

REGULAR MEETING
OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF GRANT COUNTY

March 24, 2020

The Commission of Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, convened at 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams Meeting / +1 509-703-5291 Conference ID: 868 615 52# with the following Commissioners present: Tom Flint, President; Larry Schaapman, Vice-President; Judy Wilson, Secretary; Dale Walker, Commissioner; and Nelson Cox, Commissioner.

A round table discussion was held regarding the following topics: COVID-19 response; status update regarding Ice Works vending machine proposal; appreciation to all staff for efforts involved in the District-wide COVID-19 response; and Grant PUD Employee Association renewed activity.

Craig Bressan, Senior Manager of Safety, reviewed the February 2020 Safety Report.

Craig Bressan, Senior Manager of Safety, provided the Safety Health and Improvement Plan (SHIP) Programmatic report.

Andrew Munro, Senior Manager of External Affairs and Communication, and Chuck Allen, Public Affairs Supervisor, provided the Public Power / Industrial Outreach Activity report.

Robert Lougee, Corrective Action Program Manager, provided a Corrective Action Program report.

The Commission recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Rob Skordas, USBR Deputy Regional Director, referenced correspondence submitted via email on March 23, 2020 regarding the Return on Equity (ROE) component included in the proposed wholesale wheeling rate. In addition to comments referenced in the letter, he further encouraged the Commission to reject the 9.8% ROE applied to the transmission Cost of Service model.

Roger Sonnichsen, Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District, concurred with Mr. Skordas's comments and requested the Commission not approve the 9.8% included in the Cost of Service Study.

Neal Gschwend, Legal Counsel, Bonneville Power Administration, referenced a March 23, 2020 letter submitted by Daniel Yokota, BPA Transfer Services Manager, further clarifying BPA's position on the proposed Rate of Return and responding to their concerns with materials presented at the March 10 Commission meeting. Mr. Gschwend continued to express interest in a face-to-face meeting and requested the Commission not approve any rates based upon the proposed Cost of Service Study until such time that meeting could occur.

Craig Simpson, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, expressed concurrence with USBR's review on the Return on Equity component and asked that the Commission not include the 9.8% ROE in the proposed wholesale wheeling rate.

Correspondence was noted received by Daniel Yokota, Transfer Services Manager for Bonneville Power Administration, regarding concerns with the proposed Rate of Return.

Consent agenda motion was made Mr. Schaapman and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the following consent agenda items:

Payment Number	100854	through	101232	\$16,245,366.22
Payroll Direct Deposit	155758	through	156442	\$1,801,732.48
Payroll Tax and Garnishments	20200312A	through	20200312B	\$794,715.57

Meeting minutes of March 10, 2020.

Special meeting minutes of March 10, 2020.

After consideration, the above consent agenda items were approved by unanimous vote of the Commission and signatures were affirmed.

The Commissioners reviewed future agenda items.

The Commission calendar was reviewed.

Trade Association / committee reports were reviewed.

David Klinkenberg, Project Manager, provided a Red Rock Transmission Line Route Selection Process update.

Kevin Nordt, General Manager/CEO, led a discussion with the Commission regarding the Transmission Return on Equity proposal, outlined the steps for receipt of and response to written comments, and reviewed the anticipated timeline for future discussion and potential rate action.

There being no further business to discuss, the March 24 meeting officially adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Judy Wilson, Secretary



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Tom Flint, President

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Larry Schaapman, Vice President

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Dale Walker, Commissioner

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Nelson Cox, Commissioner