

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BELMONT
MUNICIPAL LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD
BMLD Board Room, 40 Prince Street
Tuesday, January 15, 2013
7:15 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 7:17 PM by Ashley Brown, Chair of the Municipal Light Advisory Board.

Present: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Forrester; Members McCarthy, McClain, DiOrio; Selectman Rojas; BMLD General Manager Palmer; BMLD Staff Mancinelli; BMLD General Legal Counsel Selgrade; AECOM Joseph.

Absent: Member McVay

II. SMART GRID UPDATE:

Mancinelli presented a summary of LaCapra' & Associates' November 12, 2012 memo on the subject of critical peak pricing and real time pricing rate structure options. Brown asked that LaCapra attend the next meeting. Mancinelli suggested that Board Members submit questions and requests for LaCapra to her before the next meeting. Brown would like to see research on three residential Real Time Pricing (RTP) programs that LaCapra references in the memo. DiOrio would like an example of customer bills for a typical customer who does not shift demand under RTP. Mancinelli updated the Board that 3,068 smart meters have been installed to date. Problems with the Cogsdale billing system in reading the smart meters may create a lag in implementing a time variable rate structure.

III. EFR DISTRIBUTED GENERATION:

Palmer noted that the billing system problems might also create a lag in implementing Phase II of the Net Metering and Buyback Tariff for emission free renewable generating facilities serving customer load. Palmer explained that to implement Phase II we must have three reads: energy flow in both directions from the smart meter and a read from the inverter or the PV facility, which we currently would have to read manually. The Mass Solar Carve Out Program only requires generators over 10 kW (dc) capacity to automatically report Solar Renewable Energy Credit's (SRECs) to the state tracking system; smaller generators may report manually.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

At Palmer's recommendation, the Board agreed to revisit minute approval at next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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