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One State Road, Stow, MA 01775
Meeting of February 3, 2022

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Kawa, at 10:04 A.M. The Chairman opened this meeting of the Board of Boiler Rules, explaining that it is being held in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 146 Section 3, this is a regular meeting of the Board. This meeting is being held online via Webex, and is being recorded.

1) The Board members in attendance were identified by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Edward Kawa, Chairman
 Anthony Lucia, Operating Engineers
 Leah Francis, Insurance Companies
 Max Greig, User Group
 Charles Perry, Boiler Manufacturers

Board Members Not Present:

None

**The Chairman reminded the Board members that all voting will be done by a roll call vote.*

DFS Staff Present:

Glenn Rooney, Staff Counsel	John Lawrence, DFS
Dan Laperle, DFS	Jeff Ortiz, DFS
Alan Boston, DFS	Holly Bartlett, DFS

Attendees Present:

* The Chairman asked that attendees please identify themselves, and with whom they are affiliated:

Mike Robillard, Somp International	Glenn Robinson, HSB
Chris Hastings, Chubb	Jim Stiefel, HSB

Philip Bernier, HSB
Chris Fialkowski, FM Global
Stephen Pritchard, Renew Energy

Richard Drake, A-Z Corp
Ed Woll
Brian Duffy, WPI

- 2) Minutes from previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting held on December 2, 2021, were reviewed. ***Motion to approve the minutes made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***
- 3) Petitions for inspectional considerations: The following requests for extension of the inspectional requirement were entered into record:
- a) Wheelabrator North Andover, request dated October 4, 2021, for a 2-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MAS064280 *****This request was closed, as the required inspection was completed on 11/11/2021*****
 - b) NCCI Gardner, request dated December 10, 2021, for a 3-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA176747 *****This request was withdrawn*****
 - c) Fitchburg State University, request dated December 17, 2021, for a 7-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA058946A *****This request was denied due to an open Violation Notice*****
 - d) ANP Blackstone Energy Company, request dated January 12, 2021, for a 2-month extension of the inspectional requirement for MA068630
 - e) Baystate Wing Hospital: This extension is still under review, and will be p

Motion to ratify the approval of these requests made by Charlie Perry, seconded by Anthony Lucia; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4) 522 CMR 1.05, Requests for Variance
- a) A-Z Corp/MACOM Lowell: The Chairman explained that review of this variance request is being continued from the last meeting; Richard Drake is on the call representing A-Z Corp. Follow-up correspondence provided by Robert Rose has been shared with the Board members to review for this meeting. DFS Inspector Allan Boston was on-site to do an inspection, and met with Mr. Rose at that time. Mr. Drake summarized what A-Z Corp had done/provided in response to questions posed by Inspector Boston. Inspector Boston addressed the Board, providing a summary of his meeting with A-Z Corp on January 13; following this meeting, the Inspector feels that the requirements of Section I have been met, and he has no objections to the work that was completed. He also stated that another inspection will be done at a later date.

With no additional comments or questions from Board members, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve this request, provided that the Section VIII vessel be trimmed out in accordance with Section I, with an operating MAWP of no more than 15 PSI. ***Motion to approve this variance in accordance with these provisions made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Leah Francis; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.***

- 5) Updates from DFS Staff: The Chairman advised the Board that Boiler Inspection Division has completed the report of the investigation into the steam pipe rupture that occurred at the Kneeland Street Station in Boston on October 15, 2021; the conclusion was that the release was caused by a water hammer event. Initially the Certificates of Inspection were suspended for all four boilers at this location while the investigation was on-going. Components involved in this incident were turned over to a lab for analysis.

6) Matters not reasonably anticipated:

None.

- 7) Adjournment: The next meeting is tentatively set for March 3, 2022. ***Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Anthony Lucia, seconded by Leah Francis; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.***

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

- a. Minutes from meeting on December 2, 2021
- b. Extension Requests:
 - i. Wheelabrator North Andover
 - ii. NCCI Gardner
 - iii. Fitchburg State University
 - iv. ANP Blackstone Energy
- c. Variance Requests:
 - i. A-Z Corp/MACOM Lowell