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BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
DISTRICT OFFICES @ 5:00 PM

I.	CALL TO ORDER	5.00
II.	EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING HYDRO FACILITIES	5.05
III.	EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON POWER SUPPLY MATTERS	5.35
IV.	TENTATIVE. MOTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN ITEMS II AND III (IF NEEDED)	6.05
V.	BOARD REVIEW JUNE 2019 FINANCIALS	6.10
VI.	ROSS ROAD PROJECT UPDATE	6.15
VII.	S&P GLOBAL RATINGS UPDATE	6.25
VIII.	BOARD AUTHORIZE GM TO SELL 2002 GMC METER TRUCK, MINIMUM BID \$1,500	6.35
IX.	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT	6.45
	a. 2019 KLPD GOALS PROGRESS REPORT	
	b. CORNING DISCUSSIONS	
	c. E-BILLING AND ONLINE CC PAYMENTS UPDATE	
	d. AMERICA FIRST SURVEY STUDY MEETING UPDATE	
	e. ASPLUNDH TREE TRIMMING UPDATE	
	f. TOWN OF KENNEBUNK CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE UPDATE	
	g. THANK YOU TO RONALD FRANCOEUR FOR 11.5 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO KLPD	
X.	BOARD CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY SUPPLY OFFER FROM NEXTERA (AND POTENTIAL RFQ REVISION)	7.00
XI.	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES TOTAL)	7.10
XII.	NEXT MEETINGS. SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 29, 2019	7.25
XIII.	BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	7.35
XIV.	ADJOURN	7.35

KENNEBUNK LIGHT & POWER DISTRICT
COUNTY OF YORK
STATE OF MAINE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
(Video Recorded Meeting)

KENNEBUNK LIGHT & POWER DISTRICT
4 FACTORY PASTURE LANE
KENNEBUNK, ME 04043
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019
5:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: DAVID CLUFF - (NOT PRESENT)

VICE-PRESIDENT: ROBERT EMMONS - (PRESENT)

GENERAL MANAGER/TREASURER: TODD SHEA - (PRESENT)

CLERK: DAN BARTILUCCI - (PRESENT)

TRUSTEE: JAY KILBOURN - (PRESENT)

TRUSTEE: BRADLEY "SCOTT" DUCHARME - (NOT PRESENT)

ALSO PRESENT:

Matthew Rancourt, Business Manager

Beverly Freudenreick

Peter Ashley

Albert Kolff

Ward Hansen

(Other members of the public may have been present but not identified.)

I. Call to Order.

Vice-President Emmons called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

II. Executive Session with District Attorney for Legal Advice concerning Hydro Facilities.

III. Executive Session with District Attorney for Legal Advice on Solar Energy Matter.

IV. Tentative: Motion on Items Discussed in Items II and III (If Needed).

Not required.

(Open Public Meeting began at 5:56 p.m.)

V. Board Review May 2019 Financials.

VI. Ross Road Project Update.

VII. First Session 2019 Legislative Update

VIII. Board Authorize GM to Issue RFQ for Energy Procurement, Load Management and Consulting Services.

Motion: by Trustee Kibourn for the Board to Authorize GM to issue an RFQ for energy procurement, load management and consulting services. It was seconded by Clerk Bartilucci.

Vote: 3:0.

IX. General Manager's Report:

a. Corning Discussion.

Motion by Trustee Kilbourn to begin negotiations with Corning in regard to possible future cooperative opportunities. Seconded by Clerk Bartilucci.

Vote: 3:0.

b. E-Billing and Online CC Payments Update.

c. Update on Minutes, Filing, and Research being done.

d. Belmont Electric Light District - Strategy and Food for Thought.

e. Hydro Facilities Update.

f. Asplundh Tree Trimming Update.

g. Mill Street Planning Phase Update.

h. Substation Planning Phase Update.

i. Thank you to Board from Employees for Appreciation Luncheon.

X. Public Comment Period (Limited to 15 Minutes Total)

XI. Next Meetings: July 30, 2019, August, 2019 (TBD).

XII. Board Recommendation for Agenda Items and Next Meeting

XIII. Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Kilbourn. Seconded by Clerk Bartilucci.

Vote: 3-0.

Thereupon, with no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Attest: _____
Dan Bartilucci, Clerk

Kennebunk Light and Power District
Notes to Financial Statements
June 2019

REVENUES

KWH SALES	2019	2018	Variance
kwh sales Delivery & Transmission	8,731,969	8,710,969	21,000
minus Corning	1,784,900	1,821,700	(36,800)
kwh sales Energy and RNS:	6,947,069	6,889,269	57,800
ENERGY REVENUE	2019	2018	Variance
Energy Sales	\$ 575,182	\$ 570,600	\$ 4,582
RNS REVENUE	2019	2018	Variance
RNS Sales	\$ 159,980	\$ 158,676	\$ 1,303
TRANSMISSION REVENUE	2019	2018	Variance
Transmission Sales	\$ 45,716	\$ 45,613	\$ 103
DELIVERY REVENUE	2019	2018	Variance
Delivery Sales	\$ 231,343	\$ 229,021	\$ 2,322

EXPENSES

Department	Actual	Budget	Variance	Notes
General plant operations,	\$ 58,772	\$ 36,236	\$ 22,536	Ross Road Project
Customer accounting and collections	11,720	14,738	(3,018)	
Administration	87,604	83,529	4,075	Legal expenses - hydro
Other expense	39,976	40,300	(324)	

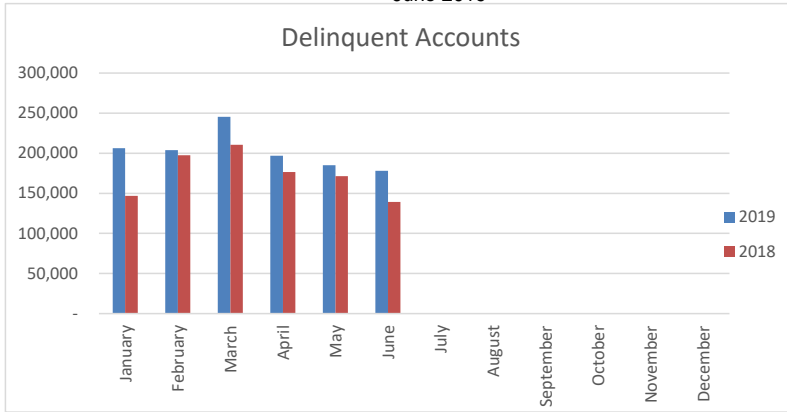
**KENNEBUNK LIGHT & POWER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

	MONTHLY			YTD			ANNUAL
	June 2019 Actual	June 2019 Budget	June 2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Revenue							
Energy revenue	575,182	595,405	570,600	4,016,315	4,087,713	3,917,418	8,188,525
PV returned to grid	4,873	4,439	4,352	18,725	13,326	13,065	
Power expense	(572,639)	(595,405)	(587,045)	(3,990,315)	(4,087,713)	(3,804,519)	(8,188,525)
PV Credits	(4,873)	(4,439)	(4,352)	(18,725)	(13,326)	(13,065)	-
Net energy revenue	2,543	0	(16,445)	26,000	(0)	112,898	-
RNS revenue	159,980	155,013	158,676	1,087,122	1,053,222	1,078,111	2,118,456
RNS expense	(116,759)	(155,013)	(122,790)	(921,469)	(1,053,222)	(947,449)	(2,118,456)
Net RNS revenue	43,220	-	35,886	165,654	-	130,662	-
Transmission revenue	45,716	45,111	45,613	295,204	269,094	272,089	566,805
Transmission expense	(29,869)	(45,111)	(24,892)	(182,941)	(269,094)	(242,982)	(566,805)
Net transmission revenue	15,847	-	20,721	112,263	-	29,107	-
Solar revenue	43,029	-	-	181,824	-	-	-
Solar expense	(43,029)	-	-	(181,824)	-	-	-
Net solar revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net energy and transmission revenue	61,611	0	40,162	303,916	(0)	272,667	-
Delivery revenue	181,924	175,808	180,432	1,178,341	1,123,350	1,174,382	2,285,641
Minimum charge revenue	49,419	48,990	48,589	294,923	293,937	216,944	587,874
Other revenue	12,615	6,549	9,880	63,097	39,294	125,233	78,587
Hydro production	3,261	5,417	-	21,602	32,500	58,852	65,000
Total Revenue	308,830	236,763	279,063	1,861,879	1,489,081	1,848,077	3,017,102
Expenses							
General plant operations, maintenance and distribution	58,772	36,236	30,747	334,738	321,954	273,414	748,837
Customer accounting and collections	11,720	14,738	12,517	81,428	102,375	86,995	169,372
Administration	87,604	83,529	70,974	667,859	682,165	579,849	1,152,310
Other expense	39,976	40,300	41,095	239,854	241,800	246,568	483,600
KLPD electrical usage	1,173	930	851	16,832	14,018	12,831	26,000
Total Expense	199,244	175,733	156,184	1,340,712	1,362,311	1,199,658	2,580,119
Net gain/(loss)	109,585	61,030	122,878	521,167	126,770	648,420	436,982

**KENNEBUNK LIGHT & POWER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

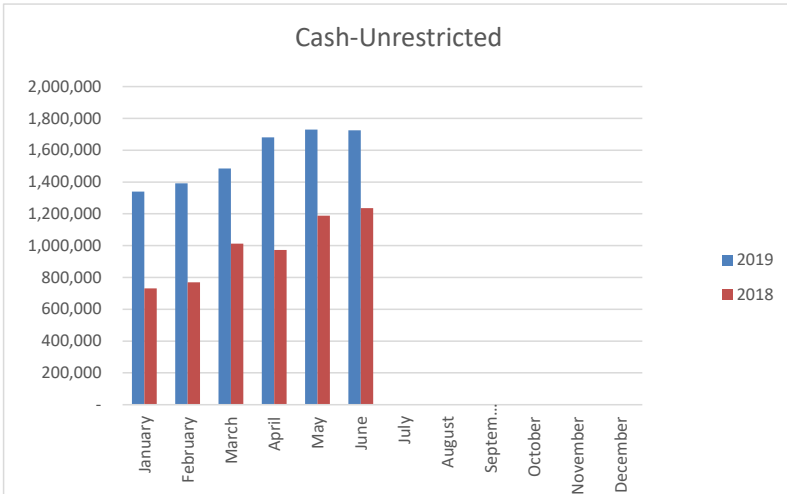
	June 2019	June 2018
Assets		
Cash and short-term investments	2,565,189	1,868,858
Accounts receivable	1,123,872	1,015,400
Fixed assets and property	10,059,113	10,061,502
Other assets	601,937	1,050,776
Total assets	14,350,111	13,996,536
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	767,208	753,912
Payroll liabilities	18,997	15,481
Long-term liabilities	2,440,225	2,670,818
Other liabilities	958,415	1,151,392
Total liabilities	4,184,845	4,591,603
Equity		
Surplus	9,648,868	8,802,535
Current year excess revenue	516,397	602,399
Total equity	10,165,266	9,404,934
Total liabilities & equity	14,350,111	13,996,536

