

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 15, 2020  
9:00 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 by conference call. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), and Bill Jackson, (La Junta). Also, in attendance were Rick Gumke (La Junta) and Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas), Megan Jara (Holly), Merna McGinnis and Mike Ingle (Springfield) 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:**

The minutes of the May 20 meeting were approved as presented.

**Impact of Disconnect Suspensions:**

The Committee members reported on the status of their disconnects since the Governor's no-disconnect order was lifted. They also reported that some retail customers are taking advantage of the option to enter into a payment plan with the utility and some are participating in bill payment assistance through Energy Outreach Colorado.

**Training.**

**a. Rescheduling Postponed Events. i. Safety trainings – bucket truck and pole top rescue. ii. Lineman appreciation lunches.** The Committee thought the best course of action at this time was to cancel the in-person trainings and lineman appreciation lunches for fall 2020. The schedule for those two activities will be revisited in early Spring of 2021. Chairman Ron Clodfelter reminded the group that APPA-DEED has training videos on-line. Arvenia will provide the link to those training videos.

**b. Virtual Training Options. i. Transformer Management by SD Myers.** The Committee members reviewed a list of online training classes offered by SD Myers. Fees for the classes are on a per person basis. ARPA staff will contact SD Myers to inquire about a bulk pricing across the ARPA membership and also what platform is used for the virtual training.

**Miscellaneous:**

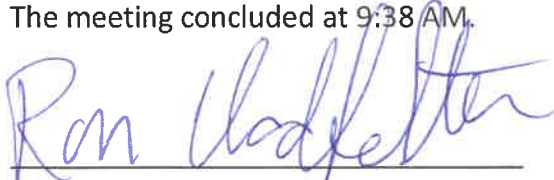
**a. Discussion/Update on DG Installation.** The Committee members reported on the number of DG installations located within their service areas. They are not seeing much, if any new interest in DG installations at this time.

**b. 135' Manlift.** ARPA received an offer to sell its 135' manlift. Consequently, ARPA issued a Request for Bid to the member municipalities to purchase the manlift. One member was interested (La Junta); however, it was discussed keeping the equipment and make it available for

use by all members, as needed. Staff is in the process of getting a quote from Wagner Equipment on the cost of repair to bring the unit into a certifiable status and cost of ongoing certification. Once these costs have been determined it will be brought to the Board for discussion and further consideration.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting concluded at 9:38 AM.



Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman