

## MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

March 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the New London Utility Commission was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President Steingraber at the Utility Offices at 400 East North Water Street, New London WI.

Members present were Steingraber, Gerhard, Rudie, Schmidt, Mc Clone, Thompson, and Barrington (New London City council liaison). Also present was Bruce Beth—Forster Engineering.

It was moved by Steingraber and seconded by Schmidt that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gerhard and seconded by Mc Clone to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2015 as mailed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mc Clone and seconded by Rudie that vouchers 40720 through 40772 in the amount of \$1,267,509.14 as listed be paid. Motion carried.

The Manager reviewed with the commission the substation fire that occurred at the Douglas Street Substation on March 10, 2015. The failure occurred at approximately 6:15 A.M. with the power restored by 8:00 A.M. The electric department crews were able to do all required switching within an hour of the fire being put out. Over the next few days crews took care of the oil spill and notified the Utilities Insurance Company and representatives from the Manufacture, Distributors and the Utilities Engineering firm were all on site to address the repair of the Douglas Street Substation.

Bruce Beth of Forster Engineering presented an estimate of the needed parts to repair the substation and a possible time line. The estimate from Forster was approximately \$200k and the estimate from Eaton was approximately \$300k.

The Manager reported that the Utilities insurance company stated that the Utilities deductible is \$15k and that all other costs would be covered. The commission directed the manager to begin the repair process to get the substation back into service and to keep a record log of all steps in the restoration process. This process will take approximately 4 to 6 months.

It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Mc Clone that the Commission authorize Focus on Energy to deliver the E3 Residential program to the New London residential customers. Each customer would receive up to 10 Compact Florescent Lamps and 2 LED lamps valued at \$100.00 at no cost - a completely free program for the New London Utilities customers.

The Manager reported on a water main break at Werner Allen and Beacon streets.

The Manager informed the Commission that the Utility received a nomination for Water System of the Year which will be awarded at the WRWA TEC Conference in Green Bay.

The Manager reported that the Electric Rate filing has been sent to the Wisconsin PSC for review and approval. The rate increase was submitted for an overall increase of 3% and will take effect in the last quarter of 2015. The Utilities last electric rate case was in 2009.

It was moved by Gerhard and seconded by Rudie that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.