



Agenda
Utility Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

Regular Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Attendance:

Approval of Agenda: (Approved by Motion)

Approval of Minutes: (Approved by Motion)

1. Approval of the May 13, 2025 Utility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Public Comments:

Items of Business:

2. Status of Each Utility (10 minutes each)
3. 2026 Medical Utility Rate Setting (10 minutes)
 - Tom Huntington, Fire Chief
4. Solid Waste Organics Feasibility Study (10 minutes)
 - Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Works Public Works Board Loan Application (10 minutes)
 - Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director
6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Public Works Board Loan Application (10 minutes)
 - Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director
7. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Tri-City Transmission Reinforcement Projects - 2Q25 Update (10 minutes)
 - Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director
8. Trump Administration Cancellation/Withdrawal of Memorandum of Understanding (10 minutes)
 - Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Unfinished Business:

Other Informational Items:

9. Capital Work Plan Update - May 2025
 - Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director
10. Forward Agenda

Adjournment

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UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Approval of Minutes

Prepared By: Arturo Mata, Administrative Assistant II

Subject

Approval of the May 13, 2025 Utility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Department

Energy Services

Recommended Motion

Approve the minutes of the Utility Advisory Committee meeting held on May 13, 2025.

Summary

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

- I. May 13, 2025 UAC Meeting Minutes



MINUTES
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

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

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Attendance:	Chair Porter	Present
	Vice-Chair Staven	Present
	Member Hofstetter	Absent
	Member Hyson	Absent
	Member Wallin	Absent
	Member Larkin	Present
	Member Richmond	Present

Also present were Council Liaison Whitten, Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, Deputy Chief Aust, Electrical Systems Manager Wilkerson, Scott Russel – Energy West, LLC, and Administrative Assistant II Mata

Quorum met.

Approval of Agenda

MEMBER LARKIN MOVED AND VICE-CHAIR STAVEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Minutes

1. Approval of the March 11, 2025 Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

VICE-CHAIR STAVEN MOVED AND MEMBER LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 11, 2025 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Public Comments

None.

Items of Business

2. Status of Each City Utility

Public Works

A representative for Public Works was not available. Updates were not provided.

Fire & EMS

Deputy Chief Aust provided status updates for Fire & Emergency Services for call volume, equipment, financial, and staffing. Member questions were answered.

Energy Services

Energy Service Director Whitney provided status updates for Energy Services projects, and he mentioned budget preparation for 2026 is set to begin soon. Member questions were answered.

3. Horn Rapids Solar Storage Training Power Purchase Agreement Vs. Purchase Discussion

Energy Services Director Whitney gave a summary of how the Horn Rapids Solar Storage Training (HRSST) was created. Mr. Russell, from Energy West LLC, presented a comparison between continuing with the current power purchase agreement and purchasing HRSST. Member questions were answered.

4. Richland Energy Services Financial Quarterly Report – 4Q24

Energy Services Director Whitney provided an overview of 2024 fourth quarter financials. He referred members to the Electric Utility Financial Statements for more details. There were no member questions.

5. Reliability Stats & Resource Discussion

Electrical Systems Manager Wilkerson went over the 2024 reliability stats. He also went over current and future projects that will help improve reliability and delivery of electrical services. Member questions were answered.

6. Capital Work Plan Update – March 2025

Energy Services Director Whitney provided updates for the Capital Work Plan. There were no member questions.

7. Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee's April 2025 Regional Forecast

Director Whitney gave a brief overview of the PNUCCS forecast and referred members to a recent article for more information. There were no member questions.

Future Business Items

- Bonneville Provider of Choice – Final Contract Review – July 2025
- Ruby Flats Solar – July 2025
- Status of Transmission Interconnection and Final Investment Decision for Atlas Agro – July 2025
- Electric Rates Review & Rate Design Options with Presentation by FCS – September 2025
- Bond Rating, Refund & New Issue Discussion – September 2025
- Richland Fire Department Ambulance Rate Methodology – September 2025
- AMI Time of Use (TOU) and Demand Rate Discussion – November 2025

Adjournment

Chair Porter adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Prepared by: _____
Arturo Mata, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by: _____
Daniel Porter, Chair

DATE APPROVED:

DATE PUBLISHED:



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Randy Aust, Deputy Fire Chief
Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director
Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Subject

Status of Each Utility (10 minutes each)

Department

Energy Services

Recommended Motion

This item is informational only.

Summary

A representative from each of the City's utilities will provide a status update.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Tom Huntington, Fire Chief

Subject

2026 Medical Utility Rate Setting (10 minutes)

Department

Fire & Emergency Services

Recommended Motion

Support the recommendation to approve the transportation fee increase from \$1,042 (resident) and \$1,563 (non-resident) to \$1,146 (resident) and \$1,719 (non-resident).

Summary

Staff will review and present a recommended transportation rate increase, ahead of the State's October 1 reporting deadline. In addition, staff will seek feedback from the Committee on a monthly rate-setting philosophy and approach moving forward, prior to engagement with City Council.

Fiscal Impact

We anticipate that this increase will generate an additional \$215,000 annually for the Medical Utility.

Attachments



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director

Subject

Solid Waste Organics Feasibility Study (10 minutes)

Department

Public Works

Recommended Motion

This item is for discussion only.

Summary

In May 2024, the City of Richland and the Herrera Environmental Consultants (Herrera) entered into an agreement to analyze the technical and financial feasibility of expanded organic solid waste collection and processing as required by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70A.205. The purpose of the study is to develop recommended strategies for cost-effective approaches for adding organics processing capacity for the short term, through 2030, and longer term, through 2044. The Herrera team defined the facility space planning and processing needs while considering trade-offs associated with various technologies, the range of materials that could be processed at a new facility, and the implications of alternative options for the local solid waste management system and the region. The scope of the study included:

- Policy and Regulatory Review
- Review and Assessment of Existing Solid Waste Management Facilities and Programs
- Interview of Industry Stakeholders
- Coordination with Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Program Staff on Organics Management
- Waste Characterization Study with a Focus on Organics
- Evaluation of Commercial Collection Programs
- Development and Evaluations of Alternative Organic Processing Programs
- Development of Capital and Operating Financing Strategies

The presentation focuses on providing the Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) with legislative background information, description of options to comply with regulations and regional expansion, costs and rate impacts for each option. The UAC is asked to provide feedback to staff on option selection.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director

Subject

Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Works Public Works Board Loan Application (10 minutes)

Department

Public Works

Recommended Motion

Support the recommendation to submit an application for a loan through the Public Works Board to finance the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit Works Rehabilitation project.

Summary

The 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan includes a project entitled Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Grit Works Rehabilitation. The WWTP grit works system is one of multiple processes within the WWTP that remove solids from the wastewater stream. It is critical to prevent large and oversize pieces of debris from continuing through the rest of the treatment process. This current grit works system reliability and efficiency are low due to the age of critical system components. Upgrades to the grit works will allow it to work more efficiently and effectively with fewer maintenance issues.

The project has been defined via a process and equipment analysis study completed by the City's consultant, RH2. The estimated construction budget is based on that study and will be refined once a full design is complete. The total project value is estimated at \$3.5 million. Staff seeks to pursue funding through a low-interest loan from the Department of Commerce Public Works Board (PWB). Staff recommends an application to the PWB for \$3.2 million to fund the construction phase of the project for the 2026 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal impacts of loan debt will be analyzed if awarded Public Works Board loan.

Attachments



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Carlo D'Alessandro, Public Works Director

Subject

Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Public Works Board Loan Application (10 minutes)

Department

Public Works

Recommended Motion

Support the recommendation to submit an application for a loan through the Public Works Board to finance the design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Improvements project.

Summary

The 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan has a project for Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester Improvements. The project will update the City's two anaerobic digester tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The updates will focus on replacing end-of-life components and implementing current best practice technologies to improve reliability, digester performance, and energy efficiency. Upgrades include: digester tank rehabilitation, new steel gasholder cover, new mechanical mixing equipment, mechanical piping improvements, gas handling piping and equipment replacement, and new electrical / automated controls.

The project has been defined via a process and equipment analysis study completed by the City's consultant, RH2. The estimated construction budget is based on that study and will be refined once a full design is complete. The total project value is estimated at \$11.3 million. Staff seeks to pursue funding through a low-interest loan from the Department of Commerce Public Works Board (PWB). Staff recommends an application to the PWB for \$500,000 to fund the design phase of the project for the 2026 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal impacts of loan debt will be analyzed if awarded Public Works Board loan.

Attachments



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Subject

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Tri-City Transmission Reinforcement Projects - 2Q25 Update (10 minutes)

Department

Energy Services

Recommended Motion

This item is informational only.

Summary

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) provides Tri-City electric utilities a quarterly update on significant transmission line projects that BPA has planned in the region. Attached is the 2Q25 update of the BPA projects including:

- South Tri-Cities Reinforcement - New 500/115kV interconnection to the Tri-Cities 115kV transmission network.
- Richland-Stevens 115kV Line - Rebuild an existing 115kV line and adding another 115kV line from Richland Sub to Stevens Sub.
- McNary Paterson Tap - A new 115kV line in the Paterson/Plymouth, WA area. Completed 3/2025.
- Red Mountain-Horn Rapids 115kV Line - Rebuilding an existing 115kV line in West Richland, WA area. Completed 6/2025.

Completion of the four projects will relieve transmission constraints and add additional transmission capacity to the Tri-Cities 115kV network. The most significant project is the South Tri-Cities Reinforcement, followed by the Richland-Stevens 115kV line. The last of the projects is planned to be completed by winter 2028. However, BPA notes there are continued risks to projects in the supply chain, labor markets, and federal administration changes that have reduced land acquisition limits to \$100k and Washington DC oversight on environmental reviews. Federal administration changes are rapidly evolving with DOE reversing several personnel reduction orders.

The only material changes to the quarterly updates from 1Q25 to the latest 2Q25 update are changes to the McNary-Patterson Tap and Red-Mountain-Horn Rapids Line. The McNary-Patterson Tap was completed in March 2025 and the Red Mountain-Horn Rapids Line was completed in June 2025. The more important projects for the City are the South Tri-Cities Reinforcement (Webber Canyon Sub) and the Richland-Stevens Drive 115kV projects. They are projected to be completed in Spring 2028 and Spring 2027, respectively. BPA has recently contacted the City about coordinating substation outages from BPA's Badger Canyon Sub before 2027. BPA recently released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and held a public meeting with route recommendations through Badger Canyon.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

1. BPA_STriCities Report Q2 2025



TRI-CITIES AREA REINFORCEMENT



BACKGROUND | Tri-Cities Area Reinforcement is a key part of Bonneville’s greater strategic goal of delivering projects on-schedule and on-budget while minimizing planned outages. Bonneville is accomplishing this by improving project scoping, planning, contracting and project management processes to ensure efficient execution of our capital programs and maintenance activities.

THE PROJECTS | BPA is proceeding with four large projects in the Tri-Cities region. The primary goal of this work is to improve reliability and system flexibility. These projects have the added benefit of increasing BPA transmission capacity into the area, improving security, and modernizing BPA’s substations and lines.

The ***South of Tri-Cities Reinforcement*** adds a new 500 kV substation, Webber Canyon, and a 115kV line to our existing Badger Canyon substation. This ties the Tri-Cities region into the 500kV Grid. This project provides both short-term operational and maintenance needs, long term reliability and additional load growth capacity to the Tri-Cities region.

The ***McNary-Paterson Tap*** is a new 115 kV line from McNary Substation to south Benton County. This project resolves low-voltage issues in Paterson Load area and provides some through flow relief. This project was completed as of March 2025.

Red Mountain-Horn Rapids and Richland-Stevens Drive 115 kV lines projects will provide reinforcement. Under peak conditions, one line out could cause the other to overload. All four projects together will allow for additional load and mitigate bottlenecks in the Richland area. The Red Mountain-Horn Rapids project is substantially complete as of June 2025.

BPA is committed to the continued outreach to our customers, constituents, and the public. We are working with local electric utilities in coordinating efforts and public outreach specific to these projects.





TRI-CITIES AREA REINFORCEMENT

Please note: Next quarter's bulleted items & project schedules are estimates. They are subject to change due to potential issues such as site conditions, supply chain issues, or staffing resources.

Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Proposed Energization	Final Cost	Energization Complete
South Tri-Cities Reinforcement	\$107M	Spring 2028		
McNary-Paterson Tap	\$20M	Spring 2025	\$19.8M	March 2025
Red Mountain-Horn Rapids 115 kV Line	\$7.9M	Summer 2025	Coming in Q3	June 2025
Richland-Stevens Drive 115 kV Line	\$17M	Spring 2027		

South of Tri-Cities Reinforcement

❖ Last Quarter

- ✓ Continued substation and line design with consultant.
- ✓ Ongoing outreach with landowners on new and existing Right-Of-Way.
- ✓ The second set of transformers' manufacturer drawings were received.
- ✓ Completed BLM review of Draft EA.
- ✓ Released Draft EA and held public meeting on 6/4/2025.
- ✓ Yakama Nation submitted a draft of the Traditional Cultural Property Study of the project area. BPA is working with the tribe on the MOA.
- ✓ Construction Bid tour/meeting for Substation completed.

❖ Next Quarter

- ✓ Ongoing coordination substation land acquisition with DNR.
- ✓ Finalizing transmission line design.
- ✓ Continue landowner outreach and coordination.
- ✓ Finalize project construction sequencing plan.
- ✓ Review and address Draft EA comments.

McNary-Paterson Tap

❖ Last Quarter

- ✓ Transmission line construction is complete.
- ✓ Partnering with Tribal Monitor to comply with MOA.
- ✓ Project is in closeout.
- ✓ Energized March 2025



TRI-CITIES AREA REINFORCEMENT

Red Mountain-Horn Rapids 115kV line

❖ Last Quarter

- ✓ Finalized land acquisition. Awarded drilled shaft foundation contract.
- ✓ Continued line and access road construction.
- ✓ Continued environmental implementation during construction.
- ✓ Continued outage coordination with BREA.
- ✓ All construction activities have been completed as of 6/2/2025 and the fully rebuilt Red Mountain-Horn Rapids section of the Red Mountain-White Bluffs-1 transmission line is now energized.

❖ Next Quarter

- ✓ Complete contract closeout.
- ✓ Continuing environmental implementation post-construction.
- ✓ Complete project closeout activities.
- ✓ Continue construction coordination and activities.

Richland-Stevens Drive 115kV line

❖ Last Quarter

- ✓ Finalizing line and substation design with consultant.
- ✓ Continued coordination with the City of Richland and the Richland School District.
- ✓ Received the substation construction plans and bid package.
- ✓ Award substation construction contract.

❖ Next Quarter

- ✓ Initiate substation construction late June 2025
- ✓ Finalizing line design with consultant.
- ✓ Finalize the Transportation Plan.
- ✓ Order major construction materials.
- ✓ Finalize land acquisition.
- ✓ Award line construction contract.

Risks

- ✓ Evolving DOE environmental and funding review requirement changes: these have already and may likely result in additional South of Tri-Cities project schedule delays, the duration of which is not known at this time.
- ✓ Outage restrictions: outages needed for the program will be challenging to plan.
- ✓ Land acquisition: potential legal, regulatory, and environmental risks might impact on the timing for obtaining the land and the right of way for the projects.
- ✓ Supply chain: continuous disruption in the flow of services and supplies.
- ✓ Cost increases in construction labor and materials: resulting in requests for funding increases to meet the scope and schedule.



