

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2023
8:30 AM

Present: Ronna Rowe Garrett, Chairwoman
Donald L. Porter, Vice Chairman
Evelyn O. Shaw, Secretary
Christopher Davis, Treasurer (VIRTUAL)

Others Present: Mick Noland, Interim CEO/General Manager
Deno Hondros, City Council Liaison

Absent: Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Liaison
Media

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairwoman Ronna Rowe Garrett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

A. Approve Minutes of meeting of March 22, 2023

B. Approve Sole Source Purchase of Relay and Associated Equipment Manufactured by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.

The Commission is asked to approve a sole source exception to the competitive bidding requirements to allow PWC staff to purchase SEL relays and associated equipment for PWC's distribution substations. N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) allows an exception to the bidding requirements when (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. As further explained in the provided support document, the majority of PWC's distribution substations have been upgraded and equipped with SEL relays and associated equipment as part of PWC's overcurrent protection system. PWC's overriding consideration regarding this system is standardization and compatibility for, among other reasons, reliability, and safety purposes. Atlantic Power Sales, LLC is the only authorized sale representative of the SEL equipment in North Carolina. Therefore, PWC staff requests authority from the Commission to approve a sole source exception to the bidding

requirements to purchase the SEL relays and associated equipment in order to continue and finalize the upgrade of the overcurrent protection system at PWC's distribution substations.

Budget Information: Funding for this purchase will be from FY2023 Operating Capital – Security Monitoring Equipment Upgrade and staff anticipates similar budgeted funding for future purchases.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission approve the Sole Source Purchase of Relay and Associated Equipment Manufactured by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc.

END OF CONSENT

III. RESOLUTION HONORING PUBLIC POWER LINEWORKERS DURING LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAYS APRIL 10 AND APRIL 18, 2023

Prior to reading the resolution in its entirety, Chairwoman Ronna Rowe Garrett acknowledged the presence of Dennis Ford and Britten O'Quinn, Powerline Field Supervisors.

Mr. Noland and Chairwoman Garrett thanked Mr. Ford and Mr. O'Quinn for their service and sacrifice to PWC and the Fayetteville Community. Mr. Noland also recognized the Electric Line and Construction Departments for a year without any lost time accidents.

Commissioner Evelyn Shaw motioned for approval of the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and unanimously approved.

IV. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Budget

Mr. Noland stated staff is still working on finalizing the budget and will bring it before the Commission for approval at a future meeting.

Spring Activities

Ms. Justice Hinson stated the Dogwood Festival and Earth Day are coming up soon. Mr. Russell announced the PWC Picnic will be May 6th at Paradise Acres.

V. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Member Deno Hondros

Council Member Hondros gave a brief update of the Council's visit to Washington, DC, advocating for grants and initiatives. He stated they also met with Jim McCleskey, he is the director of the DC office for Governor Cooper and the State of NC, and advocates specifically for the State and Federal partners for PFAS and other forever chemicals. CM Hondros stated they also met with our two Senators and our House of Representatives. They were advocating for PWC as well as our city and county.

Commissioner Chris Davis

No comments

Commissioner Evelyn Shaw

No comments

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter thanked Mr. Noland, Ms. Justice Hinson and their teams for the farewell for former Commissioner Fowler.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett also thanked staff for the great farewell event yesterday. She stated former Commissioner Fowler called to say thank you as well. He is a person of service and he genuinely appreciated people taking time out of their day. She was delighted to see two former CEOs (Steve Blanchard and David Trego) there to recognize him.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- A. Personnel Report - March 2023
- B. Career Opportunities

VII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(3) FOR LEGAL MATTERS

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to go into Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(A)(3) for Legal Matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw and unanimously approved at 8:46 am.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, the meeting returned to open session at 11:49 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.