



**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE POWER BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, UTAH  
WHITEHEAD POWER PLANT  
DECEMBER 10, 2014 – 6:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Craig Conover, Vice-Chairman Jason Miller, Elizabeth Crandall, Rod Andrew, Patrick Monney, Travis Ball, Tom Hawks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairman Clair Anderson, Darrin Wolz

**DEPARTMENT STAFF:** Leon Fredrickson, Matt Hancock, Brandon Graham

Minutes were transcribed from recording by Kami Craudell, Power Board Secretary.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was brought to order by Vice-Chairman Jason Miller at 6:30 a.m. Chairman Anderson and Darrin Wolz were excused from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The motion to approve the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes as written was made by Rod Andrew. The motion was seconded by Patrick Monney. The Board did not vote on the motion.

**BUSINESS**

**1. RESOURCE AND RATE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- a. **RESOURCE COST REPORT – FY COST OF RESOURCE – OCTOBER 2014:** Mr. Hancock reported to the Board that kWh sales are down due to the mild weather. This has caused some pressure on the purchase of off peak power, increasing the overall cost of power. Staff purchased 2.3 million kWh from the UAMPS pool. The purchased amount was roughly half of what is bought normally. San Juan was received at a cost of \$83.24 per MWh due to lack of kWh being produced. Horse Butte wind also put pressure on the resource budget at \$83.88 per MWh. There was minimal production from the Biogas project during the month.

Craig Conover and Tom Hawks joined the meeting.

- b. **FY15 kWh SALES AND RATE REVENUE REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2014:** Mr. Fredrickson reported that, with 41.67% of the fiscal year elapsed; the billed kWh is at 44.17%. Sales are roughly 100,000 kWh lower per day as compared to FY14. The report ending December 2014 will include the enterprise fund numbers which are done quarterly. Those totals are expected to be lower too. It was reported that revenue collected is at 44.18% of budget. Year-to-date comparison from 2013 to 2014 shows a decrease in all rate classes.

**2. RESOURCE DISCUSSION**

a. **UAMPS PROJECT UPDATES:**

- i. **GOVERNMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** The group continues to monitor the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) push for clean coal. EPA deadlines are coming that will need to be correctly interpreted and enacted. It was also mentioned that the Carbon Plant in the mouth of Price Canyon will be closing. This will affect the state's allowable pollution limit.
- ii. **CRSP:** The debate continues over the highly experimental flows. The high release of water, bypassing the hydros, to support the protected species in the canyon, is a concern for those with resource from the project.
- iii. **SAN JUAN:** The project has been restricted last month due to equipment problems. The coal contract for the project will end December 31, 2017.
- iv. **HORSE BUTTE WIND:** The capacity factor for November was 34%.

- v. **PAYSON POWER PROJECT:** The plant was down for maintenance during the month. A leak in the steam engine tubing was discovered during maintenance. The project is providing approximately 50% of the kWh purchased for Springville.
  - vi. **RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** The committee continued discussions on the carbon free, SMR, power project. Additional discussion was had on a biomass project utilizing engines placed in municipal landfills.
  - vii. **OPERATIONS:** The Directors discussed the CAISO EIM energy balance market transmission charge. The concern over proposed CAISO implementation is that the PacifiCorp control area has been grouped with California entities. This may cause for higher transmission charges for Utah entities.
- b. **2014 UAMPS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AWARD – SPRINGVILLE CITY:** Mr. Fredrickson nominated Springville City Electric staff for the UAMPS System Improvement Award for their work on the construction of the new North Substation. The award will be presented at the UAMPS annual meeting. The construction of the \$1.1 million substation was done mostly in house by Springville staff.

## **REPORTS**

### **1. DISTRIBUTION**

- a. **46 KV LINE EXTENSION:** Mr. Graham reported that Rocky Mountain Power charged \$80,000.00 upfront to raise the lines on four (4) poles for the project. The work was monitored and did not meet the projected time and budget. Rocky Mountain Power will be issuing a refund for approximately \$50,000.00.
- b. **POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENTS:** A new pole attachment contract has been reached, and signed, with Century Link and Comcast. The previous price per attachment was \$3.00 and \$4.50 respectively. The new price per attachment will be \$17.00.

### **2. GENERATION**

- a. **BARTHOLOMEW HYDRO:** The damaged hydro unit has been sent to a manufacturer for repairs.
- b. **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:** Staff has been busy deploying a new communication system through the transmission system. The current system is radio based and is being replaced by an OC48 Sonic Ring Fiber System, a fiber is being ran in parallel with the static wire being installed by the line crews currently on the Hobble Creek to Stouffer 46 KV line project. It will eventually be installed from Stouffer Substation to WHPP, then Knight Substation, and finally Baxter Substation. It will allow for increased substation security, SCADA system information, and metering capabilities.

## **OTHER**

- 1. **BUDGET PERFORMANCE GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND MEASURES:** A handout detailing the items was provided for each member. Mr. Fredrickson noted that the first goal on the list is to efficiently manage wholesale power costs. The second goal is to provide friendly, professional customer service, this goal also ties into the department goal of providing good electric reliability. Staff is working on providing a better notification system to keep customers more informed during outages.

## **ADJOURN**

Travis Ball moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Monney. No vote was made on the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.