TRI-CITIES AREA REINFORCEMENT

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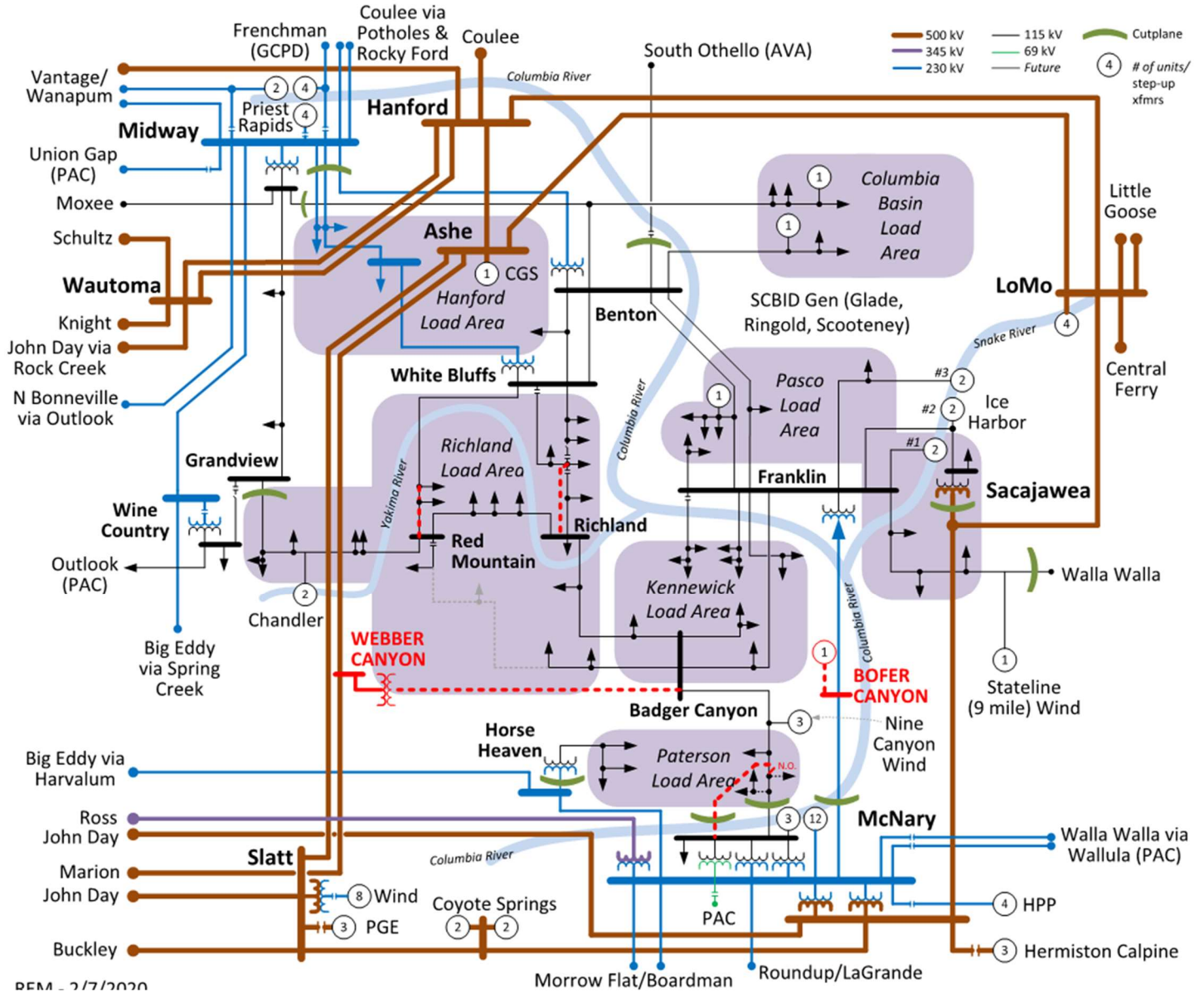
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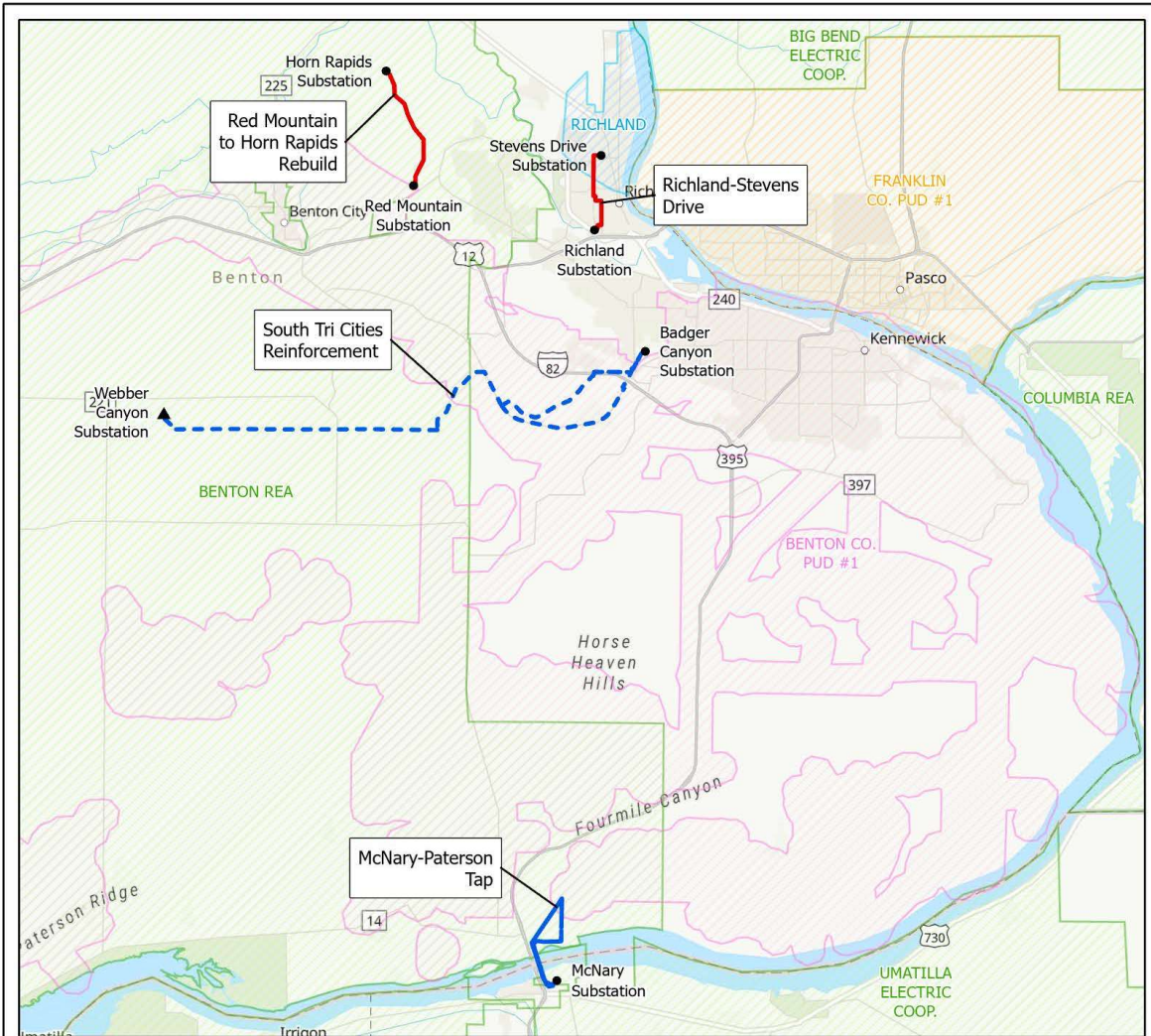


