

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

Present: Chair Barbara MacMullan; Members – Bill Penn and Everett Shorey. Also present were Mike Kirkwood of the Pascoag Utility District, and for the recording of the minutes, Millie McGinnes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara MacMullan at 12:30 p.m.

**1. Public Input**

There was no public comment.

**2. Approve minutes of meetings from November 4, 2015**

Mr. Penn moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2015. Mr. Shorey seconded the motion and it carried.

3 Ayes (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey)                      0 Nays

**3. Deepwater Update**

No update was given.

**4. Update of BIPCO Restructuring/Rate Case Issues**

Ms. MacMullan reported that the PUC held a meeting with BIPCO and Town representatives to discuss restructuring and rate case issues.

**5. Discussions of Restructuring Issues with Pascoag Utility District**

Mike Kirkwood of the Pascoag Utility District was present. Discussion ensued regarding restructuring and rate case issues. The following items were highlighted:

- A waiver would be needed to allow BIPCO to keep power generators. The waiver could be granted with either no limits, with conditions, such as limited to allow for backup generation only, or denied.
- Currently BIPCO wants to keep all 5 generators, as they believe they will have no value on the standing market. They are to provide inventory/value estimates to the PUC.
- If generators are not decommissioned, federal law may require the generators to be kept fully operational to sell power into the grid if the need arises. It was noted that it would be rare for BIPCO power to be called for, because the power is very expensive and the economics don't make sense.
- BIPCO underground diesel storage tanks will be removed and replaced with two 20,000 gallon above ground tanks. The new tanks will hold a supply for 3 – 3 ½ days worth of summer usage.
- The process for contracting for power is very complex. BIPCO has hired a consultant firm to assist with the process.
- Power bills will be much more complex than the current BIPCO bill and will include many different charges. Some of those charges were briefly discussed.

The EUTG members thanked Mr. Kirkwood for attending and sharing his expertise. They also thanked members of the audience for their attendance.

At 2:12 p.m., with no further business to discuss, Mr. Shorey moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Penn and voted unanimously.

Millie McGinnes

Minutes Approved: