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## TMLP to Receive \$ 109,000 in Energy Efficiency Grants

(Taunton - July 11, 2014) - Mike Horrigan, General Manager for the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, along with the TMLP commissioners, are pleased to announce that the TMLP is scheduled to receive \$ 109,000 in grants by the Patrick Administration for energy efficiency projects for customers of municipal light plants. The grants are funded with proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program.

“The grant we won was the result of a competitive process among municipal utilities to be able to secure funding for specific projects. Our proposed projects were deemed worthy of funding by the review committee from the DOER, and we couldn’t be happier” stated Horrigan. “TMLP is always committed to exploring all cost effective energy efficiency opportunities for our customers, and the financial aid from the RGGI grant will be of great benefit to our goal of low cost, environmentally friendly electricity.”

“We have two programs in development right now that were chosen by the DOER to sponsor through the RGGI grant” said Bill Strojny, Program Administrator for energy conservation projects. “First, we plan to upgrade 400 streetlights from HID lighting to LED lighting, creating an annual energy savings of 373,000 kwh. Next, we will offer a thermal infrared scan within the context of our home energy audit for all residential customers, not just electric heat customers. We predict an annual savings of 135,000 kwh through this program.”

TMLP will work in conjunction with the Division of Energy Resources and the City of Taunton Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee to achieve the projected goals of each program. The Sustainable Energy Committee brings together key personnel from various city departments to identify existing energy practices and recommend energy efficiency measures or practices to reduce or eliminate energy consumption. The committee is chaired by a representative of the TMLP.

TMLP serves 36,000 customers in Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, North Dighton and sections of Lakeville and Bridgewater.

*General Manager, Michael Horrigan; Commissioners; Joseph Martin, Chairman, Mark Blackwell Sr., Secretary, Peter Corr*