

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2022  
8:30 AM

Present: Evelyn O. Shaw, Chairwoman  
Ronna Rowe Garrett, Vice Chairwoman  
Donald L. Porter, Secretary  
Wade R. Fowler, Jr., Treasurer (VIA WEBEX)

Others Present: Elaina L. Ball, CEO/General Manager  
Chris Davis, City Council Liaison  
Scott Meszaros, Hope Mills Town Manager (VIA WEBEX)  
Media

Absent: Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Liaison

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairwoman Evelyn Shaw called the meeting of July 13, 2022, to order at 8:30 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the agenda was unanimously approved.

CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, the Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of June 22, 2022
- B. Approve bid recommendation to award bid for the purchase of Primary Cable 1/0 AL & 750 MCM AL to WESCO Distribution, Clayton, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$1,777,524.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Primary Cable 1/0 AL & 750 MCM AL is budgeted in Warehouse Inventory.

Bids were received June 7, 2022, as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
WESCO Distribution, Clayton, NC	Okonite	\$1,777,524.00	Feb. 2023
Border States, Greenville, SC	Kerite	\$2,080,955.00	30 Weeks

**COMMENTS:** Notice of bid was advertised through our normal channels on May 18, 2022, with a bid opening date of June 7, 2022. Two (2) bids were received. **SDBE/Local Participation:** WESCO Distribution, Clayton is not a local business and

is not classified as a SDBE Minority or Woman-Owned business.

- C. Approve bid recommendation to award contract for the purchase of Teardrop Light Fixtures to Border States Electric, Greenville, SC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$230,240.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Teardrop Light Fixtures are budgeted in Warehouse Inventory.

Bidders	Total Cost
*WESCO Distribution Inc., Clayton, NC	\$230,240.00
Border States Electric, Greenville, SC	\$250,400.00
WESCO Distribution, Clayton, NC	\$263,360.00
Supreme Lighting Design, LLC, Brooklyn, NY	\$270,512.00

**COMMENTS:** Notice of bid was advertised through our normal channels on May 25, 2022, with a bid opening date of June 16, 2022. Four (4) bids were received from three bidders during the bid process. **SDBE/Local Participation:** Border States is not classified as a SDBE, minority or woman-owned business.

\* The instructions to bidders for this purchase specifically advised bidders to “not submit alternate bids unless specifically called for on the bid proposal form.” The bid proposal form did not call for any alternate bids. WESCO Distribution, Inc., submitted an alternate bid for a fixture that has not been evaluated by PWC personnel as an approvable fixture. The alternate fixture does not conform with the specifications set forth in the bid documents. As such, PWC staff determined that the alternate bid submitted by WESCO Distribution, Inc., is non-responsive.

- D. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.17 – Resolution Authorizing the Condemnation of Easements and the Delegation of Authority to the General Manager.

Staff requests approval to condemn easement parcels – Annexation Project Area 32 North (I-295 Crossings) – Big Rockfish Creek Outfall – Annexation Project Area 25 – Annexation Project Area 27. Staff has been unable to secure the needed Right of Way for the above noted projects. To avoid costly delays in construction, it is recommended that PWC move forward with condemnation on the following parcels.

PWC Parcel 19 Tax Parcel (9485-55-7246) - Project Area 32 North (I-295 Crossing) - Claim of William K. Gillis, et al

PWC Parcel 48 - Tax Parcel (9484-67-3318) - Big Rockfish Creek Outfall - Claim of Fred A. Pierceall, Single

PWC Parcel 50 - Tax Parcel (9486-69-1537) - Annexation Area 25 - Claim of the Estate of Viola Belle McRae

PWC Parcel 115 - Tax Parcel (9487-51-9177) - Annexation Area 25 - Claim of the Crouch Revocable Management Trust

PWC Parcel 4 - Tax Parcel (9487-22-7261) - Annexation Area 27 - Claim of Maury P. Northington, et ux

PWC Parcel 21 - Tax Parcel (9487-51-9602) - Annexation Area 25 - Claim of Robert Seviano Howell, Single

With the approval by the Fayetteville Public Works Commission and in accordance with prior agreed procedure, they will be placed as an Administrative Agenda Item on the City Council Agenda.

Please note that every effort will be made to settle these claims up to and after Condemnation.

- E. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.18 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

The Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “transformer shipment #623-Pad, containing forty (40) padmount transformers, totaling 2,000 kVA” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC has no use for the Equipment at this time, and Staff estimates that the value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff therefore requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

**COMMENTS:** Staff believes that the Equipment is surplus and requests that the Equipment be declared surplus and authorized for sealed bid.

END OF CONSENT

## ELECTRIC RATE RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

Presented by: Elaina L. Ball, CEO/General Manager

Ms. Ball provided a summary of the Electric Rates and Fees Recommendations.

Ms. Ball stated our main drivers for the recommendation of our cost of services and electric rate recommendations are Conservation, Economic Development, and Customer Satisfaction. PWC continues with the objective of maintaining current base rates through FY 2024.

We are recommendations new rates and riders:

- New rate design for Whole Home and Whole Small Business EV rates
- New Renewable Energy Buy Back rider effective February 2023
- New Economic Development rider effective September 2022

Updated Rates

- Changes in demand qualification and energy rate for Medium Power CP – (optional) September 2022, (required) September 2023

Services Regulations/Charges

- Fee reductions for Connections/Reconnections
- Change of name for Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment to Power Supply Adjustment
- Consistency edits across the rate schedules

Cost of Service Study Assumptions

- Use of current base rates
- Drawdown of electric rate stabilization fund
- Contingency and capital expenditure plans
- Maintain >120 days cash on hand for Electric
- Maintain > 2.5 debt service coverage

Cost of Service Study Results

- Cost of service results = \$201.3M
- Prior study = \$201.6M
- ~0.1% difference from 2 years ago
- Reviewed inter and intra customer class cost of service results

**Recommendation – No base rate increase**

## New Rates

### Residential Service - Whole Home (Electric Vehicles)

Single Phase Facility Charge	\$30.00
Three Phase Facility Charge	\$35.00
On-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.13270
Off-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.08473
Super Off-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04810

- ▶ Basic facility charge increase (\$10), extension of Super Off- Peak energy period
- ▶ Super off-peak is 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM
- ▶ Target effective: February 2023

### Small Power Service - Whole Business (Electric Vehicles)

Single Phase Facility Charge	\$45.00
Three Phase Facility Charge	\$60.00
On-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.13742
Off-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.08935
Super Off-Peak Energy per kWh	\$0.04810

- ▶ Basic facility charge increase (\$15), extension of Super Off-Peak energy period
- ▶ Super Off-Peak is 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM
- ▶ Target effective: February 2023

## New Riders

### Economic Development

- ▶ Effective September 2022
- ▶ Requirements
  - ▶ New load: 1,000 kW
  - ▶ Expansion: 750 kW
  - ▶ FTE and/or capital investment requirements
  - ▶ Minimum load factor: 40%
  - ▶ Utility Purchase Agreement, repayment provisions
- ▶ Energy Discount
  - ▶ kWh percentage based
  - ▶ Five-year declining annual credit

### Renewable Energy Buy Back

- ▶ Effective February 2023
  - ▶ Requirements
    - ▶ Residential and Small Power Service
    - ▶ Follows applicable rate schedule
    - ▶ 10 kW or less Solar Generation Facility
  - ▶ Customer Credit
    - ▶ Weighted average credit
    - ▶ Calendar year based (0.06348 per kWh for CY 2022)
    - ▶ Credit cannot exceed monthly energy charge
    - ▶ No carry-forward of credit

### Updated Rates

#### Medium Power Service – Coincident Peak

- ▶ Conservation/Demand Management
- ▶ Balancing change with PWC resources
- ▶ Effective September 2022 (optional enrollment)
  - Lowering minimum kW threshold from 200 to 150
  - Energy charge reduced from \$0.04545 to \$0.03925
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- ▶ Effective September 2023 (required enrollment)

