



OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5

BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2025

3:00 P.M.

Mesquite, Nevada

PRESENT:

Seat 2 – Logandale,	Mr. Jack Nelson, Chairman	Mrs. MeLisa Garcia, CEO / General Manager
Seat 1 – Overton,	Mr. Richard Jones, Vice-Chair	Mr. Scott Fullman, Administrative Services Manager
Seat 3 – Moapa	Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee	Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager
Seat 5 – Mesquite,	Mr. Mike Young, Sec / Treas	Mr. Jonathan Denninghoff, Financial Services Manager
Seat 6 – Mesquite,	Mr. Dale Rust, Trustee	Mr. Kyle Leavitt, Line Operations Manager
Seat 7 – At-Large,	Mr. Randy Laub, Trustee	Mr. Keven Hansen, Substation Operations Manager
	Mr. Byron Mills, Attorney	Mrs. Becky LaGrow, Executive Assistant
		Mr. Steven Brown, IT Administrator

ABSENT: Mr. Robert Bunker, Trustee, Seat 4 – Bunkerville

Note: The minutes of this meeting have been tape-recorded and will remain on file in the OPD5’s main office for a period of one year for public examination.

A. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. Jack Nelson called the meeting of the Overton Power District No. 5 Board of Trustees to order. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mike Young led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Richard Jones to accept the OPD5 agenda as posted. The Board voted six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Richard Jones to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Board Meeting. The Board voted six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jack Nelson reported on the NRECA Region 9 meeting in Bellevue Washington.

G. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Byron Mills had no report at this time.




H. MANAGER'S REPORTS

Line Operations



Kyle Leavitt reported on the following items:

Safety

October Safety Meeting –



-  The topics included dealing with stressful and irate customers, and also winter driving.
-  Forty-nine (49) employees attended the meeting
-  In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a group photo was taken of the attendees wearing their pink cancer awareness shirts

Department Trainings for October



-  Cody Hardy led the training on block and tackle transformer changeout
-  This process is not normal procedure but does occur if there is flooding or it is in an area the equipment is unable to access

Outages



September 2025

-  There were thirteen (13) planned outages for maintenance.
-  There was one (1) unplanned outages for the month, which was weather related

Service Installations –

-  September – Thirty -two (32) residential and one (1) commercial service installations
-  2025 YTD – A total of three hundred forty-seven (347) commercial and residential service installations combined

Training

-  Apprentice Testing – A surprise test was conducted by the journeymen for the four apprentices testing for advancement in early December
-  Tree Trimming Hazards - This two-hour training was held for the contractor that does tree trimming services for OPD5. The goal was to ensure they know who to contact, safe working clearances and OPD5 acceptable work practices and job cleanup

- 💡 ACTS Damage Prevention Summit - Was attended by three employees tasked with line locates. Training for line locating, industry practices, and evolving technology were received
- 💡 NRECA Co-op University – Omar Vallejo attended the 5-day event. He is working through the Supervisor & Manager Development Program certification and has currently completed sixteen (16) of twenty (20) credits

💡 *Jobs*

- 💡 The Mesquite team is continuing work on the Second South relocation job, tree trimming, and started new service to the Val Vista and Amber Sky Subdivisions
- 💡 The Overton team has completed the pole changes from Overton Wash to Simplot. The high-voltage extension to a billboard at the smoke shop and upgrades to the Logandale ball fields
 - 💡 *Mike Young thought the training with local contractors is a great community service*

Engineering Services

Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Long Drive Switchyard & Raptor Substation* - The contractor has begun setting the lower structures. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year
- 💡 *Tortoise – Gila 138kV Line* – Work continues on the project. Conductors and wire are currently being pulled to provide power to the communications facilities on Mormon Mountain. Once completed, the distribution structure will be replaced with the transmission structure near the northbound truck parking past I-15 Exit 93
- 💡 *Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)* –Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO) continues to provide feedback to our team on our documentation in preparation for WECC compliance.
- 💡 *Tortoise Ring Bus & 69kV Bay Expansion* – Cache Valley is starting the foundations on this project

