

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
9:30 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met at 9:30 AM on February 8, 2022 at the City of Las Animas Council Chambers. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), and Bill Jackson (La Junta). Also, in attendance was Kevin Miller (Las Animas), Chris Arguello, (La Junta), and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Aarin Ritter and Arvenia Morris. Consultant John Krajewski attended by telephone from 10:09 AM-10:19 AM.

Call to order: Chairman Clodfelter called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as revised. Added under Item 6: Miscellaneous, items b. Discussion on Retail Service Territory; and c. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) were added.

Approval of Minutes: a. November 18, 2021. The minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2021 were approved as presented.

Renewable Distributed Generation (DG) Policy-Review: a. Behind the Meter Generation Reporting. Rick reviewed the DG Policy. Primary discussion points included reporting requirements and how they impact the member's monthly invoice relative to renewable generation resources, the voluntary net metering programs available in the policy, and potential for grandfathering existing accounts. The existing DG Policy went into effect in 2019. The Committee discussed areas of the existing Policy that may require revision; specifically, reporting requirements and grandfathering existing solar accounts. John Krajewski attended the meeting by telephone to provide comments regarding options for recovering *fixed costs* for solar installations.

Power Supply Contract Discussion: a. Discussion on Self Supply of Renewables. Rick reported he and Houssin Hourieh met by conference call with parties interested in installing solar and repowering the wind turbines at the Lamar wind farm. A meeting between the renewable energy developer(s) and Guzman Energy is being arranged. A Non-Disclosure Agreement is being drafted between the developers and Guzman Energy. **b. Community Funds – Review of Training Dollars.** A provision in the power supply agreement with Guzman Energy is that they will provide \$10,000 annually in Community Funds beginning with the contract implementation in 2025. The Operating Committee previously discussed using these funds for training; however, over the last few years the funds currently allocated for training have not been fully disbursed. Options for the use of these funds will be evaluated over the next couple of years.

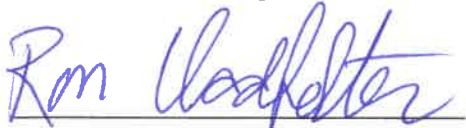
Miscellaneous: a. Potential Funding Options for ARPA Members. The Committee discussed different options for funding sources on infrastructure improvements as they relate to renewables and micro-grids. **b. Discussion on Retail Service Territory.** Rick shared with the Committee a word of advice from CAMU's attorney, Brandon Dittman, that if a municipality annexes territory into the city boundaries, they should always update their service territory maps to reflect the annexed area and file it with the PUC. **c. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).** ARPA has received the first draft of the 2022 IRP. The public hearing will be held at the Board meeting on February 24. The Plan outlines recommendations that encourage

continuing low-cost efficiency measures and to continue the trend to replace street lighting with LED fixtures. The Committee was encouraged to give some thought about developing energy efficient activities that might be beneficial to do as a group.

Member Utility Reports. a. Sales and Operations. The Committee was provided the December and year-to-date energy sales report from the Operating Report. The members were encouraged to participate in CAMU's rate survey for January 2022 which was recently sent by email.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be in May. Staff will email a Doodle Poll to determine a date.

Adjourn: The meeting concluded at 11:15 AM.



Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman