

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021  
9:30 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 by conference call. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Dean Duran (Trinidad), Heath Piper (Springfield) and Bill Jackson (La Junta). Also, in attendance was Dustin Ramsey (Las Animas), and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Aarin Ritter and Arvenia Morris.

**Call to order:** Chairman Clodfelter called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**SD Myers Transformer/Switchgear Oil Testing:**

**a. Scheduling Time Period for Testing.** The Committee discussed switching the testing from early in the year (colder months) to May – September when there is more load on the transformers. Staff will contact SD Myers to request testing be done during the warmer months.

**b. Transformer Oil level top-off.** The Committee recently voiced some concern regarding oil levels in the transformers. Following the testing in 2022, if the field technician determines that oil levels are low, ARPA will draft a Request for Bid to have the transformer oil levels brought to an acceptable level.

**c. Reclosure and Breaker oil levels testing.** The Committee members discussed the pros and cons of testing oil levels in reclosures and breakers.

**d. SD Myers Contact information.** SD Myers contact information was provided to all the members.

**Miscellaneous discussion:**

Ron Clodfelter reported service to Phillips Petroleum is being served by Lamar's 69 kV line. It is expected the load will be switched back to the Black Hills feed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September.


Houssin Hourieh reported that SECPA had until September 10 to file an appeal in district court regarding the Colorado Public Utilities Commission's decision denying SECPA's application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration; no appeal was filed.

Dean Duran reported that he has issued a Request for Quote for engineering firms to do substation work in Trinidad.

Bill Jackson offered his video recorder to produce a video of the mobile substation training that will be held in La Junta on October 13.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be November 18 at 9:30 AM in Las Animas.

**Adjourn:** The meeting concluded at 10:00 AM.



Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman