

## Hull Municipal Light Plant Board Meeting Held jointly with Hingham March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attendance: Phil Lemnios, Pat Cannon, Jake Vaillancourt, Stephanie-Landry, Mike Schmitt, Panos Tokadjian, Thomas Burns, Dan Ciccariello.

Mike Reeve and Laura Burns, also present from Hingham's Light Plant Board.

Hingham has a written power policy. In addition to non-carbon emitting resources, they are working on a project to put solar arrays on many of their municipal buildings. It is more expensive to put solar on roofs than it is to buy it on the open market. They have a goal of net zero carbon emissions by or before 2040 by town meeting.

Laura mentioned the cost of transmission is a substantial cost driver, and having a project or two to review with a very low or no cost of transmission is of particular interest. Eversource is going to build a tap source station in Weymouth for Hingham. Hingham will pay for it and Eversource is going to build and own it.

Phil mentioned that Hull's last review of offshore wind is ten years old. By the time we got through the environmental investigations the original canvas shrunk from four down to two potential turbines offshore.

Hingham made it clear that they are interested in reviewing and exploring non-carbon emitting 'green' energy projects with Hull that we could jointly invest in and build in Hull. The commissioners believe that Hull has a significant opportunity to develop these kinds of projects.

The joint meeting with Hull and Hingham ended at 7:29 PM.

Operations manager report:

We used our rented temporary generators for 3.5 hours to cover an outage in December 2022. The generator rental vendor will begin dismantling them April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

A resident on Samoset Ave. made a claim against Hull Municipal Light Plant that we did not respond to a low wire 5 or 6 years ago and there was recently an incident. Our attorney suggested an amendment to our terms and conditions to avoid future liability.

The current terms and conditions:

Effective April 1, 1994 Amended June 11, 1998

TOWN OF HULL MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT HULL, MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (EXCERPT OF ARTICLE XIII)

XIII INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

1. LOSSES FROM INTERRUPTION, VARIATION OR DIMINUTION OF SERVICE: HMLP endeavors to furnish adequate and reliable service, but does not guarantee continuous service. HMLP shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage, whether direct, indirect, or consequential,

to any person or property, including but not limited to computers, television sets and other electronic equipment, resulting from any stoppage, interruption, variation or diminution of service unless 1) HMLP has been negligent, 2) the loss, injury or damage is the natural, probable and reasonably foreseeable consequence of HMLP's negligence, and 3) HMLP's negligence is the sole and proximate cause of the loss, injury or damage.

2. SUPPLY SHORTAGES: In the event of an actual or threatened shortage of energy supplies or resources HMLP may in its sole judgment, curtail, allocate or interrupt electric service to any Customer or Customers if, in its sole judgment, any part of the generation, transmission, or distribution systems it utilizes may be threatened by a condition that may affect its ability to continue to supply electric service of sufficient quality, quantity and reliability.
3. VOLTAGE AND FREQUENCY REGULATION: HMLP regulates the voltage and/or frequency of its service as closely as required by the American National Standard for Electric Power Systems and Equipment, ANSI C84.1. If a Customer requires regulation of voltage and/or frequency that is more refined than ANSI C84.1, the Customer shall, at Customer's expense, furnish, install, maintain and operate the necessary apparatus.
4. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS: Although HMLP will make every effort to make necessary repairs and changes to its system without having to suspend the delivery of service, there may be occasions when service must be suspended in order to make such repairs or changes.

The suggested revision:

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1. SERVICE QUALITY AND INTERRUPTIONS. While HMLP endeavors to furnish adequate and reliable service, HMLP does not guarantee continuous service or warrant that service will be free from interruptions or defects and disclaims any and all loss or liability resulting from its failure to provide service or its inability to maintain uninterrupted and continuous service to the extent allowed by law. HMLP shall not be responsible for any losses or damages caused by any variation or diminution in service, abnormal voltage, or reversal of its service. To the extent such liability may not be disclaimed by law, HMLP shall not be liable for such condition except to the extent that such condition is caused solely by HMLP's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In no event shall HMLP be liable for any indirect, incidental or consequential losses or damages of any kind resulting therefrom. HMLP shall have no duty to regulate voltage and/or frequency beyond that required by the American National Standard for Electric Power Systems and Equipment, ANSI C84.1, and if the Customer requires regulation of voltage and/or frequency that is more refined, the Customer shall furnish, install, maintain and operate the necessary apparatus at his own expense.

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Dan moved, and Tom seconded a motion to adopt the new liability policy. Passed unanimously. We will publish it in the next newsletter that there has been a change to our standard terms and conditions.

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Dan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 2/23/2023, Jake seconded. Passed unanimously.

RFP's for a new billing service have been sent out. This is to upgrade our billing software so that we can offer balanced or budget billing among other desired capabilities.

Hull wind I: Management contacted an engineering firm (Isotrope LLC <https://www.isotrope.im>). It is \$7,500 to engage them. We will be moving forward to tease out what interest there might be in leasing out the tower to wireless companies.

Hull's next light board meeting is planned for April 20, 2023.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, Stephanie seconded the motion, passed unanimously at 8:03PM.