



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2012

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The Regular February Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman James Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Alan Remondi, and Commissioner Larry Goldman. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Mark Decker, Mike Hughes and Michele Addabbo.

Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) Executive Director Bob Mills, along with NCDC Board of Directors Frank Blanchard and Tony Joyce, presented Chairman Sullivan with an award recognizing his 22 years of dedicated service as a Board Member for NCDC.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. Mr. Joseph Ortiz, 32 Scotland Road, spoke to the Board regarding his utility bill. General Manager Bilda assured Mr. Ortiz that NPU would follow up and provide information to him regarding energy programs, budget plans, and weatherization of his home.

Item 3. Minutes of the Special February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to approve the Minutes of the Special February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Report From BlumShapiro – Annual Audit. Gerry Paradis and Frank Ocskasy from BlumShapiro presented the Board with the financial statements for Norwich Public Utilities. Informative.

Item 5. Action Items. General Transmission Service Agreement. To consider, act upon and if approved refer to the Norwich City Council pursuant to section 7-233x of the Connecticut General Statutes, a contract for the provision of electric transmission services between the City of Norwich acting through its Department of Public Utilities/Board of Public Utility Commissioners (NPU) and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative, sometimes known as the General Transmission Services Agreement. Among other things, the agreement requires the NPU to acquire all electric transmission services from CMEEC, authorizes transmission project ownership-like interests to be acquired by the NPU through CMEEC and including jointly with other Municipal Electric Utilities and others,

requires the NPU to pay for services and projects through electric rates, authorizes the agreement to be pledged to pay bonds issued and other financial contracts entered into to finance projects, and provides for the agreement to remain in effect for a term of years ending not prior to 2062, and potentially beyond. A draft of said agreement is on file and of record at the offices of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners at the above address.

Attorney Philip Sussler and Attorney Joseph Fasi spoke to the Board regarding the General Transmission Service Agreement between NPU and CMEEC. Chairman Sullivan commented that if any substantive changes were made to the contract, that General Manager Bilda report these to the Board before signing the contract.

Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to approve the following resolution. Unanimous.

### **RESOLUTION**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS: That the General Transmission Services Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative and the Electric Department/Division of the City of Norwich acting through the Board of Public Utilities Commissions as presented to the Board, together with such revisions, clarification and amendments as the General Manager shall deem appropriate, is approved. The General Manager is authorized and directed to file the Agreement with the City Clerk and the Norwich City Council pursuant to section 7-233x of the Connecticut General Statutes, and after the expiration of the consideration period as set forth therein, to execute and deliver the same on behalf of the City of Norwich and its Electric Department.

Item 6. Financial Report. Steve Sinko updated the Board on NPU's January financial statements. Informative.

Item 7. Strategic Presentations. Stream Flow Regulation Presentation. Mark Decker discussed Stream Flow Regulations with the Board. Informative.

Item 8. General Business. Website Presentation. Tabled.

Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to recess the Board Meeting at 7:16 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

Item 10. Other Business. Michele Addabbo spoke to the Board about NPU receiving the 2011 Chairman's Spirit of Community Award from the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut. Informative.

Item 9. Executive Session. Vice Chairman Boisclair seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret &

Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes.

Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda was asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 11. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

Secretary Remondi, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Attest:

Alan Remondi  
Secretary