

**SECOND TAXING DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2017

Present:	David Westmoreland Maria Borges-Lopez Harold Bonnet Mary Geake Mary Mann	Chairperson Vice Chairperson
Absent:	Sandra Stokes Martha Wooten-Dumas	
Also Present:	Paul Yatcko Lisa Roland Kara Murphy, Esq.	General Manager District Clerk Tierney, Zullo, Flaherty & Murphy
Public Present:	None	

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*The meeting was recorded in its entirety.*

**Call To Order:**

Commissioner Westmoreland called the Regular Meeting of The Second Taxing District to order at 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. The meeting was held at South Norwalk Electric and Water, One State Street, Norwalk, Connecticut.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes:

1.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to accept. Commissioner Geake seconded.

**Minutes were approved unanimously.**

**(17-06-20-1.1)**

*Public Participation*

No Public was present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Appointment, employment, performance and evaluation of a public officer or employee

Commissioner Geake moved to enter Executive Session to discuss, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-206A, the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee. Commissioner Borges-Lopez seconded the motion.

Executive Session was entered at 7:13 pm with Commissioners Westmoreland, Borges-Lopez, Bonnet, Geake and Mann in attendance. Also in attendance was Kara Murphy, Esq.

As a result of Executive Session discussions, Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to authorize the District Chairman to negotiate the renewal of an officer or employee's contract, subject to final approval of the contract terms by the District Commission. Commissioner Geake seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

2. CMEEC Equity Distribution

The CMEEC Member Delegation has voted to return a portion of excess retained earnings to its members; SNEW's share is \$306 thousand. SNEW has the option of taking the distribution in the form of cash, transferring it to the Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) held at CMEEC, or allowing the money to remain in SNEW's equity balance held at CMEEC. Paul Yatcko presented these options to the Commissioners for information only at this time.

SNEW Management is currently analyzing its Purchased Power Adjustment and its Rate Stabilization Fund in order to make a comprehensive recommendation at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner Westmoreland expressed his opinion that he would rather have the cash returned to SNEW than remain in CMEEC's care. Paul Yatcko replied that the funds could be easily released to SNEW by written request.

Commissioner Bonnet asked if there was a risk in leaving the money in CMEEC's care. Paul Yatcko replied there was little risk of loss in leaving it with CMEEC.

Management's recommendation will be made at the next Commissioner's meeting.

3. Solar Photovoltaic Rider

Paul Yatcko presented an electric tariff rider to implement the customer solar photovoltaic policy approved at the Commission's April 2017 meeting. The policy will compensate customers for their excess power generation at a rate which reflects SNEW's avoided cost of wholesale supply. If the rider language is approved, public notice will be made in a number of ways, including publication in the local paper, SNEW's social media and website, and in the form of bill inserts. The tariff revision would go into effect 30 days after public notice has been given.

Commissioner Bonnet expressed his concern that it was too soon to issue a policy on solar power, and that the policy would encourage customers to pursue solar

power at SNEW's expense. Paul Yatcko replied that it wasn't too soon because SNEW customers have already expressed an interest, and, additionally, he didn't feel it would encourage customers because SNEW's policy does not compensate at the full retail price (like Eversource would), but rather at SNEW's wholesale price. The policy appropriately compensates the customer while ensuring that SNEW does not subsidize the customer, nor provides excess economic incentive.

Commissioner Geake asked if the wording of the rider could be shortened and simplified for publication in the newspaper. The reply from Commissioner Westmoreland and from Paul Yatcko was that full publication of the revision to the tariff is required by law.

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to accept the rider. Commissioner Mann seconded.

**The rider was accepted unanimously.**

**(17-06-20-3)**

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Borges-Lopez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Geake seconded.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*

Attest:

Lisa G. Roland  
District Clerk