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**CITY OF NORWALK
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
September 28, 2010**

COMMISSION: Timothy Plunkett, Chair; David Brown; Paul Kokias

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager, Ron Scofield Assistant General Manager

Others: Connie Discala, Treasurer; John Bove, District Counsel; Joe Cristino, Engineer; Chris Hodgson, Labor Attorney

Mr. Plunkett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present this evening.

MINUTES OF MEETING – August 9, 2010

- ** MR. KOKIAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Leary reviewed the financial statements for July and discussed the variances from July of last year. He then introduced the discussion of the Electric Departments financial projection for the next two years.

FINANCIAL PROJECTION

Mr. Leary reviewed his memo of 9/28/10 summarizing an analysis of the effects on the finances of the Electric Department of the extreme drop in revenue from ISO_NE for the Norden generation. He also discussed the options for increasing revenue from customer billing and recommended that the wording on future bills be changed from "Fuel Cost Adjustment" to "Power Cost Adjustment" in order to reduce confusion on what the cost covered. There followed a discussion on how best to present billing

information to our customers and how to more closely match power expense with customer billing. The commissioners expressed their individual and collective distress at having to increase customer costs in a difficult economic time. After lengthy discussion:

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO CHANGE THE FUEL CHARGE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST TO \$.075 FOR NON-SUMMER PERIOD AND \$.082 FOR THE SUMMER PERIOD AND TO INCREASE THE CMEEC BILLING RATE TO \$115/MWH BEGINNING JULY 2011.**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH MR. BROWN VOTING NO**

Mr. Brown said that he preferred the smaller step up.

MAILING MACHINES

Mr. Scofield reviewed his memo summarizing bids received for the replacement of the mailing machines including the postage meter and inserter. After discussion on the details of the two bids and the relative merits of purchasing vs. leasing the equipment:

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO PURCHASE THE MAILING EQUIPMENT FROM PITNEY BOWES, THE LOW BIDDER, AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$18,389.**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

CRISTINO CONTRACTS

Mr. Leary reviewed a contract between TTD and Cristino Associates, Inc. for engineering services. He explained that this contract was needed in order for the District to be reimbursed by the state for work required by the East Ave. reconstruction and work on the Triangle St. bridge. The commissioners questioned Mr. Cristino and District Counsel about the contract and following discussion:

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CRISTINO ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT TO THE STATE FOR THEIR APPROVAL**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH MR. BROWN VOTING NO**

Mr. Brown stated that he had voted no because of his opposition to the East Ave. reconstruction.

Mr. Leary reviewed a proposal from Cristino Associates dated August 24, 2010 for preliminary engineering work on the proposed 115 KV substation. After discussion:

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM CRISTINO ASSOC. AT A COST OF \$12,500**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

SUBSTATION SITE

WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

NORDEN GENERATORS

- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kokias, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield, Mrs. Discala, Mr. Bove and Mr. Hodgson were present

- ** MR. KOKIAS MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kokias, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield, Mrs. Discala and Mr. Bove were present

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT DATED 7/29/10 BETWEEN TTD AND THE UNION CONCERNING A CHANGE IN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TTD, CMEEC, CL&P AND SEVERAL OTHER PARTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION SERVICES.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

SUBSTATION SITE

It was agreed that a temporary fence be installed on the Fitch St. property following demolition and that proposals be sought for paving the area with crushed stone.

NORDEN GENERATORS

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH CMEEC AND CL&P FOR THE NORDEN GENERATORS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AS TO FORM BY DISTRICT COUNSEL.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURN

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 PM**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,
George E Leary
Secretary pro tem