Kennebunk Light & Power District
June 2019



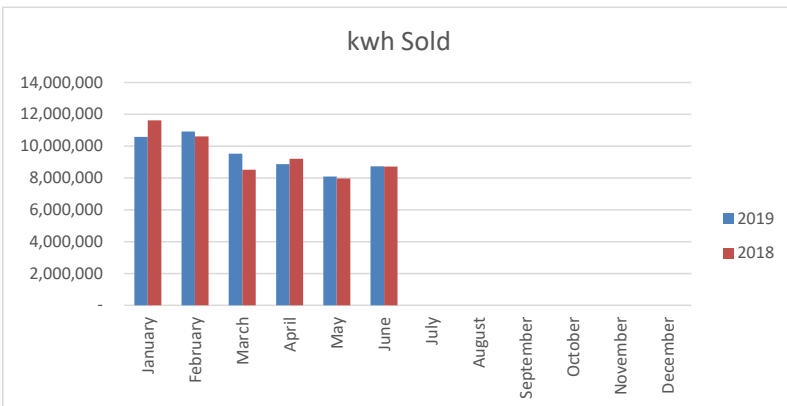
Aging	2019	2018
29 to 60 days	91,047	66,740
61 to 90 days	38,716	19,640
91 days +	48,474	53,033
Total	178,237	139,413

Delinquent accounts as a % of current month's sales:	18.27%	14.44%
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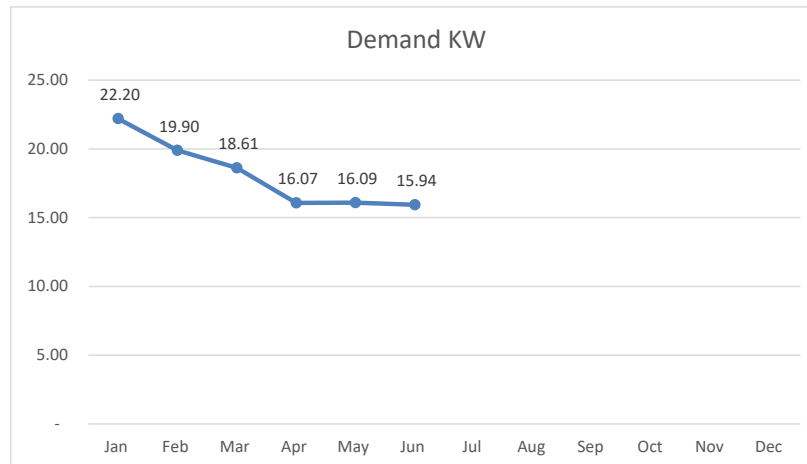
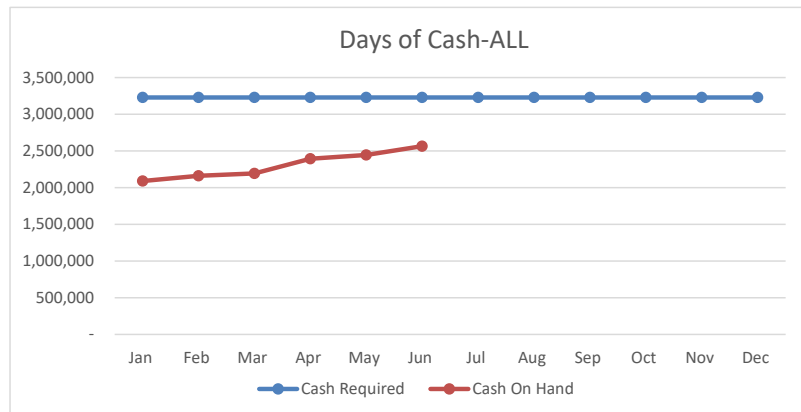
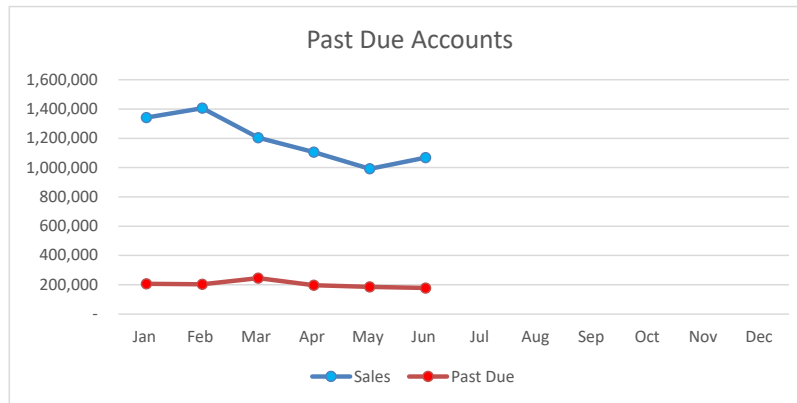
Days of Cash on Hand		Without Bonds
Required	90	90
Actual	48	58
Variance	-42	-32

Cash required:	\$ 3,228,500
Cash unrestricted	\$ 1,725,629
Cash-deposits	\$ 183,036
Cash-capital	\$ 533,849
Cash-Efficiency ME	\$ 122,675
Cash-Total	\$ 2,565,189
Variance	\$ (1,502,871)



June 2019	8,731,969
June 2018	8,710,969
Variance	21,000

Kennebunk Light & Power District
June 2019



**KENNEBUNK LIGHT & POWER DISTRICT
HYDRO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY**

Revenue	June 2019	YTD 2019	2019 Budget
Electrical Production	\$ 3,261	\$ 21,602	\$ 65,000
Total Revenue	3,261	21,602	65,000

Expenses	June 2019	YTD 2019	2019 Budget
Labor	1,324	8,398	27,295
Benefits	636	4,031	13,102
Supplies	3,524	21,647	40,500
Electrical Use	360	5,218	5,503
Liability/Property Insurance	940	5,639	11,277
Bond Interest	1,117	6,700	13,400
Depreciation	2,027	12,164	24,328
Legal & Professional Fees	19,061	20,061	24,500
Total Expenses *	28,988	83,859	159,905

Gain/ (Loss)	\$ (25,727)	\$ (62,257)	\$ (94,905)
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kWh production	31,680	209,840	635,551
Cost Per kWh-Produced	\$ 0.915032	\$ 0.399632	\$ 0.251600
Cost Per kWh-Purchased	\$ 0.102943	\$ 0.102943	\$ 0.102274
Variance	\$ 0.812089	\$ 0.296689	\$ 0.149326

	Cost
Energy	\$ 0.078980
RNS	\$ 0.018834
LNS	\$ 0.004459
	\$ 0.102274

* Expenses do not include any allocation of Management labor and benefits.

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Kennebunk Light & Pwr Dist

Long Term Rating

BBB+/Stable

Affirmed

Rationale

S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'BBB+' long-term rating on Kennebunk Light & Power District (KLPD, or the district), Maine's electric revenue bonds outstanding. The outlook is stable.

The rating reflects the application of our criteria "U.S. Municipal Retail Electric And Gas Utilities: Methodology And Assumptions," published Sept. 27, 2018 on RatingsDirect.

The rating reflects our opinion of KLPD's strong enterprise risk profile and adequate financial risk profile. The strong enterprise risk profile reflects our view of KLPD's full requirement load following power supply contract and robust economic fundamentals in the service area. The adequate financial risk profile reflects KLPD's low debt-to-capitalization ratio and less robust fixed-charge coverage (FCC) and liquidity.

The strong enterprise risk profile reflects our view of KLPD's:

- Adequate operational management assessment, highlighted by a full requirement load following power supply contract with NextEra, while recognizing that the district's management team does not produce five-year financial forecasts or capital improvement plans;
- Strong service area economic fundamentals, reflected by the district's collecting approximately 52% of its electric revenue from residential customers and service area income levels at 124% of the national median, although the number of customer accounts is small;
- Strong market position, with the weighted average electric rate about 103% of the state average in 2017 along with a power cost recovery mechanism; and
- Extremely strong industry risk assessment relative to that of other industries and sectors.

The adequate financial risk profile reflects our view of KLPD's:

- Adequate coverage, with FCC that averaged 1.17x over fiscal years 2016 through 2018;
- Vulnerable liquidity and reserves, reflecting the district's ability to meet expenses for about two months with about \$1.9 million in unrestricted reserves in fiscal 2018; and
- Extremely strong debt and liabilities profile, evidenced by a debt-to-capitalization ratio of 20% in fiscal 2018 and no additional debt plans over the next five years.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our view of the robust economic fundamentals in the service area, the Maine Public Utilities Commission's (MPUC) history of timely approving KLPD's rate requests, and management's track record in strengthening financial metrics over the past three years.

Upside scenario

We could raise the rating over the next two years if financial metrics strengthen after KLPD migrates to a new power supply contract.

Downside scenario

We could lower the rating if the district's replacement electric supply in 2021 pressures financial margins or the MPUC's rate approval process challenges the district's ability to recover costs.

Utility Description And Credit Overview

KLPD serves electricity in the Town of Kennebunk and small areas of the adjacent towns of Arundel, Lyman, and Wells. Kennebunk is located in southeastern Maine, less than 100 miles north of Boston. The district had 7,005 customer accounts in 2018. KLPD began serving electricity in 1951.

Enterprise Risk

Operational Management Assessment: Adequate

KLPD obtains more than 99% of its electricity from a full requirement load following contract with NextEra that expires on Dec. 31, 2020. The contract specifies a fixed cost per megawatt-hour. NextEra operates in 36 states and four Canadian provinces and has 21,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity. The NextEra contract includes a solar array in Kennebunk that began operating in January 2019 and will provide about 3% of KLPD's annual energy. We view positively the district's contract with NextEra because of the firm's size and sophistication. KLPD is early in the search process to obtain a new electricity supply contract to begin on Jan. 1, 2021. Until the district secures another power supply contract, uncertainty remains regarding how the performance of the new contract will match that of the NextEra contract; we view this as a credit risk.

KLPD owns three small hydroelectric dams (Dane Perkins, Kesslen, and Twine Mill) on the Mousam River. In 2018, these three dams provided less than 1% of KLPD's electricity. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licenses for these dams expire in March 2022; the district will not apply to renew these licenses.

KLPD is compliant with all environmental regulations, including Maine's renewable portfolio standard. In 2018, the district's fuel mix was 51% natural gas, 28% wind, 7% nuclear, 7% hydro, and 7% oil. The district is subject to Maine's Class II renewable portfolio standard, which requires 30% of load be satisfied by existing renewable electricity generation. We view positively KLPD's fuel mix position.

KLPD's management team does not produce five-year financial forecasts or five-year capital improvement plans. We

view the lack of financial forecasts and capital improvement plans negatively because producing these documents can provide guidance and identify potential problems. There are no transfers between the Town of Kennebunk and KLPD.

Economic fundamentals: Strong

Residential customers account for about 52% of KLPD's retail revenue and 54% of retail sales. We view the amount of residential revenue and sales as providing substantial stability. Commercial and industrial customers, whose demand is more generally more volatile than that of residential customers, account for 30% and 11% of the district's revenue, respectively. The largest customer in the service area provides 7% of KLPD's revenue, resulting in moderate customer concentration. There is no customer concentration at the top 10 customer level with these customers providing 17% of the district's revenue. In 2018, income levels in the service area were 124% of the national median, while unemployment in Kennebunk was 3.2%, below both the state and national rates. The high income levels and low unemployment benefit the rating.

Market position: Strong

In 2017, KLPD's weighted average electricity rate was 103% of the state's average of other electricity providers. Specifically, residential rates were 84% of the state's average, commercial rates were 107%, and industrial rates were 174%. The district may have rate-raising flexibility for residential customers if needed, but has less scope for rate-raising on commercial and industrial customers. If KLPD wishes to change its minimum monthly charge or delivery charge, it must obtain approval from the MPUC. The district does not need approval to change energy, regional network service, or transmission charges, which KLPD passes through to its customers. In recent years, the district has received the rate increases it has requested from the MPUC after a monthlong review process.

KLPD increased its minimum monthly charge across customer classes in 2018, resulting in a 6.2% increase of revenue per kilowatt-hour. The district also raised the minimum monthly charge in 2014 and 2016. The rate increases show KLPD's willingness to raise rates when needed, and we view this positively. No additional rate increases are planned in the next five years. The district has a power cost recovery mechanism to recover variability in fuel costs. The power cost recovery mechanism is implemented at management's discretion with costs recovered over the next 12 months. We view the presence of a power cost recovery mechanism favorably because it allows KLPD to recover costs if fuel prices increase suddenly.

Industry risk: Extremely strong

Consistent with our "Methodology: Industry Risk" criteria, published Nov. 19, 2013, we consider industry risk for municipal retail electric and gas utilities covered under these criteria very low, and therefore extremely strong compared with that of other industries and sectors.

Financial Risk

Coverage metrics: Adequate

KLPD's FCC, which treats 50% of its purchased power expenses as debtlike rather than as an operating cost, was 1.21x in fiscal 2018, 1.16x in fiscal 2017, and 1.13x in fiscal 2016. Over the past three audited years, FCC averaged 1.17x. Using the district's 2019 budget, we calculate coverage as 1.1x in fiscal 2019. FCC has strengthened over the past three audited years, and we view this favorably. If coverage drops to a level near that projected by the 2019 budget, our

coverage assessment could worsen.

Liquidity and reserves: Vulnerable

KLPD had 57 days of liquidity in fiscal 2018, providing a modest cushion to meet financial obligations. The district's unrestricted reserves totaled \$1.9 million. Similar to coverage, liquidity has strengthened over the past three years. KLPD has an informal goal to reach 90 days' cash on hand, which may be achieved by the end of 2020. We note that the district incurs KLPD's purchased power, regional network services, and transmission expenses only if the district's customers demand the electricity, and if so, these costs are directly passed through to the customers.

Debt and liabilities profile: Extremely strong

As of December 2018, KLPD had approximately \$2.4 million in debt outstanding: \$2.2 million outstanding on bonds issued in 2007 (maturing in 2027) and \$268,000 outstanding on bonds issued in 1983 (maturing in 2023). The district's debt-to-capitalization ratio was about 20% in fiscal 2018. The ratio has strengthened over the past three years and is expected to further improve to less than 20% in fiscal 2019, as KLPD amortizes debt and has no plans to issue additional debt. We view a debt-to-capitalization ratio of less than 20% as manageable for a distribution-only utility. KLPD employees participate in retirement plans administered by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. In 2018, the district's pension plan was 91% funded; we do not consider the pension liability a credit risk.

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DRAFT 2019 KLPD DISTRICT WIDE GOALS AS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES 4/30/19

(IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)

- **SUBSTATION AND LOAD SHIFTING**
 - **ROSS ROAD PROJECT COMPLETION ANTICIPATED FALL 2019.**
 - **MILL STREET RECONDUCTOR PROJECT PRELIMINARY WORK BEING COMPILED NOW. PENDING TOTAL PROJECT COST FOR ROSS ROAD, MILL STREET OUT FOR BID EARLY FALL.**
 - **CONTINUED CIRCUIT CONSOLIDATION TO REDUCE CIRCUITS AND LOAD AT WATER STREET SUBSTATION.**
 - **WATER STREET SUBSTATION PROJECT DEFINED AND PROPOSED FOR BID SPRING/SUMMER 2021.**

- **FULL REQUIREMENTS SERVICE CONTRACT**
 - **ISSUE RFP FOR FULL REQUIREMENTS SERVICE CONTRACT.**
 - **SECURE SUPPLIER FOR KLPD LOAD BEYOND 12/31/20.**
 - **ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO BE INCLUDED: LONG TERM PLANNING, STRATEGIC PLANNING ASSISTANCE, LOAD REDUCTION, COST SAVINGS.**