#### Customer Service Charges

Customer Service Charges	Current	Proposed
Initial Connection Fee	\$22	\$20
Initial Connection Fee After Hours	\$65	\$20
Reconnect Fee	\$30	\$20
Reconnect Fee After Hours	\$60	\$20
Disconnection Attempt Fee	\$22	Remove
Meter Testing Fee – Electric	\$50	\$25
Meter Testing Fee – Water	\$85	\$40

Based on the conversation in the previous Commission Meeting, staff is recommending the removal of the Disconnection Attempt Fee. It has not been used since 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PWC ELECTRIC RATES, CUSTOMER SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES

Chairwoman Shaw asked if there are any speakers. Ms. Durant, the Clerk to the Board informed the Commission there is one written correspondence; and one speaker who requested to speak to the Board, but was not present (in-person or virtual).

Ms. Durant read the written comment from Ms. Michelle Lyon, 1224 Grackle Drive, Fayetteville, 28306. Ms. Lyon's comment related to outside rates.

Chairwoman Shaw asked if the commissioners have questions regarding the comment. Commissioner Porter stated he does not have a question, but he has been asked the same question by customers. Staff will respond to Ms. Lyon's comment/question.

Ms. Ball stated it is fairly common, almost a unilateral practice for a municipally owned utility, where a city has invested in the asset, to have a different rate for customers who are outside the municipality who did not originally invest in the asset. She stated we have a 1.75 multiplier or differential for inside and outside city customers. She stated we looked at this from a cost of service perspective to see if that aligns with where our dollars are, and it very closely aligns. Ms. Ball stated we also bench marched a number of other cities, and we were on the lower end. There were some municipalities where the multiplier was 3 and others were 4 times.

Commissioner Fowler stated the City requested PWC to increase or upgrade the rates. We were at 1.5, and we increased them gradually until we reached the 1.75 multiplier.

There being no in-person or virtual speakers, the public hearing was closed by Chairwoman Shaw.

## ASSET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Presented by: Michael Smith, WR Asset Management Coordinator

Michael Smith, PWC's WR Asset Management Coordinator provided some history, and the vision surrounding asset management.

### Challenges Facing Water Providers

The American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave the nation's drinking water infrastructure a near-failing grade of "D-minus." The EPA estimates it would cost between \$534 billion and \$1 trillion to meet water and wastewater infrastructure needs by 2025. In addition, EPA estimates water shortages could become critical by that same year.

### The Seven Questions of Asset Management

1. What do we have? We use Data collection, GIS, field verification
2. What is it worth? Asset Valuations, depreciation
3. What is its condition? CCTV (Closed Circuit TV), SSES (Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey), I/I (Inflow and Infiltration), hydraulic modeling
4. What do we need to do to it? Rehab, replacement, CIP (cured in place liner), bench-marking
5. When do we need to do it? Prioritization, CIP, Master Plans
6. How much will it cost? Construction cost estimates, O&M studies
7. How will we finance it? Rate studies, bond issues, grants and loans.

Phase I of PWC's Asset Management Program. We determine what is a Horizontal Asset

- Gravity Wastewater – Manhole to Manhole
- Force Main Wastewater - From Lift Station to air release valve or to the discharge manhole.
- Any individual wastewater appurtenance – such as valve, lateral, cleanout, air release valve, and manhole (*vaults containing valves are separate assets.*)
- Water Main – fitting to fitting such as valve, tee, or tapping sleeve.
- Any individual water appurtenance – such as a valve, fire hydrant, flushing hydrant, lateral, meter box, sample station, fire lateral, and air release valve (*vaults containing valves are separate assets.*)

Phase II of PWC's Asset Management Program. We determine what is a Vertical Asset?

