

**Minutes:**

Stowe Electric Commissioners' Meeting  
July 13, 2010 7:45 a.m. Town of Stowe Electric Offices

**Present:**

Art Lloyd, Chairman; Denise Gutstein, Vice Chairperson; Richard (Dick) Marron, Commissioner; Ellen Burt, General Manager; Pat Householder, Controller; Ed French, SED Attorney; Susan Tinker, Secretary Pro-Tem.

**Central Vermont Public Service Guests (Executive Session)**

Bob Young, President and Chief Executive Officer; Joseph Kraus, Sr. Vice President Operations, Engineering and Customer Service; Pam Keefe, Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer; Dale Rocheleau, Sr. Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Art called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

**Approval of the June 9, 2010 Minutes**

Dick moved to approve the June 9, 2010 Minutes, Denise seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Status of Rate Case Filing**

Ellen reported that she is going to meet with Ron Behrns at the Department of Public Service on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions and concerns that he may have about the rate case filing. She will also talk to him about the draft that we have submitted with the language to convert the snowmaking contract into a tariff. Ellen told the board that Mt. Mansfield Company has requested a load change this year from 17.5 MW to 19.5 MW off-peak and from 15.5 MW to 25 MW on-peak. Ellen shared her concern that this will result in substantial transmission costs. She wants to ensure that the language of the proposed tariff will allow us to recover these costs. Ellen plans to discuss this concern with Ron on Thursday.

Pat asked for an update on the exclusive facility payment. Ed reported that after a conference call last week, Velco now supports an agreement that would acknowledge that Stowe, GMP and Morrisville (as well as VEC depending on their involvement) are the owners. The next step is to wait for the agreement and then the payment should follow. The timing of the payment is still unknown. Ellen will discuss the exclusion of the exclusive facility payment from the rate case filing with Ron on Thursday.

Ellen further reported that the PSB has not issued a decision on the pending investigation, but that the hearing officer is working on it.

Art inquired about the AARP docket. Ed reported that AARP is also still pending.

Ellen asked how to proceed with the Kirchner property. Dick suggested, and the Board agreed, that we should issue a request for proposal.

Dick moved to go into Executive Session at 8:02 a.m. to discuss Trapp Family Lodge, legal issues and meet with CVPS. Denise seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representatives of CVPS arrived at 8:20 a.m. Art moved to come out of executive session at 10:35 a.m. Denise seconded the motion and the motion carried. There was no action taken.

### **Lamoille Utilities Task Force Discussion**

Art reported that the Board had reviewed the Lamoille Utilities Task Force report and he moved that SED decline to participate further in that endeavor. Dick seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ellen will draft a letter of SED's position to the participating parties.

### **Other Business**

Art moved to authorize the general manager to execute the current draft of the contract to purchase power from Hydro Quebec as it may be amended. Dick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A special Commissioners' meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> to review legal issues.

All agreed that the next regular Commissioners' meeting would be held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:45 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Tinker  
Secretary Pro-Tem