

DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 – MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency convened at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Agency located at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, New York. Those present included J. Small, Chairman, R. Mosca, Vice-Chairman (via video conference); W. Nussbickel, Treasurer, and Board Member D. Petrovits; Agency Staff, W. J. Calogero, and D. Walsh; Agency Counsel, J. Nelson; D. Leibnitz, HDR; and L. Carille, Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner, Division of Solid Waste Management.

- 1. Regular Session** – Chairman J. Small called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.
- 2. Operating Report** – D. Walsh reported that the Facility received 11,675 tons of waste in August, which resulted in 1,900 tons short this month on the amount that was budgeted for the month. The year-to-date incoming tonnage is currently 2,228 tons over budget. The budget was set at the Facility receiving 141,000 tons of waste for the year.
- 3. Engineer Report** – D. Leibnitz reported that in August the Facility was operated by Wheelabrator Dutchess County, LLC (Wheelabrator) at approximately 85% of the permit limit as various mechanical and electrical systems in the Facility are inspected and repaired as necessary. In August, the Facility processed approximately 11,675 tons of MSW. The availability of the Facility was 86.7%, 100% and 100% for Units 1, 2 and the turbine/generator respectively. The scheduled Fall Facility outage includes more detailed inspections and repair activity on Units 2 and 1 and is ongoing with Unit 2 being midway through its inspection at this time. Unit 1 will undergo its outage next week, 9/22/14. HDR personnel have been performing inspections of the equipment interiors and will be preparing a report on our finding following the outage.

The Facility tipping floor repairs (slab replacement) are also in progress. Presently the pit contains approximately 1500 tons of MSW.

The Facility performance in August, pursuant to the calculation methods of the new Service Agreement, has been as follows:

- Electrical Generation Efficiency – 312.8 net kWh/ton versus the guarantee of 307 net kWh/ton.
- Ferrous Recovery – 4.8% recovery versus the guarantee of 4.0%
- Wet Ash Residue – 36.5% versus the guarantee of 32.0%.

This initial disrupted operational mode was anticipated and incorporated into section 2.3 (c) of the new Service Agreement, which forgives any performance penalties for the first 90 days of operations. Major work activities in August included repairs to the make-up water pump (fixed leak), various repairs to the supporting piping systems and instrumentation of the RO unit, replacement of the equipment hoist in the boiler-house, replacement of one hydraulic pump for the ram feeders, repairs to the overhead crane and traveling grate. Wheelabrator also needed to replace the brakes and alternator on the CAT980 loader and they also installed a security system in the warehouse and performed the quarterly cylinder gas audit for the CEMS.

The NYSDEC has agreed to allow the testing on Unit 2 to be repeated the week of October 27th and to invalidate the Unit 2 test runs for May. Unit 1 test results from May 2014 will be reported concurrent with October 2014 Unit 2 test results.

As previously mentioned, Covanta still has not cooperated with the Agency regarding the return of documentations taken from the Facility on their last day on site.

- 4. Agency Financial Report –** W. Calogero presented the payables in the amount of \$1,102,629.77. J. Small inquired on the budget for the engineering fees. D. Leibnitz replied that the general engineering and environmental engineering tasks are within the budget; however, the opened ended tasks, as the new contract negotiations in the first half of the year, the operator transition, and the current issue on potential litigation are additional expenses. The operator transition is taking much longer because of the uncooperative nature of Covanta. After the retest of Unit 2 in October, the engineering fees should start going back down to normal expenses. A motion was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously approved to pay the bills as presented.

The Accounts Receivable Aging Summary was reviewed. The City of Poughkeepsie and East Coast Services accounts are delinquent. The County did submit a letter to East Coast Services informing them that their solid waste disposal license could be suspended from failure to pay the Agency's tipping fees bill. The letter was sent on August 29, 2014. To date, the Agency has not received any payment from East Coast Services.

- 5. Committee Reports –** There were no committee reports.
- 6. Public Comment –** There was no public comment.
- 7. Executive Session –** At 5:25 pm a motion to move into Executive Session was made by W. Nussbickel, seconded by D. Petrovits and unanimously approved for discussions involving the hiring/firing/promotion/demotion of a particular company and for general attorney/client discussions.
- 8. Regular Session –** The meeting resumed back into public session at 6:22 pm.

With no further business to discuss, a motion at 6:25 pm to adjourn the meeting was made by R. Mosca, seconded by W. Nussbickel and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Calogero
Executive Director