

**OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 18, 2024**  
**9:30 AM**

The ARPA Operating Committee met by ZOOM at 1:30 PM on Monday, November 18, 2024. Committee members in attendance included Randy Holland (Holly), Bill Jackson (La Junta), Lynn Wright (Las Animas) Houssin Hourieh (Lamar), Heath Piper (Springfield) and Dave Bachicha (Trinidad). Also in attendance was Linda Vigil (Trinidad), Chris Arguello (La Junta), Rod Swisher (Holly), and ARPA staff members, Rick Rigel and Aarin Ritter.

**Call to order:** Chairman Hourieh called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**Approval of Agenda.**

The agenda was approved as received.

**Grant Project Discussion. a. Records for Outages – Past Five Years.** The Committee discussed the need to review their outage reporting systems for the DOE-GRIP grant application. ARPA staff will develop a template for the members to log their outage information so it can be converted to a specific type of file for the grant application. **b. Work Force Development.** Rick met with Colorado Springs Utilities to discuss the in-house training they do. They had some ideas that might help with our “work force development” portion of the grant and improve our line-workers training programs.

**Review of Incremental Load Rate Tariff.** The Committee had no comments on the language in Schedule F-Incremental Rate regarding new loads or an expansion of an existing load. Schedule F will be brought before the Board for consideration and approval at its meeting on December 5.

**Miscellaneous. a. Report on Meeting with Colorado Springs Utilities – Cooperative Purchasing.** Rick met with CSU’s head of purchasing. Colorado Springs Utilities would be amenable to establishing a cooperative purchasing arrangement with ARPA/Members. CSU is also open to providing materials and supplies for emergency situations through a mutual aid agreement. CSU also mentioned Sourcewell, a governmental agency that performs bidding services for material purchases, thus eliminating the need to obtain 3 bids. Trinidad has used this service in the past. Rick will follow up with CSU on the topics as discussed. *TextPower.* Rick will follow up with TextPower to receive a status update on the Members texting platform.

**Next Meeting Date.** The Committee will consider a zoom meeting sometime before late December.

**Adjourn.** The meeting concluded at 2:32 PM.

  
Submitted by Houssin Hourieh, Chairman