

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the April 12, 2022 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. <u>2:15 Review of Grant PUD / Energy Northwest Small Modular Nuclear Reactor (SMR)</u> <u>Project - (Kevin Ricks, Mike DeMott and Kevin Nordt - Grant PUD)</u>

Kevin Nordt will be presenting on their SMR project with ENW. We have had preliminary conversation regarding our involvement and wanted to provide the background for your information. This should set the base for a discussion on if this is an option for us to be exploring for our long-term non-carbon emitting resource options as directed by our Strategic Plan.

2. Presentation of Pole Contact Fee Study (Cynthia Bruce / Russ Patton)

The last review and adjustment of our contact fees was in 2014. Staff has reviewed the current laws, which have not changed, and our pole in place costs and concluded that we should be adjusting our pole contact fees. The presentation should provide the necessary background for discussion.

3. <u>Resolution 1817 Pole Attachment Fees (Cynthia Bruce / Brandy Myers)</u>

If you are satisfied with the pole contact fee review and recommendations by staff, this is the resolution to adjust our fees. I am in support of staff's recommendation. A key item that I support, is using only the poles that have contacts on them in the formula to calculate the contact fee.

4. Professional Services

Skeahan Advisory meets all requirements and I ask that you approve their addition to our 2022 roster.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. <u>Inventory</u> We are scheduled to begin our inventory process on April 18.
- 2. <u>Supply Chain update</u> we continue to meet weekly to review actual and forecasted customer activity for 2022 and 2023, as well as the status of material orders, actual deliveries and forecasted deliveries. Jeff was successful in finding an additional twenty-

two 25 kVa padmount transformers that should be on site the week of this meeting. He has also secured additional overhead single-phase transformers.

- 3. <u>Community Meetings for Water and Wastewater Rate review</u> we held our first community water and wastewater meeting this past Wednesday in Klickitat. The meeting was well attended and Commissioner Miller can provide an update at the meeting. We will be meeting with Ponderosa Park and Lyle this next week.
- 4. <u>Representative Mosbrucker's Reliability Study HB 1623</u> the Governor declined signing this bill into law last week. Attached is his rationale. I bluntly would say it was not signed as the existing avenues for conducting reliability studies are within his area of strong influence and this bill's proposed study is not.
- 5. <u>Skeahan Advisory Professional</u> They will be supporting Kevin Ricks in the completion of the pumped storage water supply and asset purchase agreements in 2022. The scope of work is changing to a T&M style contract to cover work on an as needed basis as the amount of work has slowed. All Skeahan Advisory costs are being applied to the Cliffs Water System and the water supply agreement calls for these costs, among other costs, to be covered by a payment from FFP in December of 2022 for no impact on our customers.
- 6. <u>Julian Notestine</u> Jeff Thayer and I did a KLCK 1400 AM radio talk show with Julian last week and it aired April 8; Jeff did a great job covering materials issues. There is a recording on their website if you would like to listen. The topics covered supply chain, rates, pumped storage, solar development in the county and Mile Marker 28. Julian does a very good job with his interviews.
- 7. <u>Community meeting notes</u> attached are my rough notes for items that we are queued up to cover in our community meetings. As you know, there are some meetings we cover them all and then some, and others they are hardly covered at all, depending the local customers present.