WASHINGTON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 25, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors, conducted in person and via video teleconference, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Stephen Knowlton. The following Board members were in attendance:

Susan Alexander	Olivia Campbell Andersen	Stephen Knowlton
Betsy Allen	Don Douglas	Bill Powell
Pat Barnes	Jean Hamilton	

Also, present were; General Manager (GM) Louis Porter, Legal Counsel Ron Shems, Director of Finance & Administration (F&A) Teia Greenslit, Director of Engineering & Operations (E&O) Dave Kresock, Director of Special Projects & Innovations JJ Vandette, Director of Power Sources and Regulatory Affairs Brian Callnan, Member Services Supervisor Susan Golden, Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson, guests Tom Dunn and Betsy Bloomer of VELCO and members Steve Farnham, Roger Fox and Ian Buchanan. Directors Barnes, Campbell Anderson, and Hamilton, staff members Vandette, Golden and members Fox and Buchanan attended virtually. Director Barnes left at 5:45pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the minutes of the February regular Board meeting held February 25, 2026, and the Special Meeting, March 13, 2026.

President Knowlton declared the minutes of the regular February 25, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors, approved.

TOM DUNN & BETSY BLOOMER FROM VELCO

President Knowlton introduced Tom Dunn and Betsy Bloomer from VELCO. Dunn discussed the unique ownership structure of VELCO, its role as Vermont's transmission company, and ongoing collaborative projects with Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) to modernize substations, enhance grid visibility, and deploy fiber for improved operational control.

At the end of the presentation, Dunn raised the topic of a recent FERC ruling that reduces the allowed return on equity for transmission investments. Not only does this reduce dividends going forward but would also require refunds of excess dividends dating back to 2011. While this may be a boon for states with investor-owned transmission facilities, it could prove financially detrimental to the Vermont ratepayer, whose distribution utilities own the transmission utility and invest in it. There was a discussion regarding the financial implications for VELCO, Vermont utilities, and ratepayers, and if an appeal of some measures of the ruling would take place.

DAY AHEAD ANCILLARY SERVICES INITIATIVE (DASI) & TRANSMISSION COSTS

Director of Power Sources and Regulatory Affairs Brian Callnan reviewed the performance of a new market set up and run by ISO-NE which has the goal of providing day-ahead ancillary service, like capacity, on a daily rather than seasonal basis to guarantee reliability of electric service in the region. He noted that the cost of providing this service has proved to be far more expensive than projected. While the impact of Coventry being a load reducer is significant, it has not shielded WEC from increases of expenses of several hundred thousand dollars per year as a consequence of this initiative.

Callnan also noted that transmission costs, primarily through Regional Network Service (RNS), are forecasted to continue rise. The recent FERC ruling is expected to slightly reduce the rate of increase but not reverse the trend.

Callnan stated that Coventry's transition to a load reducer in 2025 resulted in significant cost savings for WEC, as reflected in transmission billing. Because transmission and power supply costs are major budget items, ongoing evaluation of battery investments and management software to optimize cost savings is crucial to budget and resource planning.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Administrative Assistant Dawn Johnson announced preparations for the upcoming annual meeting, including board officer elections, ballot mailing schedules, and vendor participation are on schedule. Ballots will be mailed by April 13.

GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

President Knowlton noted discrepancies in the VPPSA power planning reports and coverage ratios. Director of Finance Greenslit confirmed the need to verify sources and update reports to reflect accurate internal and external budget numbers.

General Manager Porter informed the board of a new offer from potential buyers for the Wrightsville hydroelectric plant, involving owner financing and a power purchase contract, with further evaluation pending.

General Manager Porter announced that JJ Vandette will present an AMI vendor contract for board consideration next month, with full implementation of the new AMI system expected by the end of 2027.

General Manager Porter updated the board on negotiations with Trane over the Coventry chiller warranty, recommending on the balance to proceed with installation due to negotiated concessions on the warranty and the negative consequences of potentially incurring delays with alternative vendors.

NRECA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

Director Douglas advocated for supporting the NRECA international program, which brings electricity to rural areas in Africa and Latin America. Douglas proposed fundraising at the annual meeting and potential participation by New England co-ops. He also appealed that WEC consider sending linemen to Latin America. Director Douglas noted the transformative impact on participants receive when working in other countries.

There being no further essential business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Betsy Allen, Secretary

The foregoing record of the minutes was duly accepted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on 4/29/26, at which a quorum of the Board was present and voting.

Betsy Allen

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