



CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Minutes of Meeting: June 10, 2009

Attendance: D Anthony, P Cabana, J Cunningham, W Doherty, M Downey, F Fenlon, D Fitton, K Galligan, P Hefler, J Hodgkinson, J Howard, C Koblish, S Lempitski, R Mahoney, R Schofield, J Soares, L Stranger, C Striebel, B Worth, W Worthington, A Voll

Minutes: The minutes for the May 13, 2009 meeting were approved with several typographical errors corrected. A corrected set of minutes will be filed.

Public: No members of the public were present

Budget: This subject had not been included on the published agenda for this meeting. Copies of the Compact budget for FY 2010, as reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee were distributed. This is the first year where the County will not fully cover all Compact requirements. M Downey detailed the various components of the budget and indicated that \$354,948 needed to be added. After discussion of the merits and problems associated with tapping the Power Supply Reserve Fund for this need, the following motion was made:

Authorize The Cape Light Compact Administrator to utilize \$354,948 of Power Supply Reserve Funds to supplement the Cape Light Compact FY 2010 budget. Motion made by B Worth, Seconded by C Striebel and passed unanimously by Roll-Call Vote.

Energy Efficiency Plan- K Galligan reported that the Energy Efficiency Plan, calling for expenditures of \$10,079,345 for the Compact was approved on May 29, 2009. This 70% increase in funding comes from several sources, but does not require that customers increase their payments toward the total. It is aimed at quickly reducing our backlog and rolling out many additional programs which have been detailed at prior meetings.

In that regard, there are over 100 community meetings planned to be made over the next few months and input is needed from each board member at or before the next Governing Board Meeting in July.

Smart Home Energy Monitoring Project. This program is underway with 75 voluntary participants on the Cape and an additional 25 on MV. A Twitter account has been established to assist in accommodating rapid communication.

Executive Session- The Board went into Executive Session to review proposed litigation related to DPU-08-113 on motion by C Striebel, Seconded by B Worth from 240PM to 255PM

Default Service Adjustment-M Downey noted that the final action by the DPU is not a favorable decision as far as the Compact is concerned. The decision was based on the fact that the uplift issue has gone away, at least temporarily. Further action could be taken, but it not planned at this time

Power Supply Issues

- **CLC Green-** The program will change since MTC will no longer fund the matching dollars passed on to each town for energy conservation matters. Each town is reminded that there may be funds available for your town and they will be maintained by MTC for some time in the future. It would be advisable to take local action to use this money. The Federal Tax deduction will continue, as will the REC program. J Soares noted that an RFP addressing future REC procurement is currently out
- **Power Supply-** J Soares reported that the price for electricity starting on July 1, 2009 will remain unchanged for residential customers supplied by the Compact under ConEd Contract. This 12.7 cent price compared unfavorably to the rate announced by NStar of 9.219 cents for the same period. The significant difference is directly related to the timing of purchases of power, with the compact supply being completed prior to the end of 2008. It is expected that some action to lower the rate can occur in the fall. We expect to be on equal footing with NStar as of 1/1/10

CVEC Update: M Downey reported that discussions continue with both Harwich and Brewster regarding potential turbines at both towns, each of which are considering installation of 2, 1.5 MW units. Pro-Forma documents have been produced for each town and meetings have been held. Harwich first meeting was June 9 and a follow up meeting is scheduled for June 29. A Brewster meeting is scheduled for June 25.

M Downey also met with the Truro Board of Selectmen on the CVEC. Their concern is the makeup of the Executive Committee.

Additional Energy Efficiency- K Galligan reported that the Compact has applied for a \$100,000 grant related to efficiency issues and programs in agriculture

Chairman's Report

- Noted that he became aware that Dennis was being charged incorrect rates for streetlights. He reminded all towns that they should look at recent bills to assure themselves that the correct rate is being charged.
- Mr. Mahoney testified at hearings run by Senator Morrissey related to changes in rules for the Electric Facilities Siting Board. In addition he has developed a "My view" article for the Cape Cod Times

Educational Outreach. C Striebel noted that State Awards were handed out at a ceremony in Barnstable on June 9. Both F Fenlon and R Schofield made some of the presentations.

Other business for the Board-F Fenlon asked that the issue of the money provided by the Compact to the CVEC to assist in start up be included as a future agenda item. He is looking for an accounting for the \$500,000 that was provided. He also indicated he would make the same request by e-mail to M Downey.

Barry R Worth
Secretary for the Compact