

Minutes:

Stowe Electric Commissioners' Meeting
January 20, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at Town of Stowe Electric Conference Room

Present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Richard ("Dick") Marron, Chairman; Larry Lackey, Vice-Chairman

STAFF: Ellen Burt, General Manager; Kevin Weishaar, Controller; James Brewster, Systems Administrator; Matthew Rutherford, Manager of Regulatory Compliance; Douglass Haselton, Director of Operations; Lily Burgess, Clerk of the Board

Dick called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Approval of the December 9th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of December 9, 2015 were approved.

Approval of the January 11th, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

On motion made and seconded, the minutes of January 11, 2016 were approved.

IT Update (SmartMeter, Website, CustomerConnect etc.)

- SmartWorks/Meter|Sense WebPresentment: 116 new customers signed up for CustomerConnect in 2015 to be able to view their usage.
- Website/Social Media: SED has been actively using the website, Twitter and Facebook to inform the public about the Informational Meeting and the upcoming Vote regarding the Nebraska Valley Solar Project. Jamie has furthermore used the banner on SED's website to alert customers about a phone scam.
- EV Charging Stations: During the year 2015, 137 sessions generated total revenue of \$546.09. The average session length was 3 hours and 3 minutes, with an actual average charging time of 2 hours and 17 minutes.
- AMI: Elster was purchased by Honeywell. SED does not yet know the implications of this.

Solar Project Update

The voters approved the financing of the Nebraska Valley Solar Project and construction will begin this spring. Ellen handed out a Comparison Matrix of the RFPs as submitted by

the various contractors. Encore has conducted a lot of the preliminary research into the different contractors, and SED will conduct telephone interviews next week. Details of the Nebraska Valley Solar Project were discussed.

Regulatory Update

The VLITE grant project was on hold until after the Solar Project Vote. SED has contract extensions both with VEIC and VLITE. However, SED is continuing to expect to start installing and deploying the 8 EV charging stations in late spring. The various approved locations plus the 2 remaining spots were discussed.

SED filed its 4th quarter Business Process Review (BPR) reports to the Public Service Board (PSB). The Public Service Department (PSD) reviewed the reports beforehand and filed a supporting letter of recommendation, stating that SED has taken considerable steps in implementing the recommendations of the BPR and that the PSD would recommend that the PSB does not require SED to continue reporting. SED has greatly benefited internally from complying with the expectations of the BPR. In the letter of recommendation, the PSD further requested that the PSB either approve SED's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with a new filing deadline, or give SED a deadline to file the next IRP with guidance on the expectations of future filings. The purpose and details of SED's Integrated Resource Plan were discussed.

Doug's Operations Report

All SED linemen attended a safety training on Green Power Safety earlier this month. The training was very informative, and a good information exchange about different renewables, but mostly solar generation. Doug further elaborated on SED's 2015 SAIFI and CAIDI numbers, which are both the best ever reported.

Other Business

The Board scheduled the next Commissioners' meeting for Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lily Burgess
Clerk of the Board