

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 22, 2020
9:00 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 by conference call. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Bill Jackson, (La Junta), Mike Valentine and Dean Duran (Trinidad). Also, in attendance were Rick Gumke and Ed Salazar (La Junta), Merna McGinnis and Mike Ingle (Springfield), Megan Jara (Holly), Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas) and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Arvenia Morris and Aarin Ritter.

Call to order: Chairman Clodfelter called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes:

- a. **March 17, 2020.** The minutes of the March 17 meeting were approved as presented.
- b. **March 25, 2020.** The minutes of the March 25 meeting were approved as presented.

Current Status of COVID-19 Operations:

a. Status of operations, personnel, supplies.

i. Concerns with PPE or COVID-19 staff testing. The members reported on their operations, any operational issues they are experiencing, personal protective equipment supply status and any utility staff COVID-19 testing they are performing. They also reported on the considerations to conduct operations in the city offices once the stay-at-home order is lifted and businesses can reopen.

b. Discussion on impact of suspended disconnects.

i. Order 2020 012 extended through April 30. The Operating Committee members reported on the impact they are seeing from the Order to suspend disconnects through the end of April.

ii. PUC/CAMU spreadsheet on tracking disconnects. The PUC is asking that utilities track the number of suspended disconnections they are dealing with and APPA is requesting the same type information. CAMU's members were asked to provide the requested information related to number of non-payments since March 20, total revenues outstanding from these non-payments, and changes in electric usage compared to forecasted usage, if known, by April 24. CAMU, working with the State, and APPA with the federal government, are negotiating on the parameters of an economic recovery bill for public power utilities.

iv. Potential for federal order regarding suspension of disconnects for non-payment. There is potential for language in the next COVID-19 funding package prohibiting utilities from disconnecting customers 120-180 days after the package is issued and the economy has "re-opened".

c. **Discussion on reduced sales estimates.** Sales are less in March 2020, compared to March 2019, about 4.6% across ARPA members. It is expected sales for April will show a much larger reduction compared to April 2019.

Miscellaneous:

a. **April Board meeting to be held by WebCast.** The ARPA Board will meet by conference call and WebCast on April 30.

b. **Report on Fort Morgan Pyrolysis Project.** Some concern was expressed at the ARPA Board meeting on March 26 regarding the use of a Solar turbine for the Fort Morgan Pyrolysis Project. The General Manager inquired as to what information the members would like to receive regarding Solar and its use in this project. The Committee was interested in hearing from CR Energy to see what due diligence they have done regarding their decision to use a Solar Turbine.

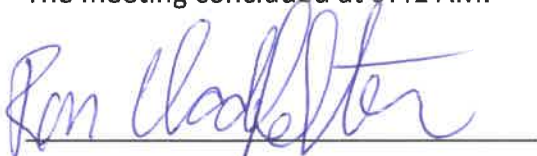
c. **Colorado Energy Office (CEO).** The Colorado Energy Office is seeking input from municipal utilities as they work through the rule making process on the new regulations on greenhouse gas reduction. CAMU and the CEO will have a conference call on April 30. Meeting call-in details will be provided to the members when they become available.

(JPS) Boone – Lamar CO XCEL 230 kV line: The members were advised that Tri-State would be doing some repair work on the (Boone to Lamar) 230 kV line on April 27 between the hours of 0800 and 1600.

Next meeting: Staff will send a Doodle Poll to schedule a Committee conference call before the May 28 Board of Directors meeting.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded at 9:41 AM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Clodfelter", is written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman