



Commission Members Present: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Anna Kautzman, Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Vanessa Cain, Gary Miller

Commission Members Absent: Vic Ingram, Paul Liepe, Steven Merricks

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Jennifer Holley, Michael Adkins

Others Present:

Call to Order

Chairman Cain opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of August 23, 2021 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from August 23, 2021.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Holley presented the July utility financial statements for each utility fund and addressed questions from the commissioners.

Dr. Miller asked why Telecommunications revenue decreased by \$25,000 for the year. Ms. Holley responded that the prior year had additional revenue in July that was not repeated this year.

Update on Capital Projects – All Funds

Jason Grey provided an update on the department's 2021/2022 capital improvement projects.

Notable water projects include waterline reconstruction of distribution mains along Wilson, Craghead, and Lynn Streets as well as Westmoreland Court. Additional streets will have reconstruction in conjunction with gas cast iron line replacements along Betts, Broadnax, Smith, Davis, Warren, and Foster streets.

Power and Light projects include the completion of Kentuck and Whitmell Substation's upgrades to be completed in October/November 2021, upgrades to White Oak Substation, and upgrades to Westover and Southside Substations. Work is anticipated to be completed on these substations within the first half of 2022.

The new West Fork Substation will serve as a fourth delivery point to the City and will be completed in 2023. There will also be a Ballou Substation completed in 2023 as well.

Mr. Dobbins asked if technology has changed to improve the setup at substations so that damaged is minimized by lightning. Mr. Grey responded that relays have greatly improved to open the breakers to prevent damage due to lightning.

Department Discussions

Mr. Dobbins asked how the request for customers to reduce electricity usage during peak events worked out this summer. Mr. Grey responded that the transmission peak of 181 megawatts was at the end of August. Typically the peak is around 200 megawatts.

Mr. Dobbins requested a future discussion on gas supply. Mr. Grey responded that only 25% is hedged and the rest is at market rates, but agreed that the discussion can occur regarding hedging more.

Mr. Grey reported that legislation was passed related to Prairie State requiring coal generation to have 45% carbon reduction by 2035 and 100% by 2045.

There was no further communication from staff, commission members, or the public.


Adjournment

Ms. Cain announced that the next meeting will be on October 25, 2021. Mr. Dobbins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Larking seconded. There being no further business, Ms. Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

October 25, 2021

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission