

## OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2023

11:00 AM

The ARPA Operating Committee met by zoom at 11:00 AM on April 12, 2023. Committee members in attendance included Bill Jackson (La Junta), Lynn Wright (Las Animas) Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Randy Holland (Holly) and Dave Bachicha (Trinidad). Also in attendance was Chris Arguello and Joe LaSalle (La Junta), and Linda Vigil (Trinidad) and ARPA staff members Rick Rigel, Aarin Ritter and Arvenia Morris. Operating Committee member Heath Piper was absent.

**Call to order:** Chairman Hourieh called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as received.

**Distribution System Planning Services-Update.** The Committee received a copy of the updated proposal from City Light and Power, Inc., (CLP Engineering) for review. Rick provided an update on the status of the GRIP (grid resilience) grants funding schedule. It is expected the grant funding application will be available early in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. **i. Consider Engineering Firm to Perform Distribution System Planning Services.** Operating Committee member Holland moved to direct the General Manager to enter into a contract negotiation with City Light and Power Engineering for distribution system planning services. The motion was seconded by Operating Committee Jackson and approved unanimously. The proposed final contract for this distribution system planning service will be presented to the ARPA Board of Directors for its approval.

**Miscellaneous Operations.** The General Manager reported there was a fire in Lamar Light and Power's service territory for service to Holly, Bristol and Hartman. Houssin reported they lost 16 poles due to the fire. Houssin thanked the Town of Holly for bringing the ARPA-Holly Caterpillar generator online. Holly was able to serve those 3 communities for about 26 hours. **Small Town Solar.** It appears Small Town Solar is working door to door in the residential areas of member cities seeking solar customers. **SPCC.** Staff will follow-up with Gerry Branum of Environmental Solutions regarding updating some of the member's SPCC plans.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Operating Committee will be May 18, 2023 in Las Animas beginning at 9:30 AM.

**Adjourn:** The meeting concluded at 11:28 AM.



Submitted by Houssin Hourieh, Chairman