

The Annual Meeting of the Pascoag Utility District was held on Monday, December 12, 2005, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

In Attendance: District Moderator, Raymond Trinque, William Bernstein, Esq., General Manager, Theodore Garille

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by the Moderator, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Trinque read the agenda.

1. Introduction and Welcome (Chair) – BUC Annual Report, Treasurer’s Report, General Manager’s Report

Mr. Palmisciano welcomed those in attendance to the District’s fully ADA compliant meeting room. He thanked the RI Department of Environmental Management and the Environmental Protection Agency for their continued efforts in the remediation of the MTBE contamination. In addition, he reported that the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District has granted the Pascoag Utility District exclusive rights to water exploration in that area.

Mrs. Helen Moroney gave the Treasurer’s Report, which included an Electric Department net loss of \$32,297 and a Water Department net gain of \$60,453.

In his General Manager’s report, Mr. Garille reviewed the settlement with the New York Power Authority which would allow the District to

purchase power from the St. Lawrence plant through 2053 and from the Niagara plant through 2057. He reported that Well #5 has secured preliminary approval from the Department of Health; once that agency approves the design, a request for proposals can be issued to start construction and bring the well on-line by the end of 2006. Mr. Garille added that the District has been involved in different community activities, such as hanging the various organizations' banners, stringing Christmas lights, donating the Championship rings to the High School hockey team, and pledged the District's commitment to the youth of the Town. He reviewed the District's Demand-Side Management program, noting it is more extensive than the National Grid program. As the past chairman of the RI Good Neighbor Energy Fund, Mr. Garille also asked for support of this program which helps District customers experiencing difficulty in paying their utility bills.

2. Update on Exxon/Mobil Case

Mr. William Bernstein, District General Counsel, gave an overview of the lawsuit against Exxon/Mobil noting that the lawsuit is progressing very slowly. He added that thousands of documents have been exchanged and reviewed.

3. Election of Officers

Moderator

Mr. Trinqué opened the nominations to elect a Moderator to a one-year term. A motion was made and seconded from the floor

nominating Raymond Trinque. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to close nominations. The vote to close nominations was unanimous.

Clerk

Mr. Trinque opened the nominations to elect a Clerk to a one-year term. A motion was made and seconded from the floor nominating John Griffin. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to close nominations. The vote to close nominations was unanimous.

Two (2) members of the Board of Utility Commissioners (three –year terms)

Prepared ballots were distributed to all eligible voters. Declared candidates were: Wayne Barber, Albert Palmisciano, Ann Polacek, and Bruce Rylah.

The Moderator cast a vote electing Mr. Trinque as Moderator and Mr. Griffin as Clerk; he announced the results of the election: Mr. Barber – 15 votes; Mr. Palmisciano – 82 votes; Ms. Polacek – 74 votes; Mr. Rylah – 16 votes. Mr. Palmisciano and Ms. Polacek were elected to three-year terms.

4. To consider and act upon the Board of Utility Commissioner’s Request to approve the Electric Department budget for Fiscal Year 2006

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the

Electric Department budget for Fiscal Year 2005. There was no discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. To consider and act upon the Board of Utility Commissioner's request to approve the Water Department budget for Fiscal Year 2006

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve the Water Department budget for Fiscal Year 2005. There was no discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. To consider and act upon the Treasurer's request to close the books no later than December 31, 2005

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to approve closing the books no later than December 31, 2005. There was no discussion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn. The vote in favor was unanimous. Mr. Trinque adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Sharon McDonald, Recording Secretary

Brian Choiniere, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners