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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

A Regular Board meeting of the Board of Public Utilities was held on May 31, 2017, at the State House Annex, Committee Room 4, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Public notice was given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 by posting notice of the meeting at the Board's Trenton Office, on the Board's website, filing notice of the meeting with the New Jersey Department of State and the following newspapers circulated in the State of New Jersey:

Asbury Park Press
Atlantic City Press
Burlington County Times
Courier Post (Camden)
Home News Tribune (New Brunswick)
North Jersey Herald and News (Passaic)
The Record (Hackensack)
The Star Ledger (Newark)
The Trenton Times

The following members of the Board of Public Utilities were present:

Richard S. Mroz, President
Joseph L. Fiordaliso, Commissioner
Mary-Anna Holden, Commissioner
Dianne Solomon, Commissioner
Upendra J. Chivukula, Commissioner

President Mroz presided at the meeting and Cynthia Covie, Chief of Staff, carried out the duties of the Secretary.

It was announced that the next regular Board Meeting would be held on June 30, 2017 at the State House Annex, Committee Room 4, 125 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After appropriate motion, the following matters, which involved pending litigation attorney-client privilege, and/or contract exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act were discussed in Executive Session.

1. AUDITS

A. Docket No. WA16121156 – In the Matter of an Audit of the Affiliated Transactions between Aqua New Jersey Water Company and Aqua America and Affiliates and a Comprehensive Management Audit of Aqua New Jersey Water Company Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-12.1-14:3-12.4.

Discussion: Alice Bator, Director of the Division of Audits, updated the Board that on January 25, 2017, the Board authorized staff to send the Request for Proposal to the seven pre-approved management consulting firms for their bid submissions, and on March 10, 2017, five bid proposals were received by the Voting Committee, which comprised of representatives from Division of Audits, Division of Water and Counsel's Office. After review of the scope of work and bid proposals, the Voting Committee recommended Sage Management Consultants to be awarded the consulting engagement, and not-to-exceed bid of \$399,700.00. Staff also recommended President Mroz to execute a consulting agreement with Sage consistent with the consulting agreement.

B. Docket No. EA17010004 – In the Matter of the Request for Proposal for a Financial Audit of the New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies' Basic Generation Service Administrative Expense and Other Related Expenses.

Discussion: Alice Bator, Director of the Division Audits presented this matter to the Board. On January 25, 2017, the Board initiated an audit and authorized a Request for Proposal to 7 pre-approved consulting firms requesting bid submission for a Financial Audit of the four New Jersey Electric Distribution Companies' Basic Generation Service administrative expense and other related expenses. By March 17, 2017, two bid proposals were received by the Audits Divisions, the Liberty Consulting Group and Overland Consulting. The Evaluation/Voting Committee comprised of representatives from the Division of Audits, the Division of Energy and Counsel's Office, and after review the bid proposals, Staff recommended that the Board approve the committee's recommendation that Liberty be awarded this consulting engagement. Liberty Consulting Group's is not-to-exceed bid of \$266,480.00. Staff further recommended that the Board authorize President Mroz to execute a consulting agreement with Liberty Consulting Group.

After appropriate motion, the Board reconvened to Open Session.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



AIDA CAMACHO-WELCH
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Date: February 27, 2019