

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 10, 2022

9:30 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met at the City of Las Animas City Council Chambers at 9:30 AM on August 10, 2022. Committee members in attendance included Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas), and Houssin Hourieh (Lamar). Also in attendance was Dave Bachicha and Linda Vigil, (Trinidad), Chris Arguello, (La Junta), Lynn Wright (Las Animas), and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Aarin Ritter and Arvenia Morris.

Call to order: Chairman Clodfelter called the meeting to order at 9:47 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as received.

Approval of Minutes: a. May 19, 2022. b. June 6, 2022. The minutes of the May 19 and June 6 meetings were approved as received.

Review of Power Supply Portfolio: ARPA's contract with Guzman Energy beginning in February 2025 allows up to 20% self-supply of renewables (which ARPA staff estimates to be an annual output of 35,000 – 40,000 MWhs). Staff is recommending that ARPA issue an RFP that would include repowering the wind generation and/or installing a solar facility. There is a potential to partner with Guzman Energy on projects. *Wind turbine generators.* Houssin reported the Climb Auto System (man lift) units have been installed on the towers of all five wind turbines. He also reported on some repairs/maintenance on the five wind turbines. Renew Energy has provided a quote to change oil in the gear box of all five turbines. Work can be completed before the end of 2022. A quote was also received by GE Wind Energy to replace the yaw pucks in all five turbines. This will be part of the 2023 maintenance plan.

Energy Performance for Buildings-House Bill 21-1286 Colorado's Statewide Benchmarking Program.

House Bill 21-1286 requires owners of buildings of at least 50,000 square feet to report annual energy usage. The reporting is due December 1, 2022, for calendar year 2021. The Committee was reminded that they may be getting calls from owners of those sized buildings requesting their electrical energy usage for 2021.

Discussion on Board Member Requirements: The Committee discussed the board member requirements as stated in the ARPA Organic Contract. Staff will consult with general counsel on what measures would be required to amend that language in the Organic Contract.

Miscellaneous Operations: a. Member's Update. Las Animas. Clodfelter reported Black Hills Energy has requested the City of Las Animas switch its load, to include Phillips Petroleum load, to the Tri-State System from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on August 11 in order to do relay work at the substation. The load will be switched onto Lamar's 69kv line to Fort Lyon. *Trinidad.* Trinidad is doing breaker replacements in the substation and working to synchronize the Trinidad and ARPA generators. There was a coolant leak in one of the ARPA Caterpillar generators and the radiator had to be re-cored. *Grid United.* Rick reported he had attended a public presentation in La Junta by Grid United. They are proposing to build a monopole 525 kV DC line from Guyman, OK to Pueblo, CO primarily to move power between the east grid and the west grid.

The proposed in-service date is 2028. *SD Myers Transformer/Switchgear testing*. Members reported on the status of the transformer/switchgear oil testing for 2022. Houssin reported SD Myers has done the testing for Lamar; however, a substation transformer failed a couple weeks following the testing. The inspection report provided by SD Myers indicated no potential issues with the testing samples. Lamar is currently investigating the cause of the failure. Staff will follow up with SD Myers to get an updated schedule for the remaining members. **b. Update on Federal and State Funding Opportunities.** Rick reported he has an upcoming meeting with Lisa Schlotterhausen to discuss grant writing potential for federal and state funding opportunities and eligibility. **c. Update on Wind Farm Metering.** Rick reported Tri-State will begin the metering on the wind turbines in January and expect to have it completed in March. Once the wind turbine metering has been completed ARPA can begin selling its environmental attributes through the management agreement with Guzman Energy. **d. Update on Supply Chain Issues.** The members reported their struggles with obtaining transformers, machine bolts, trucks, etc. These items have very long lead times for delivery, in some cases up to two years and the costs are much higher than expected. **e. Renewable Distributed Generation Policy Reporting.** The Committee discussed the kWh reporting ARPA requires for member's customer's solar installations.

Member's Usage Report: The members were provided, in graph form, the MWh sales for January – June for the years 2017-2022 for each member municipality and ARPA as a whole.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be Wednesday, October 12, 2022 beginning at 9:30 AM at City Hall in Las Animas.

Adjourn: The meeting concluded at 11:14 AM.



Submitted by Ron Clodfelter, Chairman