

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020
9:00 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1, 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 Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas), Merna McGinnis (Springfield), Megan Jara (Holly), Rick Gumke, Ed Salazar, and Chris Arguello (La Junta) 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 August 26, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

Current Status of COVID-19 Operations: **a. Status of operations, personnel, supplies.** The Committee members reviewed how operations are going and discussed the potential for mutual aid in the event one or more of the ARPA member's crews become quarantined during the pandemic. **b. Mutual Aid.** The Committee discussed the measures that would be necessary if a mutual aid event would occur such as personal protective equipment and COVID-19 protocols, communication between crews and making repairs in a de-energized state. The Committee members were made aware of the availability of, and option to borrow, hand held radios through their local county emergency management. They were also made aware of an on-line utility payment scam, and a current diversion issue related to smart meters.

Discussion on Power Supply Proposal: The Committee members were provided a copy of the Request for Proposal for power supply beginning February 1, 2025. The members were asked to complete and return a survey that was provided them in an effort to determine what the ARPA members believe is important to ARPA's next power supply contract.

Update on LUB Territorial Service Complaint with CPUC Against SECPA: Houssin Hourieh provided an update on the Lamar Utility Board's territorial service complaint against the Southeast Colorado Power Association. The PUC hearing is scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2021. According to the schedule, as outlined by Houssin, it is expected a ruling will be made in mid-June 2021.

Miscellaneous: *Bucket truck inspections.* The members reported the bucket truck inspections that were done in October went well. *LRP Demolition update.* Rick provided an update on the

schedule for the demolition to begin. *Online Payment Scam.* Ron Clodfelter reported he was made aware of an on-line bill payment scam for utility bills. Several members' utilities were listed. He forwarded the link to CAMU and Lamar Utilities, and ARPA also forwarded it to the other members. *Current Diversion.* Rick Gumke reported there was some current diversion issues, related to smart meters, in La Junta's system.

Adjourn:

The meeting concluded at 10:04 AM.



Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman