

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2011

BELMONT MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD AND BELMONT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY BOARD

General Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2011

Opening: The regular meeting of the Municipal Light Advisory Board was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on January 13, 2011 at the Belmont Light Department Board Room by Ashley Brown, Chair.

Members Present:

Tim McCarthy, MLAB
Patti Diorio, MLAB
Mark McVay, MLAB
Ashley Brown, Chair
Robert Forrester, MLAB
Gretchen McClain, MLAB (absent)
Angelo Firenzi, LB
Ralph Jones, LB
Mark Paolillo, LB

Others Present:

Jim Palmer, Acting General Mgr.
Debbie Bottiglio
Jennifer Murphy
Joyce Wood, BMLD Power Consult.
Robert Mclaughlin, Site Selection Committee
Roy Epstein, Site Selection Committee

115 kV PROJECT REVIEW:

BMLD considered several transmission and non-transmission alternatives to meet its future system needs. Jim Harrington with Mott MacDonald presented his preliminary report to the board. One concern brought up for discussion was the use of the walls surrounding the project. Currently proposed there would be two types of walls surrounding the perimeter and the two large transformers (25 x 25) located outside. There would be a Firewall consisting of 25 feet

high and also a perimeter wall consisting 15 feet high. It was stated by the members that since it is a residential area a design that would fit into the neighborhood would benefit greatly.

Environmental safety was also addressed by the members. Jim Harrington of Mott MacDonald stated that the transformers are full of oil. If they fill up with water, the overflow goes into a drywell. An alarm will go off so it will not leak into the environment.

The budget that he presented to the board in regards to all expenses incurred was deemed very accurate

RED FLAG POLICY:

It is the policy of the BMLD that information compiled on all customers is to be defended against identity theft. This policy was developed in accordance with the Fair and Accurate Transactions act of 2003 (FACT ACT). Employees collecting sensitive matter must identify the customer with valid photo identification such as a license or a passport.

This policy was approved and signed by all members.

RATE STUDY:

Jim Palmer stated that with the current rates and energy costs BMLD is trying to give money back to the rate payers. A reduction of 1.6 cents would be implemented and a vote on that reduction will take place on January 31, 2011.

Executive Session and Adjournment:

The general meeting was adjourned by Ashley Brown, MLAB Chair at 10:30 PM.

Future Meetings: January 24, 2011 and January 31, 2011