

**SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF JUNE 28, 2018**

Present for the Board: Chair Greg Dubreuil, Vernon Blodgett, Kurt Schenker
Peter McAvoy (arrived at 6:03)

Absent: John Hine

Staff: General Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Sr. Engineer Mark Gilmore

The Executive Session convened at 6:03 PM following an Open Session motion, by Mr. Blodgett and seconded by Mr. Schenker, to enter into Executive Session that was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Fitzgerald started the meeting by declaring that SHELD is committed to developing emergency ties with adjacent systems to improve our reliability in the event of major equipment failures, weather related outages, or damages caused by accidents. In 2017, SHELD initiated and constructed an emergency tie with Chicopee at the southern end of town which can handle approximately 20% + of SHELD's load.

SHELD has initiated and negotiated a second emergency tie, with Holyoke (HG&E), located in the northern end of town, which can handle 20% of SHELD's load.

Mr. Fitzgerald went on to say that SHELD has identified a unique tie opportunity with the closing of the Mt Tom Generation Plant in Holyoke. A river crossing had already existed between South Hadley and Holyoke at the Mt Tom Power Plant which served minimal plant load and was active until December 2017 with the plant closure. This original crossing is still owned by Eversource.

SHELD Management is recommending that the Board vote to approve the purchase of the Titan's Pier Parcel from Eversource, and rebuild/upgrade the river crossing to connect with HG&E on the Holyoke side of the River.

Mr. Gilmore noted that the lines would need to be replaced, as they are very old, dry and brittle. Mr. Dubreuil asked if that cost would be shared by both SHELD and HG&E. Mr. Gilmore said it would be a SHELD cost since HG&E has already incurred the cost to run their lines to the former power plant.

Mr. Gilmore also noted the purchase, permitting and wiring processes would take several months to complete.

Mr. Dubreuil asked if we have discretion as to who could be served by the added redundancy if we were ever to lose Pine Shed, since we won't have full redundancy for the whole town. Mr. Gilmore said we would be able to "roll" the supply on an interval basis so that all residents would have power at certain periods of time.

On a motion by Mr. Schenker and seconded by Mr. McAvoy, it was unanimously
VOTED: to authorize the General Manager, Sean Fitzgerald, to take the necessary actions to purchase the property, apply for conservation permits, and connect to HG&E's distribution system.

On a motion made by Mr. Schenker and seconded by Mr. Blodgett, it was unanimously
VOTED: to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Open Session.
The motion was approved by a roll call vote: Dubreuil-aye, Blodgett-aye, Schenker-aye, McAvoy-aye.

The Executive Session ended at 6:25 PM.



Clerk

Approved: July 26, 2018