



Generation and Other Assets Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Committee Directors:

			Mike Sullivan, Hardwick
	Craig Myotte, Morrisville	X	Reginald Beliveau, Swanton

Other Directors present:

X	John Morley, Orleans	X	Bill Humphrey, Lyndonville
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X indicates attendance in person, P indicates attendance by phone.

Alternates present:

Others present:

Ken Nolan, VPPSA	Shawn Enterline, VPPSA	James Gibbons, BED
Heather D'Arcy, VPPSA		

Numbers in bold type correspond with agenda item numbers:

- 1.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Director Beliveau at 2:10 PM.
- 2.** Consideration of changes/modifications to agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.
- 3.** Public comment: No members of the public were present.
- 4.** Review of 09/11/19 Meeting Minutes Draft: Action on the September 11, 2019 Minutes was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a committee quorum.
- 5.** Project 10 Update
 - a. Capital Plan: Mr. Nolan informed the committee that the only discussion point on the FY19 Capital Plan was that the backup station service generator project had been moved into FY20. The remainder of the Capital Budget was proceeding according to schedule.
 - b. Market Revenue Update: Mr. Enterline reviewed the market revenues received since the last meeting. He further informed the committee that capacity revenues would continue to decline over time due to dropping market prices, but that reserve revenues for the next auction period came in higher than anticipated.
 - c. General Performance: Mr. Nolan provided an update on overall performance noting that the plant had experienced no issues with non-starts since the last meeting. Swanton

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Electric required a transmission outage on Veteran's Day, due to a pole struck by a car, that resulted in the plant being out of service for several hours.

6. Load Reducer Value: Mr. Enterline provided an update on the revenue received for load reducing hydro facilities, noting that revenues will be reduced for the upcoming year due to the lack of water at most facilities at the time of the New England peak. Increased value is being experienced relative to transmission value, but this value is obtained monthly and is highly dependent upon water conditions at the time of transmission peaks.
7. Project Updates:
 - a. Solar Projects: Ms. D'Arcy briefed the committee on the status of the various projects under development. Trombley Hill is online and VPPSA continues working with the vendor to address some invoicing issues. Lawrence Brook is entering the construction phase. The remaining projects are in various stages of negotiation.
 - b. Standard Offer: Ms. D'Arcy informed the committee VPPSA has received the contracts from VEPPI and is preparing to execute them. Allco Renewables has challenged the awards to the Supreme Court. The contracts with Encore Renewable Development are being reviewed by legal counsel now that the VEPPI contracts are in hand.
8. SHEI: Mr. Gibbons briefed the committee on the status of the GMP §248 application for SHEI improvements. The §248 application has been filed by GMP, in conjunction with Morrisville. The utilities are now beginning to discuss the calculation of benefits which will form the basis for cost allocation discussions. VPPSA is monitoring the GMP §248 application closely and is prepared to participate as necessary to protect member interests.
9. REC market Update: Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Enterline gave the committee a brief overview of recent REC market trends. The markets in New England were very low at the beginning of 2019, but have rebounded dramatically in recent months. BED and VPPSA are jointly selling RECs based on production in hand and reasonably expected future production in order to lock in advantageous pricing. Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Enterline also noted that Barton Hydro was now qualified in the MA Class 2 market and had begun selling RECs at that markets higher price.
10. Other Business: There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Nolan

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Acting Committee Secretary