

Lower Makefield Township
Electric Reliability Committee (ERC)
December 1, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristin Tyler
William Bogdan
James Ferraro
Bernard Griga
John Kingham
James Kirlin

Apologies: Richard Gorelick
James Lytle

The December 1, 2014 meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Electric Reliability Committee (ERC) was called to order at 7:05 PM in Township Offices by Chairman Kingham.

Approval of past minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2014 were approved.

Agenda: The meeting agenda is appended to these minutes.

Old Business:

- Letter to PECO:

The letter of November 10, 2014 sent to PECO seeking a collaborative relationship and the PECO reply were discussed at the length. Since PECO showed some willingness to meet with members of the ERC it was agreed that Supervisor Tyler will offer Mr. T. Dorand several dates in January 2015 for an opening dialog. It was further agreed that, since PECO is somewhat guarded in its relationships with public groups, the objective of the meeting would be to emphasize the positive intent of the ERC and the benefits that the LMT public information channels can bring to PECO.

It was also concluded that, since much of the reliability information sought by the ERC resides with the PUC, Supervisor Tyler will ask the Township solicitor to investigate the possibility of a working channel of communication with the PUC. This would be with a view to gaining regular information regarding the state of repair and reliability of the power distribution system within LMT.

New Business:

- Sub-committees:

Legal review sub-committee: Mr. Ferraro reported that he has investigated the information residing online at the PUC and the legitimacy of withholding information under exceptions provided by section 708 of Pennsylvania's Right to Know laws. He had concluded that, if any information is withheld, the burden of proof would be on PECO to demonstrate why release of the information is not in the public interest.

Mr. Ferraro also offered himself as a prime example of a resident that has been disadvantaged by an unreliable power supply. He also raised the issue of safety in relation to the prevalence of "do it

yourself" generator installations and drew attention to an evening course being offered locally aimed at teaching homeowners how to install emergency power transfer switches.

Smart grid review sub-committee: Mr. Griga and Mr. Kirlin reported that the installation of smart meters is well underway although, contrary to earlier predictions, it is not expected to be completed by PECO until later in 2015. It was understood that smart meters will provide information on the patterns of household power usage and, as far as reliability is concerned, PECO will have early indications of power loss. Nonetheless, it was recognized that, for a true smart grid to be implemented with remote feedback on the status of the distribution grid, there PECO still a long way to go.

It was agreed that in conjunction with Mr. Lytle (not present) it would be interesting to contrast the smart grid implementation and performance of neighboring utilities such as Baltimore Gas and Electric (an Exelon company) and Jersey Central Power and Light (a FirstEnergy company).

Joint Meeting with the Environmental Action Committee (EAC): It was agreed that Supervisor Tyler would advise on the possibility of an ERC representative attending an EAC meeting with a view to coordinating the interests of the EAC and the ERC with regard to tree planting and maintenance.

Future ERC Meeting schedule:

It was agreed that the Secretary will investigate the possibility of evening meetings in 2015 on either the second or fourth Thursdays of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Letter of November 10, 2014 to PECO and the text of the PECO response.