

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 20, 2020
9:00 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 by conference call. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Bill Jackson, (La Junta), and Dean Duran (Trinidad). Also, in attendance were Rick Gumke and Chris Arguello (La Junta), Megan Jara (Holly), 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. **February 20, 2020.** The minutes of the February 20 meeting were approved as presented.
- b. **April 22, 2020.** The minutes of the April 22 meeting were approved as presented.

Current Status of COVID-19 Operations:

a. Status of operations, personnel, supplies.

The Committee members reported on the status of their current operating protocols for staff and city council and utility board meetings.

b. Discussion on impact of suspended disconnects.

i. Order 2020 051 extended suspension of disconnects for non-payment or late payment of electric bills through May 30. The Operating Committee members reported on the impact they are seeing from the Order to suspend disconnects through the end of May.

ii. PUC/CAMU spreadsheet on tracking disconnects. Some members reported the number of accounts currently in arrears is increasing during the month of May. Some retail customers had participated in bill payment assistance through Energy Outreach Colorado to pay their electric bills. Once the suspension of disconnects for non-payment is lifted, the members indicated they will offer payment programs to help retail customers get their electric bills paid.

c. Discussion on reduced sales estimates. It was expected that sales in April would be down compared to 2019 but the numbers indicate that was not the case. Sales in April 2020 were about 2% higher than sales in 2019 and slightly better than the 5-year average.

Miscellaneous:

a. Rescheduling postponed events. i. Safety trainings-bucket truck and pole top rescue. This training will be rescheduled during mid-October. **ii Lineman appreciation lunches.** The lineman

appreciation lunches will be rescheduled in late summer or early fall contingent on restaurants opening.

b. Mobile sub-station training. The mobile sub-station training will be scheduled in the Spring of 2021. It was discussed to video record the next mobile sub-station training so each member would have access to the training video.

Other training discussion: Staff will make contact with Brian Meek with Kansas Municipal Utilities to see if they are resuming their training schedule following the COVID-19 shutdown.

c. Fort Morgan Pyrolysis Project -Solar Turbine. The Committee received a power point presentation featuring the generator being used at the Fort Morgan Pyrolysis Project. ARPA's primary interest in the Fort Morgan project is an opportunity to purchase a portion of the output to serve any new load that may come online in the next few years.

d. Scholarship funding request. Staff was approached by a La Junta power board member to provide funding to every senior that submitted an application for the ARPA scholarship. This will be brought before the ARPA Board of Directors at its May 28 meeting. This would be a one-time funding for all applicants for 2020 only.

Next meeting: Staff will send a Doodle Poll to schedule a Committee conference call during the 3rd week of June.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded at 9:48 AM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Clodfelter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman