

CITY OF GROTON UTILITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

June 16, 2010

A special meeting of the City of Groton Utilities Commission was held this date at which Mayor Popp, Commissioners DeMuzzio, Duarte, and Dunbar-Rose; Director of Utilities Yatchko, Deputy Director-Administrative Services Collard until 5:53 p.m., Deputy Director-Water/PAF Cummings, Deputy Director-Electric Roche; General Manager-Information Technology Blanchette, General Manager-Major Accounts and Rates & Revenue Requirements Conner, General Manager-Commercial Accounts and Power Requirements Mediavilla, and Executive Assistant Gaudette were present.

Also present were Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) Assistant General Counsel Robin Kipnis, and Leaders and Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 63126.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Popp at 5:02 p.m.

Commissioner DeMuzzio was appointed Clerk Pro Tem due to the absence of Commissioner Rabitaille.

Dunbar-Rose / Duarte that the minutes of the special meeting of May 26, 2010 be approved. The vote on the motion was 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Commissioner DeMuzzio). The motion carried.

Review and Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the month of May showing the following balances was presented by Treasurer Dunbar-Rose.

Checking Account Activity for the month of May:

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Electric General Fund	\$ 1,064,878
Water General Fund	\$ 39,123
Meter Deposit Fund	\$ 0
Electric Bond Fund	\$ 265
Water Bond Fund	\$ 789

Cash Investment Activity:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Electric General Fund	\$ 14,266	\$ 14,268
Water General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
Money Market Fund	\$ 104,427	\$ 83,002
Meter Deposit Fund	\$ 926,060	\$ 926,210

Electric Bond Fund	\$ 2,046,909	\$ 1,863,258
Water Bond Fund	\$ 887,495	\$ 887,639
Economic Development Reserve Fund	\$ 104,080	\$ 104,097
Electric Restricted Fund	\$ 1,476,290	\$ 1,476,529
Water Restricted Fund	\$ 444,852	\$ 444,924

At the end of the eleventh month, total investment earnings should be at 91.63% and we are at 77.48%. Earnings for the Electric Division are 9.27%, 114.04% of budget for BL&P, and 35.45% of budget for the Water Division.

DeMuzzio / Duarte that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. So voted unanimously.

Communications and Correspondence

The following communications were received:

- A Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce announcement regarding Groton Utilities' becoming the major sponsor of the Art on Groton Bank event being held July 17, 2010 at the Bill Memorial Library

Public Communications

Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 63126 presented a video entitled "Wonders of Water". With the help of Girl Scout Leaders Ms. Kathleen Doyle and Ms. Julie Allen, members of Troop No. 63126 worked for nine (9) months on the project, learning about water conservation and ways to encourage other to conserve.

Mayor Popp suggested the video be shown at the upcoming American Water Works Association Annual (AWWA) Conference and Exposition being held June 20 through June 24, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois. Deputy Director Cummings suggested clips of the video be used for the Groton Utilities' Drinking Water Week commercial and the possibility of having the Troop members participate in the commercial.

CMEEC Board of Directors Report

Director Yatchko and Commissioner DeMuzzio gave an overview of May 27, 2010 CMEEC Board of Directors meeting. There were no items requiring action at the meeting.

Review of Monthly Financial Report

Total Electric Revenue for the Electric Division for the month of May was \$3,805,750 or 6.2% below expectations. In comparison to last year, Total Electric Revenue is 11.2% less. Total Electric Revenue for the Fiscal Year-to-Date was \$51,487,759, or 0.3% above budget and 2.5% below in comparison to last year. Operation & Maintenance Expense for May was \$603,625, or 12.5% below expectations. In comparison to last year, Operation & Maintenance Expense is 14.4% less. Operation & Maintenance Expense for the Fiscal Year-to-Date was \$6,860,801, or 9.6% below budget and 4.3% above in comparison to last year. Depreciation Expense for the month of May was \$120,095, or 7.6% below budget. In comparison to last year, Depreciation Expense was 2.2% more. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Depreciation Expense was \$1,356,821, or 5.1% below budget and 1.2% more than last year. Net Income for the month of May was \$450,609 or 85.6% above budget. In

comparison to last year, Net Income was 29.8% more. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Net Income was \$6,525,355, or 70.5% above budget, and 3.0% more than last year.

Effective January 1, 2010, the State of Connecticut's mandated Conservation Charge was increased from \$0.0019 to \$0.0022 per kWh and is added as a line item to customers' bills. More than \$68,000 was charged to customers in May, excluding the Navy and interruptible loads. This amount is included in revenue and expensed as Conservation Expense. This will be transferred to Groton Utilities' Conservation and Load Management (CLM) Account held at CMEEC in accordance with the Connecticut State Statute. Groton Utilities controls all expenditures from this fund. More than \$240,000 in energy rebates was paid to customers during the month of May, with a total Fiscal Year-to-Date of \$633,574.

Total Water Revenue for the Water Division for the month of May was \$621,322, or 10.2% below budget projections. In comparison to last year, Total Water Revenue is 12.0% less. Total Water Revenue for the Fiscal Year-to-Date was \$7,063,966, or 4.1% below budget and 2.8% more in comparison to last year. Operation and Maintenance Expenses for the month of May were \$402,008, or 33.2% below budget. In comparison to last year, Operation and Maintenance Expenses are 36.2% less. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Operation and Maintenance Expenses were \$5,867,210, or 11.4% below budget, and 0% more in comparison to last year. Total Operating Expenses for the month of May were \$486,283, or 29.2% below budget. In comparison to last year, Total Operating Expenses are 32.2% less. Total Operating Expenses for the Fiscal Year-to-Date were \$6,821,386, or 9.7% below budget, and 0.2% more in comparison to last year. Net Earnings before Debt Principal for the month of May were \$150,099 or 673.8% above budget. For the Fiscal Year-to-Date, Net Earnings before Debt Principal were \$422,699 or 1266.2% above a budgeted loss, and 117.0% more than last Fiscal Year-to-Date.

Mayor Popp asked if the 308-Line Upgrade Project figures were included in the year-to-date financials. Deputy Director Collard replied the 308-Line Upgrade Project is an approved bond fund project, and bond fund projects are not included in the monthly or year-to-date income statements.

Review of Director of Utilities' Report

The Director of Utilities' Report dated June 16, 2010 was presented as follows:

June 16, 2010

The City of Groton Utilities Commission
Groton, Connecticut

Ladies and Gentlemen:

*1. **GUC-10-06-151:** On June 7, 2010, at the Annual Budget Meeting, the citizens of the City of Groton approved Item Number 1 of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as follows:

Item No. 1: To authorize the Water and Electric Departments to provide, at the discretion of the Utilities Commissioners, the following free services from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

- a. Water and electricity to Fort Griswold State Park and Groton Monument House – approximately \$2,900.00
- b. Water and electricity to Bill Memorial Library – approximately \$7,400.00

- c. Illumination of the United States flag during hours of darkness at the Groton Monument – approximately \$300.00
- d. Water and electricity to Washington Park – approximately \$28,000.00
- e. Water and electricity to Avery Copp Carriage House and Museum – approximately \$1,500.00

It is recommended that the City of Groton Utilities Commission authorize the Water and Electric Departments to provide the following free services from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011: water and electricity to Fort Griswold State Park and Groton Monument House in the amount of approximately Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,900.00), water and electricity to Bill Memorial Library in the amount of approximately Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,400.00); illumination of the United States flag during hours of darkness at the Groton Monument in the amount of approximately Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$300.00); water and electricity to Washington Park in the amount of approximately Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$28,000.00); and water and electricity to Avery Copp Carriage House and Museum in the amount of approximately One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500.00).

*2. **GUC-10-06-152:** Groton Utilities has applied for the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation (DOT) 2010 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program grant. The DOT has notified Groton Utilities that the grant will fund the cost differential between eight (8) standard fueled vehicles and the hybrid equivalent motor vehicles for the 2010-2011 budget. Grant funding will provide a total of \$67,200.00 to procure the identical vehicles powered by hybrid engines.

The breakdown for the vehicles is as follows:

- One (1) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicle OR One (1) GMC Sierra 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicle for the Electric Department
- One (1) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicle OR One (1) GMC Sierra 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicle for the Water Department
- Three (3) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicles for the Electric Department
- One (1) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicle for the Administration Department
- One (1) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicle for the Information Technology Department
- One (1) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicle for the Key Accounts Department

It is recommended that the City of Groton Utilities Commission approve and accept a grant award from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation 2010 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program in the amount of \$67,200.00 (Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents) to offset the costs of the purchase of Six (6) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicles, and Two (2) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicles OR Two (2) GMC Sierra 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicles and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur, and that Mayor Dennis L. Popp be authorized to execute said agreement.

*3. **GUC-10-06-153:** As reported at the December 16, 2009 Utilities Commission meeting, the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative's (CMEEC) 50 in 5 Project has progressed into the generator installation phase. There are nine (9) 2.5 megawatt units planned to supply a total of 22.5 megawatts of peak energy into the Groton Utilities, Bozrah Light and Power Company, and Fishers Island Electric host utility power distribution systems. All the participating host utilities will have the same Interconnection and Operating Agreement and Joint Operating Agreement Procedures to maintain consistent, integrated operating procedures.

It is recommended that the City of Groton Utilities Commission approve the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative's (CMEEC) 50 in 5 Project Interconnection and Operating Agreement and the Joint Operating Agreement Procedures for the Gary Court site.

4. Water Statistics:

	<u>June 7, 2010</u>	<u>May 17, 2010</u>	<u>June 15, 2009</u>
Water in Usable Storage	2,542 M.G.	2,556 M.G.	2,541 M.G.
Daily Average Pumping Rate (Week)	7.3 M.G.	5.1 M.G.	5.63 M.G.
Annual Running Average per Day to Date (Year)	5.6 M.G.	5.5 M.G.	5.6 M.G.

Electric Statistics:

	<u>May 2010</u>	<u>April 2010</u>	<u>May 2009</u>
kWhs Purchased	38,708,820	38,173,824	42,306,940
System kW Demand	75,765	67,064	67,789

5. During the month of May, Groton Utilities received thirty-five (35) call outs from customers. Nine (9) of the calls involved electric power interruptions. Five (5) interruptions involved trees shorting out circuits, two (2) involved animal contacts, one (1) was weather-related, and one (1) short-term "momentary" interruption was sustained from an unknown cause. Four hundred and seventy (470) customers were involved for a total of 6,479 minutes, creating a total of 135,961 customer minutes of lost electric service during the month.

6. Energy Assistance Program

Receipt and Allocation of Funds as of May 31, 2010
(As reported by Town Social Services)

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Initial Start-up Funds	N/A	\$ 2,000.00
Customer Donations	\$ 57.85	\$ 136,317.17
Groton Utilities' Matching Funds Paid	\$ 81.88	\$ 64,681.66
Allocation to Customers	\$ 2,978.31	\$ 202,855.24
Balance on Hand	>>>	\$ 143.59

Last 12 Months

Donations	\$ 9,030.39
Matching	\$ 4,528.05
Distributed	\$ 13,512.70

7. CONN-OSHA Recordable Accidents:

Division	Month of May		Year-to-Date		Prior (2009) Year-to-Date	
	LTA	Non-LTA	LTA	Non-LTA	LTA	Non-LTA
Electric	0	0	0	0	4	4
Water	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sewer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admin/CC	0	0	0	0	0	2

LTA: Lost Time Accident
 Non-LTA – Non-Lost Time Accident

8. System reservoirs are at 98.80 percent of total usable storage, with stream flows below normal levels.

Precipitation recorded for the month of May was 3.24 inches, which is 0.50 inch below the seventy-nine year Groton average for May. Total precipitation for the first five (5) months of 2010 was 28.30 inches, which is 7.76 inches above the seventy-nine year average for the same period.

9. The Summary of Operations at the Water Treatment Plant for the month of May 2010 is available for Commissioner review.

10. At its special meeting held on June 7, 2010, the City Council **initially** approved an “Ordinance approving revisions to the existing water rate schedule for the City of Groton, Department of Utilities, Water Division, for all water service located within the Groton and Eastern Division Service territory, to be effective for water service billed on and after August 1, 2010”.

11. At its special meeting held on June 7, 2010, the City Council voted to authorize Groton Utilities’ Management to issue a purchase order to Thames Valley Communications, Inc., 295 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and No Cents (\$155,714.00) for fiber optic network installation and maintenance to be paid from funds available in the approved 2005 Electric Bond Fund.

12. Water Division personnel have installed and placed into service a new ¾-inch chlorine dioxide line to Unit No. 2. Last year, the old Unit No. 3 filters had a chlorine dioxide line. Combined now with Unit No. 2, this will assist with controlling manganese.

13. Water Division personnel have cleaned the sediment basins and inspected the new troughs. A few leaks were discovered where the wood frame and concrete met, and have been sealed with sealant.

14. During a maintenance check, the oil from High Lift Pump No. 1 (250 hp / 2,750 gpm) was drained. The oil was dirty and contained metal. The motor was sent to Schultz Electric to have new bearings installed. The unit has been repaired and placed back into service for hydrant flushing. The pump was manufactured in 1947 and the repairs totaled \$14,878.

15. On May 15, 2010, a water main break occurred on Mallard Drive in Navy Housing. Groton Utilities’ supplied the pipe and fittings for the contractor to make the necessary repairs. Groton Utilities will be reimbursed for the supplies.

16. Water Division personnel replaced five (5) water services from the main to the property line at Xenia Court. The water service pipe, installed in 1981, was plastic well piping and required repairs for leaks approximately once or twice per year and was not in accordance with Groton Utilities' specifications. It was determined to replace the services with copper pipe per Groton Utilities' specification to eliminate the need for repairs.

17. There were two (2) water main breaks and no water service leaks during the month of May as follows:

- 6-inch water main break at 67 Maple Drive on May 7, 2010
- 6-inch water main break at 85 Burgess Place on May 17, 2010

18. As part of the 13.8 kV Voltage Conversion Project, during the month of May, Groton Utilities' line crews completed the Trails Corner Substation Voltage Conversion Project, and the work order was closed. The project consisted of replacing aging poles, cross arms, insulators and fuse cutouts in order to increase the distribution voltage from 8.32 kV to 13.8 kV. Groton Utilities' Electric Project Management personnel are in the process of creating work orders for Poquonnock Road Substation and Groton Long Point Substation areas Voltage Conversion Projects, which are scheduled to start in July 2010. The 13.8 kV Voltage Conversion Project is an approved 2000 Electric Bond Fund Project.

19. As part of the 308-Line Upgrade Project, Groton Utilities' Electric Operations' personnel are in the process of installing splices in thirty-two (32) manholes. As of June 1, 2010, one hundred and six (106) of one hundred ninety-eight (198) splices have been installed, and cable racks were replaced in twenty-six (26) of thirty-two (32) manholes. Splicing work and replacing the cable racks is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2010. At that time, testing of the cables will begin. The 308-Line Upgrade Project is an approved 1992 and 2001 Electric Bond Fund Project.

20. As part of the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative's (CMEEEC) 50 in 5 Project, during the month of May, Groton Utilities' Electric Operations personnel completed the installation of the underground distribution facilities to the Bridge Street generation site. Testing of the generators is underway, and at times during the testing, the generators have supplied power into Groton Utilities' distribution system without a problem.

21. As part of the Stockhouse Road Substation Upgrade Project, Groton Utilities' Electric Project Management personnel are in the process of reviewing the wiring diagrams prior to the construction of the 24/30/40 MVA transformer that will be installed at Stockhouse Road Substation. Once the wiring diagrams have been approved, Howard Industries will begin constructing the transformer, which is scheduled to be delivered in September 2010. The engineering design for the modifications of the 2X transformer foundation is in progress.

22. As part of the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Smart Grid Project, Groton Utilities' Electric Meter Department personnel have ordered time-of-use Sensus® Flexnet® meters for large apartment complexes in Groton. Groton Utilities' Electric Operations personnel are targeting routes to enable completed routes to be tied to automated billing through Meter Sense®. M900 Field Tools have been reprogrammed with new location codes for Bozrah and Groton and for faster communication settings.

23. During the month of May, Cyber Infrastructure Protection programs changes were presented by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). First, Critical

Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standard CIP-002 will become CIP-010. Critical Assets and Critical Cyber Assets terminology will no longer be a part of the Cyber Infrastructure Protection program. Second, CIP-003 through CIP-009 will become CIP-011. Standards and requirements will be consolidated into a single standard, incorporating most of the requirements from the earlier standards. Lastly, Distribution Providers (DP) is expected to be added as Applicable Entity under CIP-010 and CIP-011. Current “hot topics” include Cyber Infrastructure Protection, Aurora, NERC Registration, and the Smart Grid.

24. The Conservation and Load Management Program results for the year to date are as follows:

YEAR TO DATE REPORT ON CONSERVATION & LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

MEASURE	# Projects	\$ Incentive	Customer Costs	Annual kWh Savings	Annual Cust Savings	Lifetime kWh Savings	Lifetime Cust Savings
Residential Dwellings Retro	689	\$361,152	\$0	276,732	\$38,742	2,158,511	\$302,192
Appliance Rebates	106	\$6,270	\$77,288	38,103	\$5,334	425,900	\$59,626
Residential HVAC	5	\$5,000	\$90,367	0	\$0	0	\$0
Load Control	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
High Efficiency Motors	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Com/Ind HVAC	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Com/Ind Lighting	5	\$29,218	\$94,108	199,567	\$27,939	2,973,440	\$416,282
Other	3	\$3,392	\$2,350	0	\$0	0	\$0
Program Totals	808	\$405,032	\$264,113	514,402	\$72,016	5,557,851	\$778,099

The \$\$\$ value of savings is based on \$0.14 cents per kWh and not the actual savings over the lifetime of the conservation measure. This is only an estimate based on today's customer costs.

25. On June 2, 2010, Deputy Director Cummings participated in the Fitch High School Senior Awards and Scholarship Ceremony. Groton Utilities’ awarded a \$500 scholarship to Tyler Underwood to pursue a degree in engineering, and a \$500 scholarship to Elizabeth Gonzales to pursue a degree in business.

26. The bill for purchased power for the month of May 2010 as received from CMEEC is in the amount of \$3,691,968.71. Effective April 1, 2010, the Purchased Power Adjustment (PPA) increased from \$0.007876 per kWh to \$0.008876 per kWh and was applied to customers’ billings. For the month of May, \$211,814 was collected to help offset generation costs. For the month of May, a surplus of \$33,478 will be added to the PPA Fund. The PPA Fund is now a credit of \$185,691 and will be monitored and flowed through to customers at a later date. Effective April 1, 2010, the Transmission Cost Adjustment (TCA) was decreased from \$0.00526 per kWh to \$0.00426 per kWh and \$101,659 was collected to help offset a deficit of \$83,936. The net surplus of \$17,723 will be charged to the TCA Normalization Fund. The TCA Fund now is a credit of \$338,568 and includes interest income on the Fund.

27. Monthly reports as received from the Deputy Director-Electric Division, Deputy Director-Water Division, General Manager-Information Technology and Manager-Economic Development are available in the Director of Utilities' office for Commissioner review.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul Yatcko
Director of Utilities

Regarding Report Item No. 24: Mayor Popp complimented General Manager Conner on the Conservation and Load Management Program savings.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business

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Dunbar-Rose / Duarte that the City of Groton Utilities Commission authorize the Water and Electric Departments to provide the following free services from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011: water and electricity to Fort Griswold State Park and Groton Monument House in the amount of approximately Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,900.00), water and electricity to Bill Memorial Library in the amount of approximately Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,400.00); illumination of the United States flag during hours of darkness at the Groton Monument in the amount of approximately Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$300.00); water and electricity to Washington Park in the amount of approximately Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$28,000.00); and water and electricity to Avery Copp Carriage House and Museum in the amount of approximately One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500.00). So voted unanimously.

Report Item No. *2, GUC-10-06-152: Consideration of and Action to approve and accept a grant award from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation 2010 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program in the amount of \$67,200.00 (Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents) to offset the costs of the purchase of Six (6) Ford Escape Hybrid Electric Vehicles, and Two (2) Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicles OR Two (2) GMC Sierra 1500 Hybrid Electric Vehicles and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and that Mayor Dennis L. Popp be authorized to execute said agreement

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Mayor Popp asked what would happen if, after accepting the grant, the City decided not to purchase the vehicles in Fiscal Year 2011 due to budget constraints. General Manager Mediavilla replied the funds would be flowed through to next year's funding. Mayor Popp inquired if the make and model of the vehicles could be changed. General Manager Mediavilla replied they could not. The make and model of the vehicles were those specifically requested by the respective Groton Utilities departments, and once the State accepts the application, the vehicles cannot be changed. Currently, GMC and Dodge do not make hybrid vehicles comparable to the Ford Escape.

Commissioner Dunbar-Rose said the Commission should approve accepting the grant as the grant monies do not need to be utilized if the budget does not allow for the purchases of the vehicles. If the City decides to purchase the vehicles, the grant monies would be available.

Commissioner DeMuzzio asked if the vehicles were being purchased as part of a vehicle replacement schedule. Director Yatcko stated the vehicles would be purchased as replacement vehicles in accordance with Groton Utilities' Vehicle Replacement Schedule, and the schedule would be included with the Action Item form submitted to the Commission when requesting the actual purchase of the individual vehicles.

So voted unanimously.

Report Item No. *3, GUC-10-06-153: Consideration of and Action to approve the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative's (CMEEC) 50 in 5 Project Interconnection and Operating Agreement and the Joint Operating Agreement Procedures for the Gary Court site

Dunbar-Rose / Duarte that the City of Groton Utilities Commission approve the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative's (CMEEC) 50 in 5 Project Interconnection and Operating Agreement and the Joint Operating Agreement Procedures for the Gary Court site.

Director Yatcko reported this is the standard agreement that the Commission has approved for the other CMEEC 50 in 5 Project sites. The only differences are the specifications for the two (2) additional transformers at the Gary Court site.

So voted unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 6:06 p.m., Duarte / DeMuzzio that this meeting adjourn. So voted unanimously.

Attest:

Edward E. DeMuzzio
Clerk Pro Tem