

**SOUTH HADLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SESSION VIRTUAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2023**

Present for Board: Chair John Hine, Vice Chair Denise Presley, Paul Dobosh, Ron Coutu

Present for staff: General Manager Sean Fitzgerald, Financial Manager Michael Conchieri, Administrative Assistant Kim Mendoza

At the end of the open session meeting, after the Chair stated the reason to move into executive session, a motion was made and seconded, and by a unanimous roll call vote the Board moved from open session into executive session after a roll call vote to discuss a new fiber project (see open session minutes). Executive session began at 6:44pm.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that in February 2022, SHELD presented to the Southampton Telecommunications Committee on MLP fiber and our ISP services. Recently the Town of Southampton took a second vote authorizing the town to become its own MLP.

A Southampton Telecom Committee member contacted Mr. Fitzgerald three weeks ago requesting that SHELD provide cost information for their consideration in anticipation of this approval. Westfield Gas & Electric had provided them with preliminary cost information, and they wanted to have information from Fiberspring also.

Southampton has a population of 6,400 and the incumbent provider is Charter. HG&E is the gas provider and Eversource is the electric provider. Southampton is in the decision-making process of funding for a full town fiber deployment. They are looking at both WG&E and SHELD as potential ISP IGA solutions.

Mr. Fitzgerald wanted the Board's approval to provide cost data and proceed and to take any and all actions necessary to enter into an (IGA) intergovernmental agreement with Southampton. We have done this before, there is little risk to SHELD, we can supply them with information and costs from design to engineering to construction to being their ISP. Mr. Conchieri had done a proforma. SHELD can do part or all of the project depending on what Southampton would want from us. Southampton fiber is not yet constructed.

There was a brief discussion among Board members and SHELD management discussing possible scenarios.

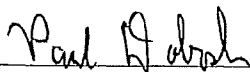
On a motion by Mr. Dobosh, seconded by Ms. Presley, it was unanimously VOTED: the Board authorized Mr. Fitzgerald to pursue services to a network buildout in Southampton, by a roll call vote: Mr. Coutu-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Dobosh-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

Adjourn

On a motion by Mr. Coutu and seconded by Mr. Dobosh, it was

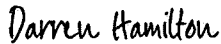
VOTED: To adjourn the executive session and not return to open session, by roll call vote; Mr. Dobosh-aye, Ms. Presley-aye, Mr. Coutu-aye, Mr. Hine-aye.

The Executive Session ended at 6:59 PM.



Paul Dobosh, Clerk

Approved: June 22, 2023

Signed by:


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Darren Hamilton, Light Board Clerk

Approved for Release with no redactions: October 22, 2026