

GML Utility Services Coop
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024

The following individuals were in attendance:

Nick Lawler, Chair; Michael Cloutier; Kevin Snow; Scott Edwards; Barry Tupper; Pat Laverty

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

Michael Cloutier motioned to approve the agenda as written. Kevin Snow seconded the motion. Motioned carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Kevin Snow motioned to approve the regular session minutes of June 5, 2024. Nick Lawler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

GML Maintenance Services in Groveland:

Scott stated that the last piece of equipment that needs to be installed is the two post lift. That will be done on 7/31/24 and the electrician will finish wiring it after that. Jon Jones is ready to begin work. Scott is targeting being ready for member truck repair around the third week of August and ready for customers at the beginning of September. The smaller glove testing unit should be delivered this fall. Scott will work on a location for it as well as the washer and dryer which will be required as well.

Hudson Municipal Light Department:

Justin Connell, General Manager of the Hudson Municipal Light Department thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting. He stated that his past experience does not include managing a Massachusetts MLP and highlighted the various projects the department is facing. He is looking forward to GML being able to identify gaps in Hudson's operations and recommend effective ways to fill those gaps. Nick Lawler stated that GML is guided by their value driven mission statement and Barry Tupper from the Holden Municipal Light Department saw the same opportunities for GML services that Justin discussed. Holden took services as a customer for a period before Barry initiated steps to becoming a member of GML. Justin is looking forward to a long-term strategic partnership.

Update from CEO:

Scott presented the proposal from EVO Labs. There are two tiers of discounts, 5% and 10%. Scott was hoping for more. There was discussion around the value EVO Labs provides and their already reasonable prices. There was consensus for Scott to move forward with the proposal for the four members and Hudson. Scott reported that the implied heat rates have been climbing since our last meeting. He recommended blocks for the next few years. ENE can assist with this process. The discussions with Citizens are ongoing. They are interested in sharing some of the frequency regulation revenue for a lower shared savings percentage. There is little appetite from Kevin and Nick to have a position in the frequency regulation market. Scott also noted that there is the possibility of ISO requiring an impact study which may delay the project.

Michael Cloutier made a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Kevin Snow seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Cloutier – Aye; Snow – Aye; Lawler – Aye.

Upon exiting Executive Session Michael Cloutier made a motion to authorize Scott Edwards to sign the employment agreement with Pat Laverty that was contemplated in Executive Session with two minor corrections to Article I Section 3 and Article IV Section 4 Subsection j. Seconded by Kevin Snow. Motion carried 2-0 with Nick Lawler abstaining.

Next meeting August 15, 2024 at 10:30AM

Kevin Snow made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 PM. Nick Lawler seconded the motion. Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cloutier, Secretary