

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT- BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners Ann Polacek, Brian Choiniere, Thomas Partridge, Dennis Whitman, Adrien Trudeau and William Mageau

Members Absent:

Also in Attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager, Assistant General Managers Judith Allaire and William Guertin and William Bernstein, General Counsel.

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:01 PM. Mr. Partridge made a motion to cancel Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

Mr. Rylah wanted to thank Ms. Allaire for providing him with the information he requested. Mr. Rylah would like to see the annual budget set up where the ratepayers could see dollars spent to date for 2009 and the amount requested for the budget for 2010. At this point, the budget is set up as a comparison of what was requested in 2009 and what is being requested in 2010.

3. Committee Comments

4. Good and Welfare of the District

A. Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the customer shut off information. For the period ending October 31, 2009, Pascoag Utility District disconnected 69 residential standard customers and 2 residential protected status customers. The average customer balance for disconnections was above \$202.41 in the month of October. Pascoag had three accounts terminated for non-payment in excess of \$1,000 during this period. Pascoag Electric sent a total of 1,004 disconnection notices out in the month of October. The moratorium began November 1, 2009.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. NYPA –Firm Hydro

Mr. Garille reported that there are no projected shortfalls from NYPA. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Choiniere, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Testimony

Ms. Allaire delivered the testimony on the 13th to the PUC. PUD had a prehearing conference last week and the date of the Rate Case Hearing was set for December 14th at 9:30AM. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Whitman, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

D. DOE Grant-Smart Grid

Ms. Allaire stated that Pascoag Utility District did not receive grant money through the DOE for the Smart Grid project. Mr. Palmisciano

thanked Ms. Allaire and her staff.

E. 2009 Business Report

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Choiniere, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

F. DSM Submittal

Ms. Allaire stated that Pascoag's conservation program goes each year before the PUC. PUD will have a program similar to last year with no money to carry over from 2009.

G. Fuel Filing Submittal and options

Ms. Allaire presented the options for dealing with the over collection. Option #1 would flow 100% of the over collection back to the customers which would lower an average bill by about \$2.00. Option #2 Pascoag Utility District would retain a portion of the over collection and deposit it into the restricted fund which would give Pascoag the equivalent of one months power bill. The remaining money left in the over collection would flow back to customers and result in lowering the average bill by about seventy cents. Option #3 Pascoag would retain the entire over collection and keep the rates exactly the same. The entire amount would be deposited in the restricted fund for purchase power account and when Pascoag goes in for 2011 power costs they would still have one months power bills reserved in this account and the rest of the over collection could be used as a rate stabilization fund.

H. PUD Christmas Party

Pascoag Utility District's Christmas Party will take place on December 11th at Crystal Lake Golf Course.

Pascoag Utility District staff typically adopts a family each year at Christmas. This year the staff would like to donate money into a pool and that way they could help two or three families on their electric or water bills.

I. Update on Water AMR Project

Pascoag received 6 different proposals from vendors for the water meters. At this time no decision has been made yet and it is still under review. The PUD Water Department is trying to have PUD electric staff install the meters to save more money. Staff is looking into seeing if this would comply with the grant rules.

J. Update on Annual Meeting

Ms. Allaire stated that Pascoag Utility District is on schedule with the Annual Meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Regular BUC Meeting- September 29, 2009**
- Facilities Subcommittee-October 26, 2009**
- Regular BUC Meeting- October 26, 2009**

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

09-10 Central Maine Power Intervention

Mr. Garille updated the Board on the Central Maine Power Intervention.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Mr.

Choiniere. The vote in favor was unanimous.

7. New Business

09-29 Action Item: Approval of 2009 write offs

Ms. Allaire stated that this year write offs have doubled due to foreclosures, bankruptcies and the downturn in the economy. Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the 2009 write offs, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. Mr. Partridge and Mr. Choiniere voted against approving the write offs.

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department- September 2009

B. Water Department-September 2009

Ms. Allaire reviewed the water and electric department financial reports for September. Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the electric department financial reports, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous. Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the water department financial reports, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Executive Session

To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing job performance pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1). The minutes of said meeting shall remain confidential for as long as necessary pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, until a majority of the Board shall vote to open said minutes as provided for and subject to the open meeting law.

This was cancelled.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Trudeau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

Brian Choiniere, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary