

LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE OVERSIGHT and CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON JUNE 24, 2020

The Oversight and Clean Energy Committee of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) was convened at 9:56 a.m. at LIPA Headquarters, Uniondale, NY, pursuant to legal notice given on June 19, 2020; and electronic notice posted on LIPA’s website.

In compliance with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 202.1 on COVID-19 safety, the following guidelines were publicly posted and followed:

The Long Island Power Authority is taking steps to minimize the risk of exposure for the public and our employees. As such, LIPA will not be permitting in-person access to its June 24, 2020 Oversight and Clean Energy meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to observe the live stream of the meeting posted at the LIPA website. The meeting will also be recorded and posted to LIPA’s website for later viewing.

The following LIPA Trustees were present:

Mark Fischl, Committee Chair (via video conferencing)
Sheldon Cohen (via video conferencing)
Matthew Cordaro (in person)
Peter Gollon (via video conferencing)
Elkan Abramowitz (via video conferencing)
Drew Biondo (via video conferencing)
Laureen Harris (via video conferencing)
Ali Mohammed (via video conferencing)

Representing LIPA, in person, were Thomas Falcone, Chief Executive Officer; Bobbi O’Connor, Chief Administrative Officer & Board Secretary; Rick Shansky, Senior Vice President of Operations Oversight; and Justin Bell, Vice President of Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs. Participating via video conferencing were Anna Chacko, General Counsel; Kenneth Kane, Senior Advisor to Operations Oversight; and Jason Horowitz, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Representing PSEG Long Island was John O'Connell, Vice President of Transmission and Distribution.

Chair Fischl welcomed everyone to the Oversight and Clean Energy Committee meeting of the Long Island Power Authority Board of Trustees and stated that the first item on the agenda was the adoption of the minutes from the December 14, 2019 Oversight and REV Committee meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the December 18, 2019 Oversight and REV Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Chair Fischl stated that the next item on the agenda was the Briefing on the Results of the Storm Hardening Program to be presented by John O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell presented the Briefing on the Results of the Storm Hardening Program and took questions from the Trustees.

Chair Fischl stated that the next item on the agenda was the Briefing on Successor to Net Metering Whitepaper to be presented by Justin Bell.

Mr. Bell presented the Briefing on Successor to Net Metering Whitepaper and took questions from the Trustees.

Chair Fischl stated that the next item on the agenda is the Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Board Policy on the Evaluation of Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning to be presented by Rick Shansky.

Mr. Shansky presented the following action item and took questions from the Trustees:

Requested Action

The Oversight and Clean Energy Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) is requested to adopt a resolution amending the Board Policy on the Evaluation of Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning (the “Policy”), which resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Background

By Resolution No. 1414, dated May 23, 2018, the Board adopted the Policy which sets forth the procedures for LIPA to evaluate whether public policy requirements drive the need for physical modifications to the Long Island Transmission District (“Long Island PPTNs”). On August 1, 2018, the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) commenced its most recent biennial solicitation of proposed transmission needs that are driven by public policy requirements.

In October 2018, the NYISO referred to LIPA a series of stakeholder proposals for public policy transmission needs on Long Island and simultaneously referred the entire set of stakeholder proposals to the New York Public Service Commission (“NYPSC”) for its consideration of statewide transmission needs. Thereafter, the NYPSC sought and received public comments on the proposed PPTNs (*see*, NYPSC Case 18-E-0623).

In furtherance of state clean energy goals and in addition to LIPA’s procurement of the first offshore wind farm in the State, in 2018 the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) issued its first solicitation for offshore wind opportunities to bring clean, locally-produced renewable energy to Long Island and New York City.

In July 2019, New York State adopted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”). The CLCPA codified many of the clean energy goals and initiatives that were part of the Reforming the Energy Vision (“REV”) proceeding before the NYPSC. Among other things, the CLCPA includes a requirement for 9,000 MW of offshore wind capacity by 2035. New York State also adopted the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act (the “Siting Act”) in April 2020, which created an Office of Renewable Energy Siting to improve and streamline the process for environmentally responsible and cost-effective siting of large-scale renewable energy projects across New York.

The interconnection of offshore wind will require new transmission infrastructure on Long Island, New York City, and elsewhere in New York State.

The amendments to this Policy will be applicable to LIPA’s evaluation of the stakeholder proposals received from NYISO thus far, as well as new proposals to be solicited by NYISO in August 2020.

Recommended Changes to the Policy

The Siting Act requires the NYPSC to identify transmission upgrades needed to meet the CLCPA goals. To more closely coordinate with the New York State Department of Public

Service (“DPS”) so it can most effectively advise the NYPSC on Long Island transmission needs, LIPA staff proposes changes to the Policy more specifically shown on Exhibit “B”.

The changes include: (i) the execution of actions referenced in Section 31.4.2 of the NYISO OATT, none of which involve ratemaking or financial decisions that would require Board action, by LIPA’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) or his or her designee; (ii) the elimination of a SAPA Notice by LIPA since it is duplicative of the NYPSC process; (iii) seeking Board approval of budget or budget amendments necessitated by construction of a LIPA PPTN; and (iv) the CEO’s annual reporting to the Board on LIPA’s assessment of Long Island PPTNs.

Recommendation

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend approval of the above requested action by adoption of a resolution in the form attached hereto.

A motion was made and seconded, and the Trustees unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD POLICY ON THE EVALUATION OF PUBLIC POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSMISSION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Board Policy on the Evaluation of Public Policy Requirements for Transmission Planning (the “Policy”) was originally approved by the Board of Trustees by Resolution No. 1414, dated May 23, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight and Clean Energy Committee (the “Committee”) has reviewed the Policy and recommends that the Board approve the amendments to the Policy, as described in the accompanying memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that consistent with the accompanying memorandum, the Committee hereby recommends that the Board approve the amendments to the Policy.

Chair Fischl stated that the last item on the agenda was Committee’s Annual Self Report to the Board to be presented by Bobbi O’Connor.

Ms. O’Connor presented the Committee’s Annual Self Report and took questions from the Trustees.

Chair Fischl then entertained a motion to adjourn, which was duly made and seconded, after which the meeting concluded at approximately 10:38 a.m.
