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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

155 JOHN STREET

WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

**TOWN OF
WALLINGFORD**

SEP 8 2020

**DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

PRESENT: Chairman Robert Beaumont; Commissioners Patrick Birney and Joel Rinebold; Director Richard Hendershot; Electric Division General Manager Tony Buccheri, Office Manager Tom Sullivan; Water and Sewer Divisions General Manager Neil Amwake, Recording Secretary Bernadette Sorbo.

Absent - Office Manager William Phelan

Members of the public – None

Mr. Beaumont called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Consider and approve Minutes of August 18, 2020

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

Made by: Mr. Birney

Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold

Votes: 2 ayes; Beaumont - abstain

2. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

3. Discussion and Action: Electric Division: Revision to Electric Division Rate No. 7, Municipal Lighting

Mr. Hendershot passed out a draft copy of motions in regards to Items Number 3 and 4 for review.

Mr. Beaumont questioned that the only change to Rate No. 7 was the one line adding 40-watt LED ornamental fixtures, due to the forty-three new ornamental street lights along Hall Avenue. Mr. Hendershot stated that this was correct. Mr. Hendershot referenced Item No. 4-2 and stated that this memorandum describes and sets up the issue.

38 **Motion to set the date for a Public Hearing regarding a proposed revision to the**
39 **Wallingford Electric Division's retail Electric Service Rate No. 7, Municipal Lighting for**
40 **September 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M:**

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42 **Made by: Mr. Birney**
43 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**
44 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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46 **4. Discussion and Action: Electric Division: WED Cash Reserve Above Minimum**
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48 Mr. Hendershot referenced the cover letter dated August 24 and the Memorandum to the PUC
49 dated July 15, 2020. Mr. Hendershot reviewed the Cash Position Spreadsheet and stated that this
50 item was postponed to include the effect the storm had on the cash reserves. Mr. Sullivan came
51 up with a thorough estimate of \$620,000.00. Mr. Hendershot advised that this was all done to
52 illustrate that there is sufficient cash on hand per the Division's formula-based cash requirement
53 of \$19,454,469. Even after paying for the storm, Mr. Hendershot feels that WED can proceed
54 with the proposed refund of the CMEEC Settlement.

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56 Mr. Birney thanked both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hendershot for the comprehensive memo and
57 color graph. Mr. Birney stated that Mr. Hendershot had answered some questions of his offline
58 prior to the meeting. Mr. Birney questioned how will this be reflected and/or exhibited on the
59 bill. Mr. Hendershot responded that the WED does not have the exact wording for what this will
60 be called. Mr. Sullivan stated that the WED is currently working with the CIS software vendor
61 to create a credit per kWh on the bill test run.. As of now WED is trying to get this placed in the
62 proper position on the bill. It has been done on the Test version of the software.

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64 Mr. Hendershot stated that another question Mr. Birney and Mr. Hendershot spoke about offline
65 was what if sales are significantly more or less than expected? Mr. Sullivan presented Mr.
66 Hendershot with figures that showed sales are remarkably steady in any given year based on the
67 budget. Mr. Hendershot has a lot of confidence in the analysis and the estimate in regards to
68 paying back the refund. In the event that things are sufficiently different WED will monitor and
69 come back to the Commission to ask for a motion to either run longer or end it sooner if needed.

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71 **Motion to authorize the Wallingford Electric Division to establish a credit of \$0.006562 per**
72 **kWh for all retail energy sold on bills issued on and after October 1, 2020 through and**
73 **including September 30, 2021:**

74 **Made by: Mr. Birney**
75 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**
76 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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78 **Public Question and Answer Period**

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80 No members of the Public present at this time. Public question and answer period closed.
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85 **ADJOURNMENT**

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87 **Motion to adjourn**

88 **Made by: Mr. Birney**

89 **Seconded by: Mr. Rinebold**

90 **Votes: 3 ayes**

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92 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

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98 Bernadette Sorbo
99 Recording Secretary

Joel Rinebold
Secretary