- Lift Station
- Wastewater Reclamation Plant
- Wastewater Storage Tank
- Water Plant
- Water Tank
- Booster Station

*Each Vertical Asset has additional assets such as (pumps, valves, screens, backup power, etc.)*

#### Water Distribution and System Storage

- Water Mains:
  - Owned by PWC 1,399 miles, and additional 18.5 miles are operated and maintained by PWC.
- Water Meters: 101,320
- Booster Pump Stations: 5
- Fire Hydrants:
  - Owned by PWC 8,229, and an additional 106 are operated and maintained by PWC
- Elevated Storage Tanks: 7
- Ground Storage Tanks: 1
- Clearwell Storage Tanks: 5
- Water Plants: 2

#### Wastewater Collections and Reclamation

- Gravity Wastewater Mains:
  - Owned by PWC 1,285 miles, and an additional 41 miles are operated and maintained by PWC
- Force Wastewater Mains:
  - Owned by PWC 55 miles, and an additional 22 miles are operated and maintained by PWC
- Wastewater Manholes:
  - Owned by PWC 32,220, and an additional 876 are operated and maintained by PWC
- Lift Stations:
  - Owned by PWC 71, and an additional 11 are operated and maintained by PWC
- Reclamation Plants: 2

#### Water Resources Division Asset Management

- Asset Management
  - Implement Risk Scoring COF x LOF Protocol (InfoAsset Planner Program) an added software program layer that sits on PWC's GIS System. The goal is to make informed decisions with water and wastewater assets.

- COF – Consequence of Failure
- LOF – Likelihood of Failure
- Implement Business Processes on Asset Recording (examples: manhole inspections, CCTV main inspections, and lateral inspections).

### Sewer Rehabilitation

- Lateral rehabilitation/replacement (Example T-Liner). Mr. Smith provided a picture of a rehabilitated lateral.
- Manhole Structural, prevents Inflow and Infiltration (Example Epoxy Lined)
- Large Diameter Outfalls and Small Diameter Mains (CIPP)
- Wastewater Modeling

### SmartCover Pilot Program

PWC has installed 5 SmartCover systems at 5 different locations as of June 13, 2022.

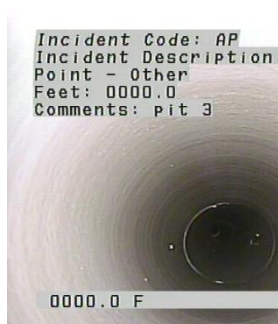
SmartCover© Systems offers cost-effective satellite manhole monitoring solutions to eliminate sewer overflows, optimize collection system cleaning, minimize odorous H<sub>2</sub>S gas, and accurately identify inflow and infiltration (I&I). Our comprehensive dashboard with alarms and notifications allows you to efficiently manage real-time data to enhance performance, reduce costs, and optimize resources.

### Water Main Rehabilitation

- Cast Iron Water Mains and AC (asbestos and concrete) Water Mains Rehab and Replacements
- Valve Exercise Program - Mr. Smith provided a picture of a newly purchased PWC Valve Truck.
- Unidirectional Water Flushing
- Water Modeling



Langdon Street 12 IN. CI 3M Semi-structure epoxy lined water main – Before and after picture



Before and after pictures of a water main that was relined with epoxy.

**Future Condition Assessments** on existing water mains.

Examples are SmartBall and Pipediver (helps to map existing water mains, locate weak points, as well as water leaks). With this technology the water main stays in service during inspections. Pipediver also has **CCTV** advantages.



In response to questions from Commissioner Shaw, Ms. Manning stated we are coordinating with Peer Technologies, who owns the Smartball technology. We are working with them to access our PCCP (large diameter water mains). We are also forecasting for the next fiscal year to start more assessments on large water mains. She stated the Asset Management program has been active for 4 – 5 years. We are forming an Asset Management team to help staff determine where to place our efforts.

Ms. Manning stated Mr. Smith has been in his position since November and he has jumped in and worked with our operations staff, and placed the necessary information in our system so he can begin making the scoring. We are also working with CDM, they are helping us through Mr. Allen to put together a framework of our Asset Management Program, and we are beginning to implement it and see the fruits of it. Additional discussion ensued.

## ENERGY EXECUTIVE COURSE SUMMARY

Presented by: Paula Shambach, Director of Business Services  
Misty Manning, Water Resources Engineering Manager

Ms. Ball stated we have become more intentional about succession planning, identifying candidates and helping employees with development plans. Ms. Shambach and Ms. Manning are the first of two employees who have the benefit of attending what she refers to it as a Utility Executive MBA, in the University of Idaho. Ms. Fritzen and Mr. Rynne attended the Executive Summit which is a three day summary course.

Ms. Ball stated she felt it would be beneficial to the Commission to receive a summary of the course and to hear the emerging issues.

Ms. Manning thanked the Commission on behalf of herself and Ms. Shambach for the opportunity to attend the Energy Executive Course. It was an amazing experience.

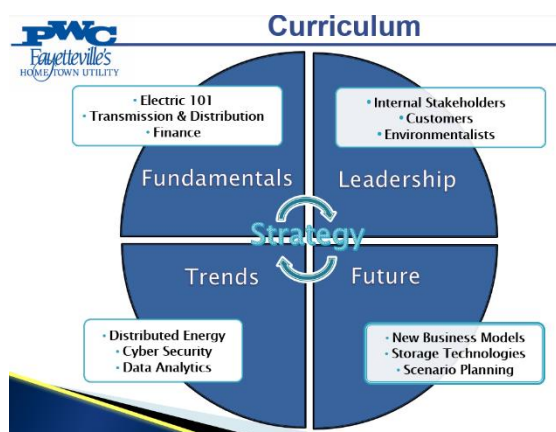
Ms. Manning stated they began the in April with virtual sessions and pre-course work. They took part in 18 hours of online coursework. And completed 12 pre-reads.

When they arrived at the University of Idaho in June, there were 60 (25 female and 35 male) participants who represented 38 different companies.

They had a very full schedule which included 37 sessions/activities and 22 networking opportunities. They also had opportunities afterhours. They have established a LinkedIn group and an email thread with their fellow cohorts.

They focused on Fundamentals. They received an in-depth look at generation, transmission and electric distribution from Skip Collier. He was a great instructor. They studied gas transmission, distribution. They received a crash course in utility financials, regulation and rate making.

They focused heavily on Strategic Leadership. Thinking outside the box. Being intentional as leaders. We lead more than the employees who work for us. We lead our stakeholders, customers, as well as environmentalists.



They focused on Energy Trends, distributed energy resources, and cybersecurity. She stated PWC's IT cybersecurity team is working proactively and are working to keep us aware as employees. The discussed Data Analytics a lot. We want to get the data and use it effectively.

They discussed Future Business Models, storage technologies that are emerging, as well as scenario planning for the future. Ms. Manning stated they did an exciting IRP exercise that allowed them to see how they plan the energy profile, balance money, and balance meeting the expectations of the regulatory agencies and the political spectrum.

## Key Concepts

### Customer Experience

Roy Barnes was our teacher in this session.

Our actual brand is not what we market. It is not our logo, or a slogan that we say, but it is the experience our customers feel whenever they talk to any of us.

Though our ownership stops at the meter our service does not stop at the meter,

Ms. Manning also focused on the customer hierarchy of energy, wants and needs.

She highlighted an initiative Idaho Power has embarked on. They are thinking of their customers as people and not ratepayers. They provide additional customer service by providing a card to the customer expressing a heartfelt sentiment. She discussed the actions of several other utility companies who took measures to increase their customers' satisfaction.

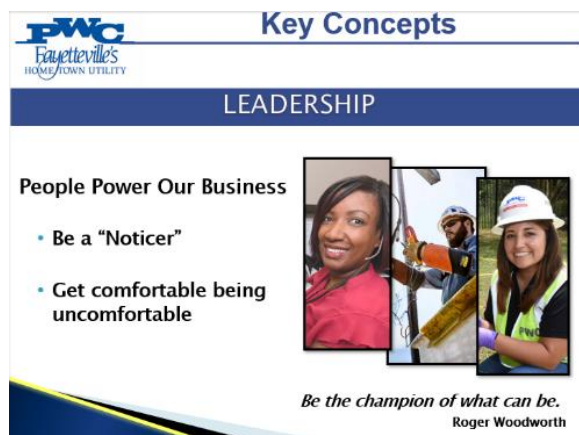
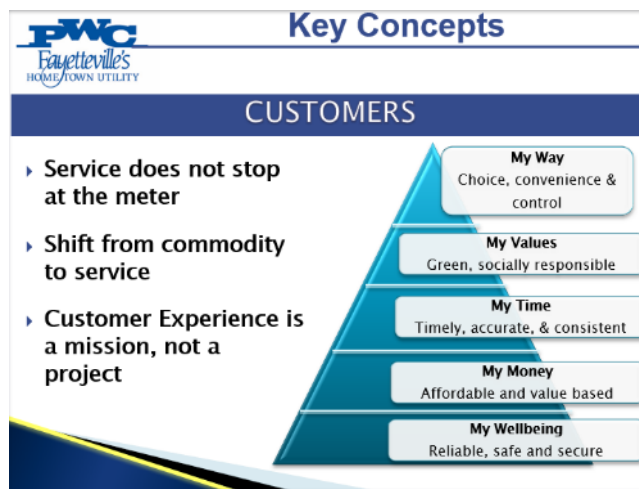
### Safety

Idaho Power's Chief Safety Officer taught this session.

The Utility decided to focus on building trust. Their employees were afraid of being reprimanded. So they initiated a near miss/good catch program. Seeking to use these as learning opportunities. They also changed their culture by learning more about their employees and their families. If you know someone less as a co-worker, but more as a husband, a father, a mother, a wife, a son or daughter, you are more apt to look out for them.

### Leadership

Ms. Shambach stated people power our business and those relationships with our employees and co-workers are very



important. And we want everyone to come to work knowing they are valued and appreciated and noticed.

She stated some of these attributes do not come naturally to people in leadership positions. She stated one of their speakers asked if they are ‘noticers’. She went on to expound on the meaning of being a noticer. You also need to become comfortable with being uncomfortable. Leaders are expected to step outside of your comfort zone on a regular basis. You have to be willing to not only accept change but promoting and advocating for change.

Regulatory Advocacy

Public policy landscape is changing, and the role of the utility in that landscape is changing as well. Utilities are forced to stay informed and be proactive to protect their areas. You have to find and educate your champions. Our stakeholders are our customers, our policy makers, employees, our community members. We need to turn them into our champions by having a clear and consistent message. Make sure your champions know who you are and what you do, as well as the issues that are important to you.

Innovations

Raeford Smith taught this session. He is the lead of Research and Development arm of Google.

He spoke on the massive changes impacting our environment. In the past utilities just kept the lights on and the water flowing. But now we need to be more proactive.

Ms. Shambach discussed electrification, as it is very timely with our rates discussion this morning and what we are doing to renewable energy and EVs coming into the market and impacting our grid.

She stated Mr. Smith discussed ‘Moonshot Thinking’. At Google they put together innovation teams across different backgrounds and experience. They put together teams and give them a huge problem that probably can’t be solved and ask them to solve them. They build a culture of trust and respect that gives these teams the time to brainstorm and bring creative solutions to these problems. They do this knowing that failure is expected and there is no repercussion if their ideas do not come to an immediate success. They understand that failure builds up to success and they give them the time and freedom to do that.

He also discussed strategic partnerships. When utilities are facing such drastic changes in the global economy, they were encouraged to develop strategic partnerships. Ms. Shambach gave examples of suggestions they received.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Manning and Ms. Shambach for the presentation. Commissioners Garrett and Porter thanked Ms. Ball for making the investment in future leaders. Commissioner Fowler stated that he took away the importance of value. He also took notice that Ms. Manning discussed electric ideas she took away, although she works on the other side of the utility. Commissioner Shaw stated that all these industries



### Key Concepts

REGULATORY ADVOCACY

Public Policy Landscape is Changing

- Stay Informed
- Be Proactive
- Find & Educate Your Champions





### Key Concepts

INNOVATIONS

- ▶ Massive Change Requires Innovative Thinking
  - Decarbonization
  - Data
  - Digitization
  - Decentralization
  - Electrification
- ▶ Moonshot Thinking
  - Innovation Teams
  - Strategic Partnerships



overlap. She recently attended a conference, and the customer experience was a recurring theme, as it was in the Executive Utility Course.

