



Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **May 14, 2024** Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Resolution 1852 Dedication of Net Metering Bank Unit Value to Low-Income Assistance Programs - Anita Clever will present a resolution requesting the board authorize staff to apply net metering bank unit values towards low income assistance programs to contribute towards CETA low income requirements.
- B. Prequalification of Professional Services - Anita Clever is requesting the addition of Lighthouse Energy Consulting to assist with our CETA program development.
- C. Call for Bid- Glenwood Lift Station Pumps - Brandon Walter is requesting that the board authorize staff to call for bid for the Glenwood Lift Station equipment. This lift station equipment is aging infrastructure and is budgeted for replacement.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. The SAO and KPUD staff participated in an exit conference 4/25/24 for the compliance requirements for the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) that were applicable during the 3-year period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The state issued a qualified opinion on the District's compliance with the requirements in effect during the period. As you know, the process was complicated by the fact that the requirements were evolving during the three year compliance period and even during the audit itself.

We are planning to complete a CETA report which would be the combined efforts of Energy Services, Customer Service and Power Management to address the audit, findings and recommendations. We will also discuss income qualifications (FPL vs AMI) as well as funding sources and programs proposed to be provided by the State. This is definitely a very active time for CETA programs so we would like to discuss where we are as the end impact is unclear.

2. USACE Leadership meeting - Northern Wasco representatives, Kevin and I met with Lt Col Kingslack regarding our joint concerns about the safety of the stairs used to access our project. We will discuss at the meeting.
3. Country Council Meeting - Myland Walling planned the meeting and asked Erik Steimle to update the Country Council Association and those Association members present on the pumped storage project. He also asked me to represent the PUD and talk about the region's energy challenges and why projects like pumped storage are important.
4. Water and Wastewater meetings - These meetings are complete and staff is sending letters to all Water and/or Wastewater customers informing them of the proposed rates the week of May 13th. We met in person with Rimrock, Lyle, Klickitat, Glenwood and Ponderosa Park.
5. Barclays visit - Sean Keatts and Kristina Huhn will be here May 21st to discuss the upcoming bond financing and we will tour them through RNG while they are here. Commissioner Miller is attending the meeting portion to discuss potential financing options.
6. Energy NW Request - We received a request from Energy NW to have our logo displayed on the two charging stations they are installing within Klickitat County. I would like to discuss this at the meeting.
7. WPUDA Policy Statement on Market Participation - I provided input based on our discussions and I believe the WPUDA proposed policy statement is in line with our position. I think the Energy committee will vote at some point to approve the policy statement and I would recommend we vote to approve it.

Policy statement:

WPUDA supports the findings in the April 4, 2024 policy paper issued by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) staff which, based on evaluation of operational, financial, and environmental impacts concludes that "Bonneville and its customers would benefit from participation in a day-ahead market" and recommends pursuing SPP Markets+ as the preferable option.

WPUDA recognizes the significance to BPA customers of a final decision regarding market participation. Therefore, WPUDA urges BPA to continue its analysis, evaluation, and customer engagement to ensure the Administrator's final decision benefits PUDs and supports the priorities outlined in WPUDA's February 23, 2024, letter to the Administrator.

We will have copies of the relevant BPA documents for your reading at the meeting.

8. Comments on proposed revisions to Municipal Water Policy 2030 - WPUDA is crafting comments and we have Tom McDonald working on comments specifically related to the definition of municipal water rights. The direct situation we are testing these comments against is municipalizing the Cliffs water rights that are currently in trust.