

Electric Utilities Task Group
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.

Present: Task Group members: Barbara MacMullan, Everett Shorey, William Penn. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Also present were Town Manager, Nancy Dodge, Kim Gaffett, Robbie Gilpin, Bryan Wilson, Linda Powers, Renee Meyer from the Block Island Times and Jim Dewey.

Meeting was called at 12:35 p.m. by Ms. MacMullan.

1. Public Input

Mr. Penn announced that the Island Institute Annual Conference will be this weekend. He will attend. Block Island is to receive their Innovative Award for our Wind farm.

2. Approval of minutes from October 8, 2015

Mr. Penn moved to accept the minutes as written seconded by Mr. Shorey.

Ayes 3(McMullan, Shorey, Penn) Nays 0

Ms. MacMullan amended the agenda to move up agenda item #5

3. Schedule for Public Information Meetings.

Fox Island – Chip Farrington , Susan McDonald of the Island Institute will come out on December 19, 2015

Mr. Penn will try to firm up those dates. A representative from Pascoag will attend our November 30 meeting.

For discussion:

- Whether BIPco should be split up or request a waiver to be both a distribution and generating company. How much capacity should they be allowed?
- Components of the rate case: See attached memo
- Where does restructured utility get its profit?
- How does the PUC set its base rates?
- Everett Shorey will add a page for rate structures and purchasing power.

4. Deepwater Update

Mr. Wilson reported:

- Jacket structures are being installed on schedule
- Duct work and substations will begin over the winter
- Cable installation will start in the Spring of 2016
- This November turbine pieces will start arriving and their preassembly will take place at Providence port.

5. Discussion of BIPco Restructuring/Rate Case

Ms. MacMullan thought it would make more sense to discuss one topic at a time.

The waiver that BIPco is going to ask for was discussed. They can ask for:

1. Waiver without conditions
2. Waiver with conditions –How many generators; how many fuel tanks. emergency generation only; can BIPco sell power.
3. No Waiver /Separation of company.

At 2:55 Mr. Shorey moved to adjourn seconded by Mr. Penn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: Nov. 30, 2015

Bonny Ryan