



**OVERTON POWER DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD MEETING**

October 16, 2024

3:00 P.M.

Overton, Nevada

PRESENT:

Seat 7 – At-Large,	Mrs. Judy Metz, Chair	Mr. Mendis Cooper, General Manager
Seat 2 – Logandale,	Mr. Jack Nelson, Vice Chair	Mrs. MeLisa Garcia, Interim General Manager
Seat 5 – Mesquite,	Mr. Mike Young, Sec / Treas	Mr. Scott Fullman, Administrative Services Manager
Seat 1 – Overton,	Mr. Richard Jones, Trustee	Mr. Randall Ozaki, Engineering Services Manager
Seat 3 – Moapa,	Mr. Chad Leavitt, Trustee	Mr. Kyle Leavitt, Line Operations Manager
Seat 6 – Mesquite,	Mr. Dale Rust, Trustee	Mr. Keven Hansen, Substation Operations Manager
Mr. Byron Mills, Attorney		Mrs. Becky LaGrow, Executive Assistant
		Mr. Jonathan Denninghoff, Accounting Supervisor

PRESENT:

Seat 4 – Bunkerville, Mr. Robert Bunker, Trustee

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 3:02 p.m. Mrs. Judy Metz 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Jack Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024 Board Meeting. The Board voted six (6) ayes and (0) nays in approval.

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judy Metz read a thank you note received from a previous scholarship recipient that just finished their first year at Utah State University.

F. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Byron Mills had no report at this time.

G. MANAGER'S REPORTS

Engineering Services

Randall Ozaki reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Bid Opening for Long Drive and Raptor Substation* – The low bidder at \$3.9M for the two projects was Hunt Electric out of St. George, Utah.
- 💡 *Future Projects*
 - 💡 *Virgin Valley* – Springhill Suites Hotel, Pink Donut Shop, and a Hawaiian Food Truck
 - 💡 *Moapa Valley*– Tesla Charging Station, America First Credit Union, and a Starbucks in Moapa

Administrative Services

Scott Fullman reported on the following items:

- 💡 *NREA Annual Meeting* – The meeting had some great speakers on AI technology and cyber security.
- 💡 *Cyber Security Training* – 100% participation by employees in September. The topics included robust access controls, strong passwords and multi-factor authentication, and information sharing within the organization.
- 💡 *Information Technology* – In September, no employees clicked on internal spam email.
- 💡 *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. This helps to mitigate complex and constantly evolving threats to the grid. Sixty-eight (68) e-mails were reviewed this month by IT and the General Manager.
- 💡 *Public Relations* – The Social Media statistics were reported.

Line Operations

Kyle Leavitt reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Service Installations* –
 - 💡 September – Thirty-one (31) residential and five (5) commercial hookups.
- 💡 *Outages*
 - 💡 *September 2024*
 - 💡 There were fourteen (14) planned outages for maintenance. There were four (4) after-hours unplanned outages for the month.
 - 💡 *Year-to-Date*
 - 💡 *September* - The unplanned outages affected eleven (11) customers for approximately one hundred twenty-one (121) customer hours.
 - 💡 *System Interruption Statistics*
 - 💡 *Average Service Availability Index (ASAI)* – 99.997%
 - 💡 *System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)* – 0.03 minutes / customer
 - 💡 *Major Causes* – Weather, lightning, small animals and birds, wind
 - 💡 *Key Measurables & Insights*
 - 💡 *Poles*
 - 💡 *Total Jobs Worked* – Twenty-six (26) in the last three months
 - 💡 *Retired poles* – Eighteen (18)
 - 💡 *Changed Poles* – Fifteen (15)
 - 💡 *Inspections* – Two hundred two (202)
 - 💡 *Audits* – Nine hundred sixty-nine (969)
 - 💡 *Locates* - Six hundred forty-eight (648)
 - 💡 *Safety*
 - 💡 *September Safety Topic* – Mandatory Workplace Violence / Sexual Harassment with fifty-two (52) employees in attendance
 - 💡 *No Lost Time* – Six years, eleven months, twenty-seven days
 - 💡 *Jobs:* In addition to their many jobs this month, the crews worked on:
 - 💡 *Tortoise Substation* – The crew was tasked with removing the jumpers and energizing that section of the ring bus while hot.

SCADA & Substation Operations

Keven Hansen reported on the following items:

- 💡 *New Employee* – A recent intern, Tanner Hammons, has been hired as a Substation Technician
- 💡 *Tortoise Substation*
 - 💡 General Electric is on-site assembling the 60 MVA transformer
 - 💡 The ring bus cut over will be completed in three stages. The entire process should be complete by November 1st. This will give OPD5 redundancy from Reid Gardner.

Interim General Manager

Melisa Garcia reported on the following items:

- 💡 *Meetings* – discussed protocols and communication for outages with:
 - 💡 CEO's of large customers
 - 💡 Principals from all the schools – Also discussed age-appropriate safety programs and career aspiration at the power company
- 💡 *Retirement* – Jolene retired after many years of service. Her replacement was chosen based on the finance departments succession planning
- 💡 *Arizona Public Authority* – Held an informative meeting for embedded customers, as we are with NV Energy. Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA), California Independent System Operator (CAISO), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) were all in attendance
- 💡 *Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA) Annual Meeting*
 - 💡 Celebrating its 50th anniversary
 - 💡 Informative speakers, especially on the topic of artificial intelligence and networking opportunities with vendors and utilities throughout the area
 - 💡 Mendis Cooper was awarded the Vernon D. Dalton Award for his commitment and work on behalf of NREA, electric cooperatives, and public power

General Manager

Mendis Cooper reported on the following items:

- 💡 *City of Boulder City* – Held a public power day and asked to borrow our safety demonstration trailer. Cody and Luis took the trailer to Boulder City did the presentation and operated it for the for the day. The Mayor and their Utilities Director and several others thanked the OPD5, Cody and Luis.
- 💡 *NRECA Region 9 Meetings*
 - 💡 The meetings were held in Sacramento California this year. A few of the topics attended were Optimal Investments in Grid Facilities, Integrated Distribution System Planning, and the Do's and Don'ts of Scenario Planning
 - 💡 Heard Andrew Don, Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) CEO spoke on the economy
 - 💡 Mike Young represented Nevada in the NRECA business meeting
 - 💡 Melisa Gacia was elected to a position on the regulatory committee
 - 💡 Jim Matheson, the CEO of NRECA joined Nevada utilities in a discussion on protecting hydropower and promoting resources issues in the state
 - 💡 Discussed with Patrick Ledger from Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPCCO), the opportunity to work together in the future
- 💡 *Tenaska Energy Company* – The transition to the new contract is still in progress and going well

Financial Services

Jonathan Denninghoff gave the financial report for September 2024, a copy of which is on file.

H. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT WITH GLS - PROJECT FABIAN

Global Asset Positioning, LLC dba Global Location Strategies (GLS) is seeking to facilitate locating a manufacturing facility in OPD5's service territory. They have requested a non-disclosure agreement to facilitate an information exchange. The non-disclosure agreement (NDA) allows staff to negotiate with GLS on details relating to future projects and client information. These negotiations are designed to establish pricing, develop contractual details, and to agree on terms that may be brought to the board for possible approval and action in the future. Staff cannot enter into an agreement without board approval.

After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Chad Leavitt and seconded by Mike Young to approve a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Global Location Strategies as presented and authorize the General Manager/CEO to execute the Agreement on behalf of OPD5. The Board voted six (6) ayes and (0) nays in approval.

I. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE FUTURE OPD5 RATES

OPD5 currently has a purchase power agreement (PPA) with Morgan Stanley Commodities Group (MSCG). The PPA started in June 2016 and the term of the PPA ends December 31, 2024.

In April 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the signing of a new contract with Tenaska Power Services (TPS). That purchase power agreement (PPA) will begin January 1, 2025, for a three (3) year term. TPS will also provide a firm load following power resource, firm transmission service, load forecasting, coordination with the Western Area Power Administration for hydropower resources, and schedules delivery of power resources from across the western power grid.

The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) collected data and performed multiple studies for OPD5. The results of these studies were presented to the board earlier this year. The CFC studies and analysis are being utilized to determine rate requirements based on the new TPS PPA.

Jack Nelson had to leave

Staff worked with consultants and industry experts to find ideas that may reduce the impact on OPD5 customers. Staff made a presentation regarding future revenue requirements and rate adjustments that will be required.

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

J. DISCUSSION ON 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Each year OPD5 staff identifies priority projects for the coming year or years. 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. A final capital project list will be developed from these discussions and presented for Board approval at the November meeting.

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

K. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO RATIFY COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION (CRC) CONTRACT NO P06-SLCESC AMENDMENT NO. 1

In August 2019, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRCNV) approved Contract No. P06-SLCESC with Overton Power District No. 5 (OPD5) for hydropower from the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Project (SLCAIP) that provides for electric power services beginning October 1, 2024, and will last until September 30, 2057.

Previous to the adoption of Amendment No. 1, transmission charges were included in the other charges billed to OPD5 by CRCNV. As a result of this amendment a transmission capacity charge will appear on the CRCNV bill to OPD5 as new line item, but the total charges on the bill will not change since the other charges will be reduced by the amount of the transmission charge.

The OPD5 general manager signed Amendment 1 to the contract on September 20, 2024, in order to meet the October 1, 2024, deadline established by WAPA and CRCNV. Staff is seeking ratification of the signing by means of this action item.



After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Chad Leavitt and seconded by Dale Rust to ratify Colorado River Commission (CRC) Contract No P06-SLCESC Amendment No. 1 as presented. The Board voted five (5) ayes, zero (0) nays in approval.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

M. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mike Young

-  Gave a synopsis of the NRECA Region 9 meetings in Sacramento, CA
-  Encouraged the trustees to attend monthly safety meetings. It shows the Board is concerned about the safety of the employees.

Judy Metz reminded everyone it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The local fire departments are holding a 'Find the Cure' drive.

N. APPROVAL OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Mike Young and seconded by Judy Metz to approve Wednesday, November 20, 2024, as the next Board Meeting date. The meeting will be held in the Overton Board Room at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted five (5) ayes, 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 5:45 P.M.

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary / Treasurer

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