Ms. Ball stated it is our intent to send two potential leaders to this course each year. She asked Ms. Fritzen and Mr. Rynne to give their takeaways from the Utility Executive Summit they attended.

Mr. Rynne stated it was very interesting, in particular a lot of these utilities are quite a bit larger than PWC and are investor-owned, to hear their perspective on the issues we discuss quite a bit, like IRP; how will we deal with electric vehicles and electrifications; elements of HR; Information Systems; how they dealt with coming out of COVID. They were very similar to us.

Ms. Fritzen stated Raeford Smith on Innovation was excellent. They also had 5-6 panels of executive officers; regulatory panel, CFO panel, CEO panel, and CIO panel. She found this very interesting because they discussed their individual challenges.

## GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

### COVID

Ms. Ball stated our COVID cases at PWC are trending up. Over the last week our wastewater sampling in the community increased. We have a number of team members who were working remotely and some are out. Our cases are not resulting in hospitalizations.

### Hurricane Season

We are in hurricane season. We are in the process of sending out our storm guides to our customers. We completed a simulated table-top exercise of a Hurricane 3. We will also participate in a county hurricane simulation tomorrow.

We are in the process of receiving and evaluating our second Employee Engagement Survey and our second Customer Satisfaction Survey. We will bring the results back to the Commission in a future meeting.

### WR Construction

We had a significant lost time incident in the past fiscal year. We have gone over 175 days since that incident with no lost time. They have wrapped their arms around safety and done a terrific job.

### Customer Care, IT and Finance

In the months of May and June we applied \$1.4M in dollars to assist low income customers with past-due balances in their bills.

### HR, CCR and in particular Bobby Russell, Carolyn Justice-Hinson

Thanked them for their help in organizing the recent memorial for Mark Brown. The family was very thankful. It was extremely well done.

### Industry Day

Industry Day is planned. It will be held August 11th in the afternoon/evening.

## **Power Supply**

Our costs continue to trend up. It is not unique to NC. We will likely take an action to adjust our billable right in cooperation with the DEP to ensure we are not substantially over or under collected interest costs or interest benefits. Natural gas is trading above \$6.00. Most notably the dynamic set up in Europe, with sharp declines in and access to natural gas, there has been a huge arbitrage between domestic natural gas prices in Europe, which has resulted in an onslaught in exports. Now with the additional restraints coming in energy markets between Russia and Europe in the August timeframe, we have seen a rapid increase in coal exports. All of this will continue to bring pressure on domestic energy prices.

## **Metronet**

Working on an amendment with Metronet. They have over three hundred poles that were past our clock that are set in our contract. They are citing difficult in getting through the DOT process.

Future Meetings, we will present on the following:

- Lead and Copper

- SLS Program

- IRP (Integrated Resource Planning)

## **COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS**

### **Commissioner Donald Porter**

Commissioner Porter thanked the staff for a very well planned program for Mark Brown.

### **Commissioner Wade Fowler**

Commissioner Fowler stated he is approaching the end of 10 years with PWC, and he has never been more optimistic about the future of the organization.

### **Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett**

No Comments

### **Council Member Chris Davis**

Council Member Davis stated that he has experienced in the last three years, especially since Ms. Ball has been CEO is a consistent effort to benchmark what we are doing good and bad, and to address it and fix it and then provide a future for how to sustain it. That takes place from all diverse, different areas of the company that he did not see in the first two years. He appreciates it.

### **Commissioner Evelyn Shaw**

Thanked everyone for their attention, time and sharing.

## REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Payment by Payment Type – June 2022
- B. Personnel Report - June 2022
- C. Position Vacancies

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:16a.m.