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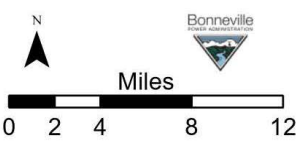


TRI-CITIES AREA REINFORCEMENT



Tri-Cities Area Reinforcement

- Existing Substation
 - ▲ Planned Substation
 - Transmission Line Rebuild
 - Proposed Transmission Line
 - - - Proposed Transmission Line Route Options
- PUBLIC UTILITY TERRITORIES**
- Cooperative
 - Municipal
 - Benton Co. PUD #1
 - Franklin Co. PUD #1



Pre-decisional



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Items of Business

Prepared By: Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Subject

Trump Administration Cancellation/Withdrawal of Memorandum of Understanding (10 minutes)

Department

Energy Services

Recommended Motion

This item is informational only.

Summary

On June 12, 2025, President Trump signed a memo revoking former President Biden's memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed December 14, 2023, that included government commitments for five-to-ten-year salmon restoration projects, redoing the 2020 Columbia River System Operations environmental impact statement, and to conduct several studies on replacing the four lower Snake River dams.

The MOU included a five-to-10-year stay in litigation over Columbia River System Operations. However, the MOU only included interests from two states, Washington and Oregon, as well as four tribes. The MOU did not include a public process and was without government transparency.

Attached are press statements from the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) and Public Power Council (PPC) explaining more about the MOU and why it was revoked.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

1. NWPPA Press Statement on Executive Action Withdrawing the 12-14 MOU
2. PCC Press Release on MOU pullout 6.12.25

June 12, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NWPPA Media Statement:

NWPPA Supports Ending Flawed Dam Breaching Agreement

Highlighted Quotes: (All quotes attributable to Kurt Miller, CEO & executive director of NWPPA)

- “This withdrawal is a necessary course correction toward energy reliability, affordability, and transparency.”
- “Preserving the dams provides a lifeline to the Northwest’s clean energy economy and its most vulnerable families.”
- “The 2023 MOU was negotiated in secret —with public power excluded from meaningful participation.”
- “...the MOU was never authorized or endorsed by the people or communities most affected by increasing energy costs.”
- “The next steps don’t need to involve the courtroom. There are terrific regional examples of tribes, utilities, and agencies coming together to support salmon and preserve hydropower.”

Full Statement:

NWPPA Supports Ending Flawed Dam Breaching Agreement

(VANCOUVER, WASH.) The Northwest Public Power Association supports the U.S. government’s announced [intent to withdraw](#) from the Dec.14, 2023, memorandum of understanding between the federal government; the states of Oregon and Washington; the Nez Perce Tribe; the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; and several environmental NGOs. **This withdrawal is a necessary course correction toward energy reliability, affordability, and transparency.**

The 2023 MOU was framed by both proponents and critics as a “roadmap to breaching the lower Snake River dams”—critical infrastructure that provides affordable, reliable, and CO₂-free electricity to millions of residents and businesses across the Pacific Northwest.

In an era of skyrocketing electricity demand, these dams are essential to maintaining grid reliability and keeping energy bills affordable—especially for low- and fixed-income households. **Preserving the dams provides a lifeline for the Northwest’s clean energy economy and its most vulnerable families.** Studies have shown that the loss of these hydropower resources could increase electricity rates by 40% or more for many communities and heighten the risk of regional blackouts.

The 2023 MOU was negotiated in secret—with public power excluded from meaningful participation. “As someone directly involved in the broader process leading up to the agreement, I can say with confidence that public power utilities—who serve tens of millions of Americans—were deliberately excluded from the negotiations. **In short, the MOU was never authorized or endorsed by the people or communities most affected by increasing energy costs,**” said Kurt Miller, CEO & executive director of NWPPA.

The next steps don’t need to involve the courtroom. There are terrific regional examples of tribes, utilities, and agencies coming together to support salmon and preserve hydropower. Across the region, public power utilities are working side by side with tribes and conservationists to improve fish passage, restore habitats, and innovate hatchery practices—all while maintaining the clean energy backbone of the Northwest.

NWPPA supports a model such as the [Phase 2 Implementation Plan](#) from the Upper Columbia United Tribes, which seeks to return salmon to blocked areas without harming hydropower operations. This is an example of tribes, utilities, and the Bonneville Power Administration working together for the good of both people and salmon, and we support its continued funding.

About NWPPA: NWPPA is a not-for-profit regional association representing and serving more than 150 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The association also serves around 400 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. For more information, visit www.nwppa.org or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**PPC statement on President Trump’s Presidential Memorandum
for the Columbia River Basin**

Portland, Oregon – June 12, 2025 – Today, the U.S. government announced a new executive action that reverses course on several Biden Administration directives impacting the Columbia River Basin. Among these announcements is that the Government is withdrawing from an agreement involving the Northwest states of Oregon and Washington and four Northwest Tribes. The U.S. government’s 12/14 Agreement and accompanying Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed in December, 2023 have raised significant concerns within the public power community since their inception.

The Biden Administration’s process for developing the 12/14 Agreement lacked transparency and failed to engage the utility sector, despite its direct impact on public power customers and the communities they serve. This approach jeopardized the ability of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) to provide reliable power and strengthen regional energy security. In response, PPC took legal action in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to challenge the agreement’s shortcomings and to safeguard the interests of those who depend on our region’s critical hydropower and transmission resources.

Looking forward, PPC remains committed to being a constructive and solution-oriented partner in shaping strategies and plans to address the region’s growing and evolving energy challenges, such as our pressing resource adequacy and transmission infrastructure needs. While the U.S. government’s withdrawal from the 12/14 Agreement is a significant development, it also presents an opportunity to forge a responsible and balanced approach to energy and environmental planning in the years ahead. This includes proper and appropriate engagement of Northwest utilities, Treaty Tribes and other relevant stakeholders.

To that end, PPC is grateful for the Department of Energy’s leadership and [commitment](#) to prioritizing energy security and grid reliability – core benefits of the FCRPS that serve the long-term energy needs of the Pacific Northwest. We are particularly pleased that the President recognized the importance of our nation’s energy infrastructure and the importance of the federal hydropower fleet to securing reliable and affordable power for the Northwest. The FCRPS has long been recognized as the backbone of the region’s power supply, providing affordable and dependable electricity to millions of Americans.

“PPC and its member utilities stand ready to contribute technical expertise and leadership to ensure the FCRPS continues to serve the Pacific Northwest while upholding federal commitments and maximizing the system’s full potential,” said Scott Simms, PPC CEO & Executive Director. “We’re open to realistic, workable solutions in this arena that can put an end to the continued cycle of litigation that only creates more uncertainty for our entire region.”

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About the Public Power Council The Public Power Council (PPC) represents the interests of consumer-owned electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest that purchase power from the Bonneville Power Administration. Since its founding in 1966, PPC has been a leading voice in advocating for cost-effective, reliable, and regionally beneficial energy policies. Learn more at www.ppcpdx.org



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 7/8/2025

Agenda Category: Other Informational Items

Prepared By: Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Subject

Capital Work Plan Update - May 2025

Department

Energy Services

Recommended Motion

This item is informational only.

Summary

Attached is a summary of Energy Services capital work through May 2025. The budgeted 2025 annual capital expenditures are \$11.9M. Capital expenditures through May are \$4.4M.

