

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 2022
10:00 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met by conference call at 10:00 AM on November 14, 2022. Committee members in attendance included Bill Jackson (La Junta), Ron Clodfelter (Las Animas) Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Dave Bachicha (Trinidad) and Heath Piper (Springfield). Also in attendance was Chris Arguello (La Junta), Lynn Wright (Las Animas), Megan Jara (Holly) and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Aarin Ritter and Arvenia Morris.

Call to order: Chairman Hourieh called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as received.

Discussion on EV Charging Station Locations. The Committee discussed adding EV charging stations in their municipalities if grant money was available. They had reservations due to current low demand in their service areas and high cost of installation and billing costs. Before proceeding, the Committee members would like more information regarding terms and conditions of the grant. For example, what can the grant funding be used for, are matching funds required of the applicant, does it require in-kind contributions? Once that information is known, they would like to talk with entities familiar with EV charging station installations so they have a better idea of project costs, etc., and what to request in the grant application.

Miscellaneous: Infrastructure upgrades. ARPA has made contact with several entities regarding issuing an RFP for technical assistance to develop plans for grid modernization and grid resiliency/grid hardening to reduce outages. Having a Plan is the first step in acquiring funding for infrastructure development.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be February 16, 2023.

Adjourn: The meeting concluded at 10:43 AM.


Submitted by Houssin Hourieh, Chairman