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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WALLINGFORD ELECTRIC DIVISION

100 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold (via teleconference) and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division Acting General Manager Jake Arborio; Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne Dill and Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo

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

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 April 18, 2023
- b. Consider and Approve Budget Transfer – Distribution – Maintenance Street Lighting & Signal Systems
- c. Consider and Approve Budget Transfer – Distribution – Maintenance Line Transformers
- d. Consider and Approve Budget Transfer – Distribution – Operation Supervision and Engineering

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Made by: Mr. Zabrowski

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 3 ayes

43 **3. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None**
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47 **4. Executive Session pursuant to State of Connecticut General Statutes § 1-**
48 **200(6)(E), § 1-210(b)(5)(B) and § 7-232a to discuss commercially valuable,**
49 **confidential and proprietary information**
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51 **Motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. pursuant to State of**
52 **Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200(6)(E), § 1-210(b)(5)(B) and § 7-232a to discuss**
53 **commercially valuable, confidential and proprietary information**
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55 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

56 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

57 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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59 **Attendance at Executive Session:** Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Joel Rinebold
60 (via teleconference) and Laurence Zabrowski; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division
61 Acting General Manager Jake Arborio and Electric Division Business Office Manager Marianne
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64 **Motion was made to move out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.**
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66 **No Action Taken**
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70 **5. Discussion and Possible Action: Disposition of WED Renewable Energy Credits**
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72 Mr. Hendershot stated that in the Executive Session the PUC discussed a possible motion for the
73 Disposition of WED Renewable Energy Credits.
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75 Mr. Rinebold stated that the motion reflects the leveraging of the sale to directly benefit
76 Wallingford's customers.
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78 **Motion to Authorize the Director of Public Utilities to, pending review by the Department**
79 **of Law, see to the sale of the Renewable Energy Credits now associated with the WED's**
80 **NYP&A energy. Upon sale of the RECs, the proceeds of said sale will be used to supplement**
81 **energy conservation funds, incentivize renewable energy projects, or offset wholesale**
82 **power supply costs, to be determined by this Board of Commissioners at some later date**
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84 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

85 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

86 **Votes: 3 ayes**
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89 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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91 None - No Public Present

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93 **Public Question and Answer Period Closed**

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97 **Committee Reports**

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99 Mr. Hendershot passed out to the PUC an Organization Chart of the Sewer Division to review.
100 The Chart is color coded to indicate vacancies and employees that have been employed for less
101 than two years. The employees that were employed for less than two years are not considered to
102 have mastered their job. Mr. Hendershot stated that the crisis at the moment is that the WWTP
103 Attendant III gave notice on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 to leave on May 12, 2023. This would leave
104 only two laborers who do not have their Class 1 licenses to effectively run the plant. In total
105 there will be four out of six positions vacant at the Sewer Division among attendants. There are
106 two Attendant I's who are laborers. Due to insufficient personnel the Department of Public
107 Utilities may be headed towards DEEP issued fines. With the upgraded WPCF being finished
108 there is no one to run the facility. Mr. Hendershot is working with Mr. Amwake to set up a
109 meeting with the Mayor to discuss and revise the hiring process.

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113 **ADJOURNMENT**

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115 **Motion to Adjourn**

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117 **Made by: Mr. Zabrowski**

118 **Seconded by: Mr. Beaumont**

119 **Votes: 2 ayes**

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121 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 p.m.

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123 Respectfully submitted,

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125 *Michelle Brucato Sr*

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127 Bernadette Sorbo

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129 Recording Secretary

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Respectfully submitted,

Laurence Zabrowski/mb

Laurence J. Zabrowski

Secretary