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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Wednesday, August 22, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Jake Arborio; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake; Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo

Absent – None

Members of the public – None

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., and the pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and Approve Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023
- b. Consider and Approve Special Meeting Motions/Minutes of August 4, 2023

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

42 **4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Director’s Report for the Month of July**
43 **2023**

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45 Mr. Rinebold thanked staff for helping out with questions that he had in advance.

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47 Mr. Beaumont noted that one of the reasons for the increase in costs from ISO is due to the fact
48 that 30-40 people were hired on and ISO increased salaries.

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50 Mr. Zabrowski referenced Item No. 4-6, 5c and questioned why WED is “losing money
51 (\$62,650.44).”

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53 Mr. Beaumont stated this was from when sales were long and WED was using too much energy.

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55 Mr. Hendershot stated that there were hours during the month that WED hedged (1,750.60
56 MWh) more than what was needed. When these MWh were sold off, they were sold off at the
57 price of \$35.79 which was less than what WED had hedged for them.

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59 **Motion to Approve the Director’s Report for the Month of July 2023**

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61 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

62 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

63 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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67 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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69 **None – No Members of the Public Present**

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71 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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75 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Bid Waiver Request and Budget Transfer –**
76 **Water Division – Westside Water Storage Tank Painting Change Order**

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78 Mr. Amwake stated that this is a double action agenda item for the PUC. The first motion will
79 be for the bid waiver and the second motion will be for the financial transfer. Previously WWD
80 budgeted funding to paint the roof of the Westside Water Storage Tank as well as a full
81 rehabilitation of the Masonic Water Storage Tank. This funding was originally appropriated in
82 FY 2020-21. There was additional funding appropriated in FY 2022-23 for the painting of the
83 Westside Tank and the rehabilitation of the Masonic Tank based on more accurate cost
84 estimates. WWD designed the project, specified the project and put the project out to bid.
85 Subsequent to the project being awarded, WWD staff along with engineers from the WWD’s
86 engineering consultant, H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. of Purchase, New York observed that
87 the condition of the paint on the sidewall of the Westside Water Storage Tank was worsening at

88 a pace that would require action by the Water Division sooner rather than later. As such,
89 following award of the tank painting contract, the WWD requested a cost estimate from the
90 contractor, Dynamic Sandblasting & Painting, to clean and paint the sidewall of the Westside
91 Water Storage Tank. The cost estimate to clean and paint the sidewall of the Westside Water
92 Storage Tank per the contract specifications is \$215,500.00, which includes the contractor's
93 lump sum price of \$195,780.00 plus a 10% contingency. Mr. Amwake noted that the base cost
94 to clean, prepare and paint the roof top of the Westside Water Storage Tank and install new
95 railing extension posts is \$73,600.00. There are no new dollars being requested for the Tank
96 Painting Project. This requested budget transfer is to move monies from one bucket to another
97 bucket per financial protocols since each water storage tank is its own separate line item in the
98 WWD capital budget.

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100 Mr. Zabrowski questioned how long the protective coating will last.

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102 Mr. Amwake stated generally twenty years.

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104 **a. Motion to Approve the Bid Waiver to award to Dynamic Sandblasting & Painting**
105 **LLC to clean and paint the sidewall of the Westside Water Storage Tank**

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107 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

108 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

109 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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111 **b. Motion to Transfer \$215,500.00 to Westside Water Storage Tank (Item #43300342-**
112 **05536-w2310)**

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114 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

115 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

116 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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120 **6. Discussion and Possible Action: Account Distribution for funds received from**
121 **sale of Renewable Energy Credits**

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123 Mr. Hendershot referenced the memorandum from Ms. Dill dated August 14, 2023 and stated
124 that the WED is looking for PUC approval for the suggestion to take the \$79,779.00 raised by
125 the sales of RECs and apply it towards wholesale power as opposed to the other options that
126 were listed at the time of the original discussion on May 2, 2023.

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128 Mr. Rinebold stated that this is a reasonable solution that will provide benefit to the rate payers
129 in the system.

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131 **Motion to approve the use of proceeds from Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in the**
132 **amount of \$79,779.00 to offset Wholesale Power Supply Costs**

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134 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**
135 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**
136 **Votes: 3 ayes**

137 **7. Committee Reports**

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139 Mr. Hendershot referenced and discussed the letter from Parks and Recreation in regards to
140 installing planter baskets on the ornamental lights located at Wallace Park.

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142 The Commissioners stated that they did not receive the letter.

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144 The PUC decided to table the discussion until the next meeting so that the Commissioners can
145 review the letter and get clarification on installation.

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149 **ADJOURNMENT**

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151 **Motion to Adjourn**

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153 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**
154 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**
155 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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157 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:18 p.m.

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159 Respectfully submitted,

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163 Bernadette Sorbo

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165 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,



Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary