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**BOARD OF LIGHT COMMISSIONERS  
ZOOM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2025**

**Action Items:**

Commissioner Rys will reach out to Mr. Tupper to schedule a visit to the Holden substation.

**The public meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.**

**Present: Commissioner- Rick Rys, Commissioner- Phil Gott, Commissioner- Richard Chase, General Manager- Sean McKeon, General Foreman- Chris Courville, Tom Barry- MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company), Ashley Reddy, and Karen Mammone**

**Zoom: Roger Brooks (Resident)**

**Left Early: Commissioner Gott- 4:30 PM and Ms. Reddy- 5:40 PM**

**Agenda:**

The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the August 12, 2025, agenda.

Commissioner Rys made the motion

Commissioner Gott- 2nd

Commissioner Chase- aye

**Presentation- Tom Berry MMWEC-**

Mr. Berry provided the Board and Mr. McKeon with details on the Power Supply and Hedging Program, which will commence once the All-Requirements Contract concludes at the end of 2027. See attached documents for Mr. Berry's presentation.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes for June 12, 2025, were amended and will be voted on during the September meeting.

Under the section "Holden Interconnect & Request for Substation Visit

*Commissioner Gott would like to add, "Commissioner Gott requested a thorough cost analysis comparing staying with National Grid and going with Holden because neither offers a true second connection."*

Under the section- MMWEC Battery Storage Project the second sentence needs clarification.

There have been no updates since last month. Lightshift contacted the Planning Board, and a sound study was conducted to explore a possible connection with National Grid as part of the storage battery project.

*The second part of the sentence should read Lightshift contacted the Planning Board. Lightshift and MMWEC (Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company) had a meeting with National Grid. National Grid will be starting an interconnection study. Also, Lightshift did a sound study on our property.*

**General Manager's Report:**

**Current Bank Balances-**

The Board reviewed the bank account balance report dated August 12, 2025. A copy will be placed on file. All bills are paid in a timely manner.

**2025 Cashflow Budget Review-**

Mr. McKeon presented the board with a copy of the 2025 budget details dated August 11, 2025. A copy will be placed on file. The cash flow figures were for January through June 2025, with a target of 50.00%. Mr. McKeon stated that revenues were 56.04% and expenses were 53.17%.

**Update on Operations:**

- **Recent Activities/Maintenance/Planned Outage-**

The recently planned power outage on Worcester Rd went smoothly.  
See attachment for General Foreman's work highlights for July and August.

- **MMWEC/ Lightshift Battery Storage Project-**

Lightshift and MMWEC are conducting studies and will be reporting back in approximately 30 days.

- **Holden Interconnect and Request for Substation Visit-**

PLM presented Holden/Princeton with diagrams showing the changes that need to be made in each system to accommodate the interconnection. PLM is currently waiting for the completion of the reading study. Mr. Courville will review PLM's report once it's finished.

Commissioner Rys will reach out to Mr. Tupper to schedule a visit to the substation with Commissioners Chase and Gott.

- **Wind Scada Update-**

The SCADA program software cannot be opened from the desktop. PMLD's IT Engineer has contacted Austria (American Superconductor of Austria) to resolve the issue.

The winch motor was recently rebuilt, resulting in significant cost savings.

- **NextZero Rebates 2026-**

After some discussion, the Board decided to maintain the rebates at the same level as in 2025.

Commissioner Rys made a motion to keep our rebates as they were in 2025.

Commissioner Chase-2nd

Approve (2-0)

**Updates on Facebook & Website-**

There are no reports this month.

**New Business/Parking Lot-**

Commissioners Rys, Chase, and Gott all expressed their appreciation for Mr. Berry's presentation.

**Public Comments-**

No comments.

**At 5:51 p.m., the Board voted unanimously in favor (2-0) to adjourn the meeting.**

Commissioner Rys made the motion.

Commissioner Chase 2nd

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Karen Mammone, Recording Secretary***