

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES—Proceedings by Authority

State of New York:

Office of the Board: ss.

City of Jamestown:

Regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities, City of Jamestown, New York, held **Tuesday, July 7, 2009**, at **12:00 P.M.** in the offices of the Board, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS:	Present	Absent
Vince DeJoy		X
William S. Gullotti	X	
Jeffrey A. Lehman, PE	X	
Fred Larson	X	
Carl P. Pillittieri	X	
Gregory Rabb	X	
Wayne J. Rishell	X	
Mayor Samuel Teresi	X	
John Zabrodsky	X	
STAFF:		
General Manager, David L. Leathers	X	
Deputy General Mgr., Randall S. Peterson, PE	X	
Business Manager, Michael A. Anderson	X	
Counsel, William Wright	X	
Sec of the Board, Julie M. Breen	X	
Communications Coordinator, Rebecca Robbins	X	
Project Tech Lead, Steve Kulig	X	
Electric & Gas Res Mgr., Dave Gustafson	X	
Energy Eff Coord., Dan Reynolds	X	

The media was notified of this meeting and was represented by Jade Boice, Cable 8, and Kristen Johnson, P-J.

On motion of Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Gullotti, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dave Leathers introduced Dan Reynolds as the new Energy Efficiency Coordinator for the BPU.

#090701 By Mr. Rishell:

Whereas, the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (JBPU) is actively engaged in efforts to promote energy conservation and energy efficiency initiatives benefiting its electric division customers and has funds available through its Energy Efficiency Program Charge as approved by the New York Public Service Commission and implemented by the JBPU in April, 2009 to expand existing programs and create new programs for this purpose, and

Whereas, the JBPU has contracted with Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) to perform energy audits on residential properties in accordance with standards set by the Building Performance Institute (BPI) and to make recommendations to the owners of such properties related to weatherization improvements that can be performed to reduce the amount of energy used within the structure, and

Whereas, the JBPU believes that the improved weatherization of residential housing structures is an important area related to the reduction of energy usage within the JBPU electrical service area and that the allocation of funds collected through the Energy Efficiency Program Charge to encourage and promote such improvements is an appropriate use of such funds, and

Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the Board does hereby authorize the JBPU to offer to pay rebates of 25% of the cost (up to a maximum of \$1000 per JBPU electric customer account) of work performed by a BPI certified contractor related to the completion of weatherization improvements recommended by COI through a Level Two Audit authorized by the JBPU and that the effective date for such rebates shall begin July 1, 2009 and that no work completed or contracted for prior to that date shall be eligible for consideration.

Discussion: This new program is intended to help JBPU customers reduce winter utility bills by installing insulation and reducing air leakage associated with residential building structures. The JBPU believes that for the work to be done safely and effectively, a qualified contractor working in accordance with BPI standards is required. Currently, there is a shortage of such contractors in Chautauqua County. As part of the JBPU Energy Efficiency program, efforts shall be made to assist contractors in completing the BPI certification process to increase the knowledge level of the contracting resources in the area, and to promote competition for the work involved. This program is expected to remain in place for a minimum two years. The cost of implementing this program is difficult to budget though a target of \$100,000/yr has been established. Expansion of the program will be considered if additional funding becomes available.

ADOPTED. Ayes: 8 Nays: 0
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#090702 By Mr. Larson:

Whereas, the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (JBPU) is actively engaged in efforts to promote energy conservation and energy efficiency initiatives benefiting its electric division customers and has funds available through its Energy Efficiency Program Charge as approved by the New York Public Service Commission and implemented by the JBPU in April 2009 to expand existing programs and create new programs for this purpose, and

Whereas, the JBPU believes that the increased use of energy efficient lighting or electric motors by small commercial and industrial customers whose annual JBPU electrical costs total less than \$30,000 per year is an important area related to the promotion of responsible energy usage within the JBPU electrical service area and that the allocation of funds collected through the Energy Efficiency Program Charge to encourage and promote such improvements is an appropriate use of such funds, and

Whereas, the JBPU staff has developed the details of a financial incentive program to provide specific rebates to small commercial and industrial customers who install specific equipment related to energy efficient lighting and electric motor technology as defined on the "JBPU Efficient Lighting and Motor Opportunities Qualifying Measures Worksheet" and other related documents,

Now, Therefore, Be It,

Resolved, That the Board does hereby authorize the JBPU to administer the qualification, verification and payment of rebates to JBPU small commercial and industrial electric customers who install energy efficient lighting or electric motors as prescribed by the JBPU documents including the submittal of required verification documentation and agree to allow JBPU authorized personnel access to the facility where the installation work was completed for the purpose of inspecting work performed to verify conformance with JBPU requirements, and be it further

Resolved, That the rebates described shall be available to JBPU electric customers whose qualifying and verifiable work is completed during the period April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

Discussion: This new program is intended to help JBPU small commercial and industrial customers reduce their utility bills by installing high efficient lighting and electric motors and/or devices which control such equipment in a manner designed to allow for the most efficient and responsible usage of electricity. The details of the program are similar to those used throughout the state by electric systems similar to the JBPU. The basic details of this program were filed with the PSC on March 24, 2009. Within this filing the JBPU budgeted \$100,000/year for this program, or a similar program which could augment or supersede it at the end of 2010.

ADOPTED. Ayes: 8 Nays: 0
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Dave Leathers said the brochures and press release for the Energy Efficiency Electric Conservation Programs are included in today's handouts. Dave Gustafson, Dan Reynolds and the EE Team continue to work with NYSERDA on additional opportunities for more programs.

Leathers said the tariff filing as been sent to the PSC on the 18A Assessment and a press release is included in the handout. He said BPU residential customers will see approximately \$1.00 per month fee on their electric bills beginning in July and extending throughout a four to five-year period.

Leathers said there is a scheduled BPU Finance Committee Meeting for this Friday at 7AM. Also, there will be a BPU Strategic Planning Committee meeting on August 27th to include the draft plans of the Water Resources Strategic Planning teams. This meeting will be from 8AM to 12 Noon.

Dave Leathers gave an update on the Oxy-Coal Project.

On motion of Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Rabb, the board convened into executive session to discuss a potential litigation issue and two personnel issues.

On motion of Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Rabb the board convened into open session.

On motion of Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mr. Rabb the board meeting was declared adjourned.

David L. Leathers, General Manager
Michael A. Anderson, Business Manager