 and amended as of May 23, 2022.

Timothy J. Hebert, Commissioner

May 23, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to appoint Timothy J. Hebert, Commissioner to service as Trustee of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant's Retirement Trust effective immediately. Commissioner Hebert voted present. Motion carried. 22-094

Letter from Associates for Human Services to Sonja Britland dated May 5, 2022 – Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

Thank you so much for the \$250 Sponsorship in support of our 18th Annual TASC Business-Education Spelling Bee held on April 27th! Your generous contribution displays a real commitment to greater Taunton students, and helps sustain our "Career Development Education," or CDE, opportunities for youth. These include: paid/unpaid internships and other actual work experiences, our signature one-to-one Career Mentoring service, as well as career and job fairs.

Your support is much appreciated, because it helps fund an array of services we provide to students at our three current partnership schools: Bristol County Agricultural High School, Taunton Alternative high School and Taunton High School. Know that we will continue to connect local employers with these schools so that at risk and other students can be motivated to learn, better prepared to work, and able to make more informed education and career choices.

On behalf of the Taunton Area School to Career program and Associates for Human Services, thanks again for your Spelling Bee sponsorship. We are very grateful to be a recipient of your valued, charitable giving!

Sincerely,

Shavon Tolson, TASC Program Director

Debbie Howland, AHS Development & Communications Director

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to accept letter of appreciation from Associates for Human Services and place on file. Unanimous. 22-095

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Blackwell announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Blackwell stated that the next order of business is Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations.

Manager Holmes stated that we will not be returning to Public Session and will be adjourning in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to go into Executive Session for Competitive Advantage and Contract Negotiations. (5:03 PM)

22-096

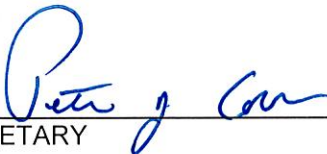
The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows:

In Favor

Absent

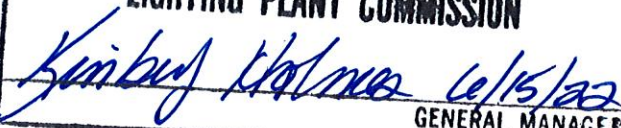
Commissioner Hebert
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Blackwell

Executive Session discussion.



SECRETARY

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APPROVED: BY VOTE OF
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL
LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION

GENERAL MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Competitive Advantage

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

Contract Negotiations

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

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. Unanimous. (5:35 PM)

22-097