



MINUTES
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – Richland City Shops Room 110

Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting – 3:00 p.m

Chair Gregoire called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chair Don Gregoire, Committee Members Dave Larkin, Dan Porter, James Sanders, and Harry Staven were present. Member Larry Felton was remotely present. Vice-Chair Charles LoPresti joined the meeting following roll call. Also present were Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, EMS Program Officer Van Beek, Business Services Manager Edgemon and Administrative Assistant Carpenter.

Approval of Agenda

MEMBER LARKIN MOVED AND MEMBER SANDERS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

1. Approval of Minutes

MEMBER STAVEN MOVED AND MEMBER PORTER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Public Comments

Dan Porter thanked Phil Lemley for his long and committed service to the UAC and commented that he will be missed.

Vice Chair Charles LoPresti joined the meeting.

Items of Business

2. Status – Each City Utility

EMS Program Officer Van Beek updated the UAC on Fire and Emergency Services activities, specifically the addition of Fire Station No. 76, a state grant for staffing the new station, increased transport fees discussion with Council, call volume increase of 16% to-date, and future firefighter academy training.

Officer Van Beek responded to UAC questions.

Energy Services Director Whitney provided an update on Electric Utility activities since the March meeting: utility staffing, supply chain deliveries, cable replacement program, system performance, load forecasting, and AMI meter installations.

Mr. Whitney responded to questions from members.

UAC Members requested an update from Public Works Director Rogalsky at the next meeting in September.

3. 2021 RES Financial Review

Energy Services Director Whitney briefly reviewed the financial statements and explained events resulting in the differences between 2020 and 2021 utility expenses. He laid out a potential schedule for future bond sales and rate increases.

4. Northwest RiverPartners (NWRP) Lower Snake River Dams Replacement Study

Energy Services Director Whitney discussed the NWRP study and provided an additional handout relating to the Inslee-Murray Report. Director Whitney talked about economic development as it relates to being able to meet the current electrical loads of potential large industrial customers now and in the future.

Mr. Whitney answered questions posed by the members and stated he would provide additional information in upcoming meetings.

5. Discussion Refresh on Energy Storage and Demand Response Opportunities

Larry Felton provided a review of energy storage and demand response opportunities related to two presentations in the packet. Members asked questions and discussed these topics.

Director Whitney thanked Member Felton for his service to the UAC. Members also expressed this sentiment toward Mr. Felton.

Unfinished Business

None.

Other Informational Items

Information on the following items was provided to the committee members for later review:

6. RES Capital Work Plan Status Report
7. Forward Agenda Planning

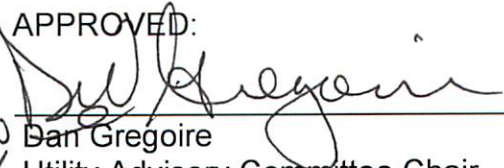
UAC Members requested the following items be added to the future agenda planning list:

- Workshop on long-term Richland power resources – time to be determined
- Packaged nuclear projects update from Energy Northwest – November
- System Reliability – updates provided quarterly

Adjournment

Chair Gregoire adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


Dan Gregoire
Utility Advisory Committee Chair

ATTESTED:


Jackie Carpenter
Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED: September 13, 2022

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