The 2025 capital work expenditures include YTD expenses of:

- Line extensions - \$1.4M
- System Improvements - \$473k
- Renewal and Replacement - \$378k
- Substation Improvements - \$2.07M
- SandHill Crane Substation Bank 3 (new) and Bank 4 (future) - \$73k

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments

- I. RES CWP REPORT-May 2025



Richland Energy Services Capital Work Plan May 2025



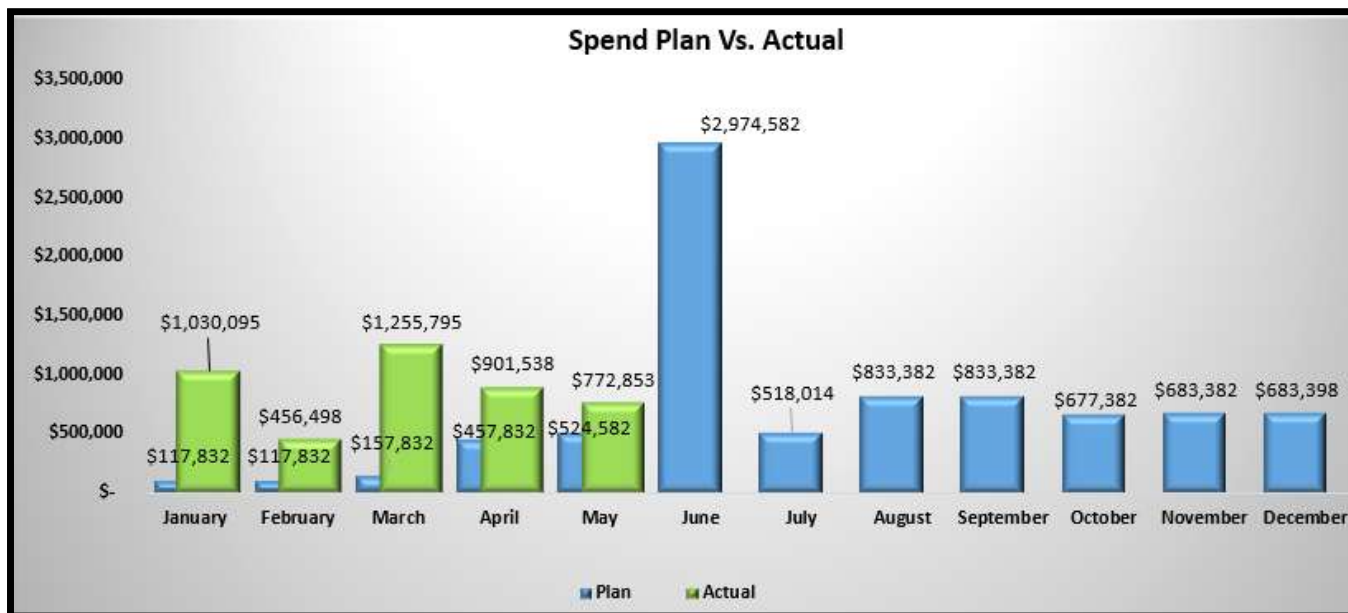
CWP Costs through May

	Approved 2025 Budget	2025 Revised Plan	Actual	Remaining	May
+ Line Extensions	\$771,000	\$ 771,000	\$ 1,405,453	\$ (634,453)	\$ 76,815
+ System Improvements	\$419,000	\$ 419,000	\$ 472,659	\$ (53,659)	\$ 133,029
+ Renewal and Replacement	\$2,548,000	\$ 2,791,432	\$ 377,836	\$ 2,413,596	\$ 90,001
+ Substation Improvements	\$4,558,000	\$ 4,558,000	\$ 2,065,993	\$ 2,492,007	\$ 445,859
+ Fusion Substation	\$265,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
+ Sandhill Substation Area Improvements	\$3,313,000	\$ -	\$ 73,416	\$ (73,416)	\$20,575
+ Dallas Rd Area Improvements	\$0	\$ 40,000	\$ 13,996	\$ 26,004	\$6,573
Grand Total	\$11,874,000	\$ 8,579,432	\$ 4,416,780	\$ 4,162,652	\$ 772,853

Cost Performance YTD:	\$4,416,780
Cost Performance remaining:	\$4,162,652
YTD % Complete	51%



CWP Monthly Spend Vs. Actuals



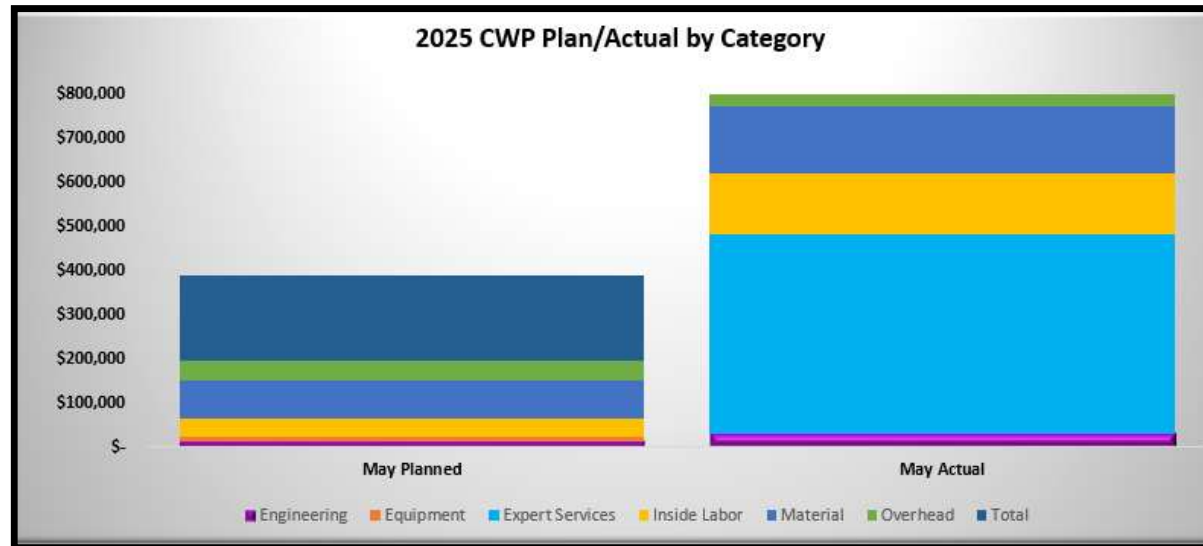


Costs by Category





CWP Cost Types



Cost Type	May Planned	May Actual
Engineering	\$ 12,766	\$ 30,959
Equipment	\$ 9,333	\$ -
Expert Services	\$ 329,670	\$ 451,714
Inside Labor	\$ 41,666	\$ 138,385
Material	\$ 87,731	\$ 151,795
Overhead	\$ 43,416	\$ 46,128
Total	\$ 524,582	\$ 772,853



CWP Project Costs for May

	Approved 2025 Budget	2025 Revised Plan	Actual	Remaining	May
⊕ Line Extensions	\$771,000	\$ 771,000	\$ 1,405,453	\$ (634,453)	\$ 76,815
⊖ System Improvements	\$419,000	\$ 419,000	\$ 472,659	\$ (53,659)	\$ 133,029
⊕ RES OH UG ENG DESIGN DWGS	\$0	\$ -	\$ 11,209	\$ (11,209)	\$830.76
⊕ Material Specifications	\$0	\$ -	\$ 31,896	\$ (31,896)	\$6,230.70
⊕ City View Bank 2 Feeder Getaways - 750JAL t	\$0	\$ -	\$ 87,662	\$ (87,662)	\$18,929.79
⊕ 3060 Twin Bridges Rd, Ext 6in conduit and V1	\$0	\$ -	\$ 1,806	\$ (1,806)	\$732.51
⊕ 1715 Stevens, bank 1 feeder retirement and	\$0	\$ -	\$ 113,660	\$ (113,660)	\$66,831.35
⊕ New Services	\$419,000	\$ 419,000	\$ 214,535	\$ 204,465	\$39,311.45
⊖ Renewal and Replacement	\$2,548,000	\$ 2,791,432	\$ 377,836	\$ 2,413,596	\$ 90,001
⊕ METER INSTALLATION MATERIALS	\$20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 130,952	\$ (110,952)	\$23,645.60
⊕ 2023 Pole Replacement Program	\$534,000	\$ 534,000	\$ -	\$ 534,000	\$0.00
⊕ 72 Hodges Ct, Renew and Replace 6BC with 1	\$0	\$ -	\$ 243,951	\$ (243,951)	\$65,948.71
⊕ UG Cable Replacement	\$1,994,000	\$ 2,237,432	\$ 2,933	\$ 2,234,499	\$406.95
⊖ Substation Improvements	\$4,558,000	\$ 4,558,000	\$ 2,065,993	\$ 2,492,007	\$ 445,859
⊕ City View Bank 2 Addition	\$0	\$ -	\$ 19,910	\$ (19,910)	\$0.00
⊕ City View Extension 131, EXT 3P 750 Aprox 20	\$0	\$ -	\$ 308,714	\$ (308,714)	\$0.00
⊕ Thayer Substation - Bank 1 Rebuild and 115k	\$1,484,000	\$ 1,484,000	\$ 18,588	\$ 1,465,412	\$6,251.00
⊕ Stevens Substation - Bank 1 Rebuild and 115	\$3,074,000	\$ 3,074,000	\$ 1,693,305	\$ 1,380,695	\$439,110.31
⊕ Design and Install SEL 2414 at SHC b1-2, FIS b	\$0	\$ -	\$ 11,621	\$ (11,621)	\$497.76
⊕ Relay Replacement	\$0	\$ -	\$ 13,854	\$ (13,854)	\$0.00
⊕ Fusion Substation	\$265,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00
⊕ Sandhill Substation Area Improvements	\$3,313,000	\$ -	\$ 53,896	\$ (53,896)	\$10,815
⊕ Dallas Rd Area Improvements	\$0	\$ 40,000	\$ 13,996	\$ 26,004	\$6,573
Grand Total	\$11,874,000	\$ 8,579,432	\$ 4,397,260	\$ 4,182,172	\$ 763,093



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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Recommended Motion

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SMR Update – January 2026

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments
