



## Changing Of The Guard

### Consistency Through Change

The Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant would like to wish General Manager Michael Horrigan the best of luck and warm wishes as he enters into the retirement world.

Moving into the corner office of the \$100 million dollar public power company that serves 36,500 customers in Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, and North Dighton as well as sections of Lakeville and Bridgewater is recently-appointed General Manager Kenneth Goulart.

The TMLP's 150+ employees began reporting to the new chief on January 4, 2015.

Ken moved into the General Manager's seat from the TMLP Cleary-Flood Generating Station, where he had served as Power Production Manager since February of 2013.

"I'm very excited about this great opportunity to lead the TMLP and to work with the TMLP Commission and employees to continue the mission of service to our customers," stated Manager Goulart from his office at 55 Weir Street. "Thanks to the efforts of the excellent and qualified staff here at TMLP, I expect our service and reliability to continue to be second to none and our rates to remain competitive as we move forward into the future."

Ken is no stranger to the TMLP, having started in 1988 as an engineering student at the TMLP Cleary-Flood Generating Station prior to being hired as a full-time Plant Mechanical Engineer in 1991.

As TMLP expanded its business operations into providing Internet services in 1997, he was chosen to lead the new group as the Internet Services Administrator.

As mentioned previously, Ken was named Power Production Manager in 2013 and most recently was appointed General Manager in late 2014.

Ken holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University, and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Bryant University.

### Be Safe...Dig Safe

Spring is often the call to renew, refurbish, and revitalize our yard and homes. State law requires that anyone who digs notify utility companies before beginning the project. So whether you plan to install a fence, build a deck, or plant a tree, remember to place a call first to Dig Safe at (888) 344-7233.

Dig Safe System Inc. is a communications network assisting excavators, contractors, and property owners in complying with state law by notifying the appropriate utilities before digging.

Dig Safe is a free service that notifies member companies of proposed excavation projects. In turn, these member utilities respond to the work area and identify the location of underground facilities. Callers are given a permit number as confirmation.

Dig Safe is a not-for-profit corporation, funded entirely by member utilities to promote public safety, protect vital utility services and safeguard against property damage. So before you dig, be safe....Dig Safe!



### Quick Q & A

Question: What path does electricity take to get to my home from the generating station?

Answer: Once electricity is produced at the Cleary Flood generating station, it passes through a transformer that can raise the voltage to over 300,000 volts for transmission. It flows through transmission lines to TMLP substation transformers where the electrical current is stepped down. TMLP then distributes the current via the substation into your neighborhood to a pole or ground transformer that steps it down to 120 volts. From there it flows to homes and businesses.



## Saving Energy...In The Kitchen!

For many the kitchen is one of the best rooms in the house for great cooking, family gatherings, and overall warmth and well-being. But did you know that you can make that wonderful room as energy efficient as any other room in the house?

Check out these tips:

- Be sure to place the faucet lever on the kitchen sink in the cold position when using small amounts of water. Placing the lever in the hot position uses energy to heat the water even though it never reaches the faucet.
- Use a covered kettle or pan to boil water. It's faster and uses less energy.
- Match the size of the pan to the heating element.
- If you cook with electricity, turn the stovetop burners off several minutes before the allotted cooking time. The heating element will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without more electricity. The same advice applies to oven cooking.
- Use small electric pans or toaster ovens for small meals rather than your large stove oven. A toaster oven uses a third to a half as much energy as a full sized oven.
- Use pressure cookers and microwave ovens whenever it is convenient to do so. They can save energy by significantly reducing cooking time.

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**Outage-related call**  
(508) 824-3111

**Administrative offices**  
(508) 824-5844

**Dig Safe issue**  
(888) 344-7233

**Office hours**  
Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**Payment locations**  
33 Weir Street  
Our office is open  
Monday through Friday

**Drop boxes**  
33 and 55 Weir Street  
(to the left of the front door)

**Trucchi's Supermarket**  
53 Tremont Street  
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**TMLP Online help desk**  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
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