SCADA & Substation Operations

Keven Hansen reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Painted Hills Substation Bay 4* – The transformer pads are poured; the team will begin running the conduit. Next they will begin to transfer equipment from the Mesquite Substation to its new home at Painted Hills Substation by the end of December
- 💡 *Arrowhead Substation* – Preparation continues with the pouring of transformer pads for the new transformers that are scheduled for delivery in March 2026. The Issued For Construction (IFC) drawings for the transformer pads will be available the beginning of December
- 💡 *Overton Substation* – This project is an upgrade of the 20+ year old relays that are no longer available or serviceable. All the relays in this substation are replaced; we will continue to replace a few every year until all twenty-four (24) replacements are completed
- 💡 *Training* – The team conducted an outage simulation based on historical data to identify the cause, map the full chain of effects, and develop resolution strategies. The team has not begun scenario training with AEPCO because they do not have access to our system yet

Administrative Services

Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Cyber Security Training*– 96% participation by employees in September. The topics included beware of insider threats, secure sensitive assets, and validate persuasion attempts
- 💡 *Information Technology* – In September, no employees clicked on internal spam emails. Out of approximately 33,000 emails received in September, 4,085 were spam
- 💡 *Servers* – All servers were up and running 100% of the time in September. All servers were successfully backed up and stored offsite in September.
- 💡 *Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC)* – Offers quality analysis and security information sharing in real time. Seventy-seven (77) e-mails were reviewed this month by IT and the General Manager. The top security threat patterns were software exploitation & supply chain attacks, social engineering & ransomware, physical & hybrid infrastructure threats
- 💡 *Employee Highlight* – Steven Brown has completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Cybersecurity & Information Assurance

Financial Services

Jonathan Denninghoff reported

- 💡 While conducted the month end reconciling, fraudulent activity was found on our account. The bank was contacted, and protective measures are now in place
- 💡 Jonathan also gave the financial report for September 2025, a copy of which is on file

General Manager

MeLisa Garcia reported on the following items:

- 💡 *OPD5 90th Anniversary*
 - 💡 Vernon has done a 3-part historical series for the newspaper
 - 💡 Several posts have been shared on social media
 - 💡 Chocolates, planners, and other items will be offered this month in recognition of the occasion
- 💡 *FEMA*
 - 💡 MeLisa has supported the call to action from NRECA for the Fix FEMA Act
 - 💡 Information has been posted on social media in partnership with Voices for Cooperative Power
 - 💡 A letter of support was also sent to Congressman Horseford's office for the Fix FEMA Act
- 💡 *NREA Annual Meeting*
 - 💡 An Jaeda, an 8th grader from Moapa Valley, led the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem
 - 💡 Topics included hydro-powering the future, public policy priorities, keeping up with demand, and looking through the crystal ball for economic updates
 - 💡 In-person message from Catherine CortezMasto; also video messages from Congressman Horseford and Jacke Rosen were received

- 💡 Governor Lombardo sent staff members from the Office of Energy and the Office of Financial Assistance. NREA received grant awards of over \$8,000,000. OPD5's portion of the grants was \$944,802 for a fire mitigation project in the Moapa area

- 💡 *NRECA Region 7&9 Meetings*

- 💡 Attended the meetings in Bellevue Washington with Jack & Mike
- 💡 The head of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) spoke on the infiltration of renewable energy into the grid without mentioning hydro.
- 💡 A class on regional impact through political engagement and grassroots outreach
- 💡 MeLisa attending the meetings for the Region 9 Resolutions Committee and Mike represented us in the voting of those resolutions
- 💡 There were talks on investing in our youth through the youth tour and leadership council, risk analysis for cybersecurity, governance considerations for large manufacturing loads and data centers

- 💡 *Issue with a Neighboring Generator*

- 💡 On October 1st, we experienced sub-cycle transient voltage caused by the solar / battery storage system of a neighboring generator. A disconnect was placed and OPD5 operations returned to normal
- 💡 On October 2nd, the same disturbance was experienced again. Staff notified the generator again and the service was disconnected. Later that morning, Lincoln County Power District No.1(LCP#1) ordered a cease and desist on the battery deployment / testing
- 💡 Staff along with LCP#1 and our engineering firm have provided the generator with data for their analysis. At this time, the cease and desist has not been lifted

I. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE OPD5 2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board and Staff worked together to develop an updated strategic plan. Staff utilized support from vendors and past plans to identify key strategic objectives, to review the mission statement, and to add the applicable components to the plan. Then working with the board, the key elements were developed, the resulting list included; 1. Safety 2. Workforce 3. Reliability 4. Finances 5. Customers 6. Power Supply. Each component was then discussed by a group and then by the whole assembly to obtain the final updated plan. The updated Strategic Plan is for a three-year period; and it defines the company's long-term course, providing staff with the essential framework for directional clarity and informed decision-making.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Dale Rust to approve the OPD5 2025-2028 Strategic Plan with the suggested modifications to remove specific named facilities with more generic identifiers. The Board voted six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

J. DISCUSSION ON REVENUE REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

In 2024, Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) performed and presented a Revenue Requirement Study (RRS) and a Cost-of-Service Study (CSS) for OPD5. The information from the RRS and CSS were used in a rate design process to update and adjust OPD5's rates. Those rate changes were approved

and put into effect on January 1, 2025. Since then, revenue has fallen below targets so staff requested CFC perform a follow-up Revenue Requirement Study for 2025 incorporating known changes as well as some anticipated changes for the remainder of 2025 and 2026.

Jonathan Denninghoff presented those findings. A long discussion ensued where two opinions were proposed by staff. One included a 4 dollar increase in the base charge and a .0037 increase in the energy rate. It was pointed out that Nevada has the lowest rates in the USA. The discussion of both small users and large users followed. Small users would be affected by the increase in base rate, however it was pointed out that the base rate is based on OPD's cost of doing business. Staff indicated that we have collected data to adjust large users if needed in the future. Several trustees felt that we must be extremely cautious, so our business finance remains strong, yet we need to be sensitive to our customers. This item was for discussion only; however staff will review comments and any new information. Then OPD will make necessary adjustments as needed. No action was taken.

K. DISCUSSION ON 2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Each year OPD5 staff identifies priority projects for the coming year(s). These projects are typically large projects that provide additional capacity, improve reliability, and may include building new substations and power lines. These projects require planning, coordination, and often require time and large amounts of funding.

The projects on the capital projects list are typically discussed for several months to ensure that funds and resources are directed to the proper projects. The Board was concerned about the number of projects and the cost. A major discussion was held about the number of new vehicles and several Trustees asked for them to be carefully looked at again and to be put in priority order so that if finances remain critical, only the most critical will be purchased.

The number of new items also raised concerns. There are new items in the reliability group and staff indicated they were required because of the new solar and new facilities coming online. The Cap Bank at Gila Substation and the new Overton Warehouse were also discussed.

Additional concerns were raised about the purchase of a new bucket truck because it was placed in capital purchases and the remarkably high cost. Staff replied that it was placed on capital because of the high cost and it was needed for the new transmission lines under construction.

Some discussion was had over the proposed new crew facility in regard to need and cost. Staff replied that the old meeting room was too small and the need for a tool storage room.

After suggestions from Board members, the staff said a final prioritized 2026 capital projects list will be developed in response to the Board concerns and presented for approval next month.

This item was for discussion only. No action was taken.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mike Young – At the Region 9 meetings, Mike attended a class on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The instructor spoke on data centers and the large amounts of water required for them. Another point that was made was how helpful AI can be in grant writing and RFP's. Pat Mangan will be hosting an AI podcast at the end of the month

N. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Chad Leavitt and seconded by Mike Young to approve Wednesday, November 19, 2025, as the next Board Meeting date. The meeting will be held in the Overton Board Room at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays in approval.

O. EXECUTIVE – CLOSED DOOR SESSION

A motion was made to enter executive session
A motion was made to exit executive session

P. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:22 P.M.

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary / Treasurer