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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

6:00 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 and Acting Recording Secretary Michelle Bracale

Absent – Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake and Water and Sewer Divisions Business Manager Donald Langenauer

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 December 19, 2023

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of Line 63 – change the word “running” to “progressing”.

Made by: Mr. Rinebold

Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski

Votes: 3 ayes

3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

43 **4. Discussion and Possible Action: WED Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) January**
44 **2024 – June 2024**

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46 Mr. Hendershot advised that the analysis of the WED's Rate 12 has been determined to decrease
47 the PCA from its current level of \$0.014131 per kWh to a newly calculated value of \$0.005871
48 per kWh for Wallingford customers. Since the change is more than one-half of a cent per kWh it
49 allows, but does not require, the PUC to adjust the PCA further. Mr. Hendershot, Ms. Dill and
50 WED General Manager Mr. Arborio recommended that the PUC make an additional adjustment
51 to the WED's PCA for the next six months and further reduce the PCA to zero (\$0.00 per kWh).
52 The cost to make this additional adjustment to the PCA is forecasted to be \$1,552,743. The
53 WED cash above minimum was \$15,280, 257, as of September 30, 2023.

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55 There was further discussion in regards to the cash above minimum.

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57 Mr. Rinebold stated that this is a good analysis and that he is fully supportive of lowering the
58 PCA to zero.

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60 Mr. Rinebold requested a brief explanation of why the PCA is lowering to zero?

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62 Mr. Hendershot stated that the PCA that was put in place in the beginning of July overcollected
63 funds due to the expenses being lower than expected as well as being under the budget for
64 transmissions costs.

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66 Mr. Zabrowski thanked Ms. Dill for all of her efforts and the memorandum.

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68 **Motion to set the PCA at zero (\$0.00 per kWh) from January 2024 – June 2024**

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70 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

71 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

72 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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76 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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78 **None**

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80 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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84 **5. Discussion and Action: Resolution – Mayor William Dickinson**

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86 Mr. Beaumont read the comment from the resolution that Mayor William Dickinson championed
87 the highest level of energy system reliability at the lowest reasonable cost while meeting the

88 highest environmental standards and commented that the Mayor was always a big supporter of
89 the utilities.

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91 **Motion to approve the Resolution for Mayor William Dickinson**

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93 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

94 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

95 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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99 **6. Discussion and Action: Resolution – Joan Stave**

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101 Mr. Beaumont commented that the PUC is losing a lot of institutional knowledge. Ms. Stave has
102 been phenomenally helpful to all departments in Town. Mr. Beaumont wished Ms. Stave well.

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104 **Motion to Approve the Resolution for Joan Stave**

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106 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

107 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

108 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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112 **7. Committee Reports/Correspondence**

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114 Mr. Hendershot spoke with the PUC about tentatively scheduling the upcoming budget
115 workshop on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

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117 Mr. Rinebold stated that he is available that day at 2:30 or 3:00 pm.

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119 Mr. Hendershot noted that this year the WED is turning 125 years old and wanted to get a
120 consensus from the PUC on celebrating.

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122 Mr. Rinebold agreed that the PUC should do something to celebrate.

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124 **ADJOURNMENT**

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126 **Motion to Adjourn**

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128 **Made by: Mr. Rinebold**

129 **Seconded by: Mr. Zabrowski**

130 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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132 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m.

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134 Respectfully submitted,

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136 *Michelle Bracale*

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138 Michelle Bracale

139 Acting Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski /mb

Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary