

**WATER BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING**
555 Main Street, Hartford
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Present: Commissioners Andrew Adil, John Gale, Peter Gardow, Georgiana Holloway, Diane Lewis, Jackie Mandyck, Pasquale J Salemi, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman Donald M. Currey (9)

Remote

Attendance: Commissioners Kyle Anderson, Avery Buell and Dimple Desai (3)

Absent: Commissioner Esther Clarke and New Britain Representative Michael Carrier (2)

Also

Present: Commissioner Byron Lester (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering
David Rutty, Director of Operations
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Systems (Remote Attendance)
David Banker, Assistant Manager of Technical Services
Jessica Coelho, Senior Project Manager
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services
Alex Cosentino, Senior Project Manager
Jason Bretemps, Utility Maintenance Superintendent
Jessica Fenner, Treasury Receivables Administrator
Jen Ottalagana, Senior Project Manager
Michael Curley, Manager of Technical Services
Julie Price, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant
Jacob Aviles, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
David Cavanaugh, Energy New England
Brittany Bergstrom, Operation Fuel
Eveny Pagan, Operation Fuel
Mike Turaj, Operation Fuel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adil at 5:46 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Gardow and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of August 21, 2024 were approved.

**WATER BUREAU
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY OPERATION FUEL**

To: Water Bureau

October 23, 2024

In March 2018, the District Board created a Customer Assistance Program to be administered by Operation Fuel to provide customers with assistance to pay delinquent water bills. The District Board allocated \$50,000 of which \$44,000 was to be utilized for customer grants to pay customer water bills and \$6,000 to be paid to Operation Fuel for administrative costs and fuel bank fees. Funding has remained at \$50,000 annually since 2018.

It is **RECOMMENDED** it be:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District approves the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Based on demonstrated customer need, the Water Bureau recommends to the Board of Finance that funding in the 2025 District budget for the Customer Assistance Program be increased to \$100,000 annually, inclusive of all administrative fees.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

On motion made by District Chairman Currey and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

**WATER BUREAU
GOODWIN DAM LEAD MARKET PARTICIPANT**

To: Water Bureau

October 23, 2024

MDC proposes to become a Market Participant (MP) in the New England Wholesale Electric Market effective January 1, 2025. As a MP the MDC gains the benefit of local control of the Goodwin Dam’s participation in the wholesale markets with greater and more timely access to information, prompt financial settlement of the Goodwin Dam’s participation in the wholesale markets, and more detailed and timely revenue accounting and verification than experienced through its currently provider of wholesale market support, CMEEC.

MDC's move to a MP in the New England Wholesale Electric Markets would coincide with termination of the CMMEC support service agreement for Goodwin Dam's participation in energy and the Forward Capacity Markets (FCM).

The MDC's participation directly in the wholesale market will be supported via a service contract with Energy New England LLC (ENE). With the change in service providers the MDC will realize a reduction in costs for Goodwin Dam's participation in the wholesale markets, experience enhanced accounting and revenue reporting of market activity, increased communication from its service provider, increased guidance and recommendations for market participation. ENE support for MDC's participation in the wholesale markets would also come with risk management assessment, risk management recommendations, consultation, and strategies for wholesale market participation. Services which were not provided or experienced under the CMEEC arrangements. Again, all these services are at a reduced cost to the MDC when compared to CMEEC.

ENE is a market advisor to over 25 Public Power systems and entities across New England. ENE manages power supply of approximately 1,300 MW of peak load for its customers. ENE has decades of experience with managing electric generation assets across all dimensions of the New England Wholesale Markets. ENE currently supports market participation for dual-fuel combine cycle, dual-fuel Simple Cycle Peaking, Terrestrial Wind, Hydro Electric, and Solar PV electric generating units that participate in the wholesale electric market.

Upon completion of the membership process The Metropolitan District (MDC) will have the ability to participate directly in the New England Wholesale electric markets with its Goodwin Dam generator and any future supply or load resources. ENE will support the MDC in its completion of the ISO New England and New England Power (NEPOOL) membership process. There are many components required for completion of the membership process. One of the major requirements is a Board Resolution authorizing the MDC application for ISO New England membership. Currently, the MDC is targeting a January 1, 2025, effective date for its membership. To achieve that effective date all membership requirements must be completed and approved by ISO at the last membership meeting of 2025, which is December 16, 2024.

It is **RECOMMENDED** it be:

VOTED: That the Water Bureau of The Metropolitan District recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Metropolitan District shall apply to become a Participant in the New England Power Pool under the New England Power Pool Agreement dated as of September 1, 1971, as amended, (the "Agreement") and the Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison is authorized to execute a counterpart of the Agreement on behalf of The Metropolitan District and to cause The Metropolitan District to

perform its obligations under the Agreement upon the effectiveness of its membership; and

FURTHER

RESOVLED: That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to execute a Consulting Services Agreement with Energy New England, LLC in furtherance of the District's participation in the Independent System Operator – New England ("ISO-NE") Energy and Capacity markets, and such other terms and conditions that the District Counsel shall deem appropriate and in the best interests of the MDC.

Respectfully submitted,



John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

LEAD & COPPER RULE CUSTOMER LETTER

David Banker, Assistant Manager of Technical Services, provided a presentation regarding letters that will be mailed to customers in accordance with the Lead & Copper Rule and demonstrated new GIS mapping available on the MDC's website to check the inventory of water service material for properties in the District.

Commissioner Desai exited the meeting virtually at 7:21 PM

Commissioner Salemi exited the meeting at 7:23 PM

Commissioner Mandyck exited the meeting in person and joined virtually at 7:23 PM

Commissioner Taylor exited the meeting at 7:24 PM

Commissioner Holloway exited the meeting at 7:25 PM

WHOLESALE WATER AGREEMENTS & RATES

David Banker, Assistant Manager of Technical Services, presented on wholesale water agreements and rates, with a focus on the Portland water sale agreement.

2025 BILLING FOR MISCELLANEOUS WATER RATES & CHARGES

Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an overview of the proposed miscellaneous water rates & charges for 2025.

Without objection, Chairman Adil postponed agenda items #9 “Meter Pits,” #10 “Summary of Water Main Breaks,” and #11 “Year-to-Date Water Revenue” until the next meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

Date of Approval