- **PRESENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT AND CAPITAL PLAN TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONSIDERATION IN LATE 2019**

- **PARKING LOT RESURFACING PLAN TO BOARD FOR POTENTIAL 2020 PROJECT**

- **CONTINUE TO RESPOSIBLY INCREASE KLPD RESERVES, IMPROVE BOND RATING FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE AND WORK TO REDUCE ENERGY RATE TO CUSTOMERS**

- **CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON RUNNING HYDRO ASSETS**

- **CONTINUE TO UPGRADE KLPD ASSETS FOR IMPROVED RESILIENCY**

- **IMPLEMENT CORSON GIS WORX SOFTWARE FOR ASSET VALUES, USEFUL LIFE, FOCUSING ON DEPRECIATION AND INVENTORY ACCURACIES**

- **FOSTER COLLABORATION WITH TOWN OF KENNEBUNK REGARDING POTENTIAL FIBER OPTIC SERVICES**

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July 19, 2019

Via eFiling

Hon. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426.

RE: Lower Mousam Project
America First Hydro, LLC FERC Project No. 14856-000

Study Status Report No. 1

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter is the Initial Study Report for America First Hydro (AFH) and the relicensing efforts taking place for P-14856.¹ AFH has been working with the current licensee and utility, Kennebunk Light & Power, local community members support the project, and our consultants to implement the seven (7) studies approved for by FERC in its letter of July 20, 2018 (ELibrary Accession No. 20180720-3006, Letter order accepting America First Hydro, LLC's Study Plan Determination for the Lower Mousam Project,

Water Quality Study

- As part of the fish assemblage study, the deepest parts of the project reservoirs was determined and these sites will serve as the sample location for temperature and dissolved oxygen monitoring. Proposed sampling locations will be reviewed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) prior to data collection.
- Water levels in June were unusually high and precluded effective reconnaissance surveys.
- 2019 sampling for temperature and dissolved oxygen will focus on the August low-flow period, which is presumed to be the most restrictive period for water quality.

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study

- Benthic macroinvertebrate samples will be collected and analyzed by Lotic, Inc., in August, pending approval of sample locations by MDEP.

¹ Pursuant to CFR 5.15(c)(1) AFH must file an initial study report describing its overall progress in implementing the study plan and schedule and the data collected.

Fish Assemblage Study

- Electrofishing surveys were conducted as planned, but required some adjustments in the field in response to heavy rain and high-water levels. The dates for the Study were later than originally planned due to excessive high-water events and coordination with the utility for repairs to the dam.
- A fish assemblage report is in preparation.

Eel Passage Siting and Design Study

- Conditions were not conducive for eel migration in June due to heavy rains, and field surveys confirmed little activity.
- Eel surveys continue and conditions are now more conducive for eel passage.

Downstream Passage and Fish Entrainment Study

- Compilation of physical and operational data for the project dams is being initiated and evaluation of this information will commence in August.
- This variance to the schedule was required due to high water events and coordination between the utility and AFH for dam repairs

Recreation Needs Study

- Recreational use of the study area is being monitored.
- Recreational facilities in the project area are being evaluated in conjunction with recreational use studies.

Historic Assessment Study

- Phase 1 History/Architecture surveys are in the planning phase and will be conducted during the summer-fall time period.
- A Phase 1 archaeological survey is being planned and will be conducted during the 2019 field season.

AFH believes the studies are progressing well and more data will be shared as reports are finished up. Given the high-water events of this spring, consultant schedules, and utility repairs being made, certain studies were started later than initially anticipated.

Pursuant to CFR 5.15(c)(2), AFH is to hold a meeting to discuss the study results and any proposals from either AFH or other participants. This meeting is to be conducted within 15 days following the initial study report. The meeting details are as follows:

Date: July 30, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: 4 Factory Pasture Lane, Kennebunk, ME 04043

AFH encourages anyone interested in attending to email AFH prior to the meeting.

This letter constitutes the requisite status report.

Sincerely,

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