

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: March 22, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Via MS Teams

Attendees:

Commissioners Sanders, Bush and Hall
General Manager Dunn
Assistant General Manager Hunter
Legal Counsel Hultgrenn
Senior Director of Finance and Customer Services Meyer
Director of IT & Broadband Services Folta
Director of Power Management White
Director of Executive Administration Conover
Manager of Communications and Governmental Relations Henderson
Manager of Conservation & Renewable Energy Programs Johnson
Manager of Contracts and Purchasing Ochweri
Manager of Human Resources Dunlap
Manager of Customer Service McAloon cm
Manager of Risk Management & Treasury Mercer
Manager of Accounting Zirker
Manager of IT Infrastructure Crum
Senior Engineer Scherer
Cyber Security Engineer Holgate
Supervisor of Executive Administration/Clerk of the Board Marshall

Public:

Jeff Divibiss, Provision Capital
Steve Divibiss, Provision Capital
Harlan Robinson, Provision Capital
Steve Murphy, Level Energy

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Commission President Lori Sanders opened the special commission meeting at 8:30 a.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to review proposed changes to rate schedules and customer service policies related to electricity intensive loads. Commissioner Sanders announced that following staff presentations today, the Hearing would be opened for public comment.

Senior Director reviewed staff's summary recommendation that was included in the special commission meeting packet. Staff has reviewed existing policies during previous commission meetings and recommends a change to customer service policies and rate schedules. Staff is recommending the Large Industrial Schedule 34 is amended to not be applicable to EIL loads. Senior Director further reviewed that EIL loads (individual or in aggregate) that have a demand greater than 3.5 MW would be subject to a new proposed Large Electricity Intensive Load Schedule 35 and would require a power sales contract. Senior Director reviewed a few scenarios of a power sales contract.

Senior Director reviewed other minor non-EIL edits within the District's customer services policies.

Commissioner Lori Sanders asked questions regarding aggregation of EIL customer loads and whether aggregation applies to any other customers. A brief discussion was held on this topic.

Commission Questions and Discussion

Commissioner Lori Sanders asked a question on the proposed Large Electricity Intensive Load Schedule 35 that would require a power sales contract.

Senior Director reviewed the multiple scenarios that could occur under a power sales contract; a "wheeling" arrangement where the business procures power independent of the District and is charged a fee to move the power across the District's infrastructure; or the District procures an annual "strip" of power which means an agreed upon volume is purchased.

Open Public Hearing for public comments

Mr. Harlan Robinson from Provision Capital requested clarification on some of the terms within the proposed changes. Mr. Jeff Divilbiss from Provision Capital informed the Commission this change will impact his company because of their intentions to go over 5 MW of usage in the future.

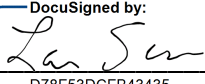
Senior Director provided information on power volatility and power supply in regard to EIL loads. Senior Director described the background information included in the proposed rate schedule 35 which explains the District's wholesale energy allocation from Bonneville Power Administration, long-term power supply planning to meet loads and how this planning is not compatible with transitory and volatile loads.

Mr. Steve Murphy from Level Energy asked whether the proposed Large Electricity Intensive Load Schedule 35 would require FERC approval. Mr. Murphy also asked how many current customers would be subject to the proposed rate schedule 35.

Senior Director informed Mr. Murphy the proposed rate schedule 35 would not require FERC approval as Benton PUD is not a FERC jurisdictional utility, and currently no single EIL customer has a demand, individually or in aggregate, greater than 3.5 MW.

Close Public Hearing

Hearing no objection, President Lori Sanders adjourned the Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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Lori Kays-Sanders, President

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Jeffrey D. Hall, Secretary