

**Special Meeting – Rate Advisory Committee
June 25, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Columbia River PUD was called to order by President, Jake Carter, at the Deer Island District Office at 5:00 p.m. Notice was provided to the press and interested parties. The following individuals were present:

Directors:

Craig Melton
Debbie Reed
Harry Price
Jake Carter
Rob Mathers

Staff:

Ashley Wood
Branden Staehely
Eli Crape
Heidi Ralls
John Nguyen

Kristen Dean
Lil Guisinger
Rachel Swanson
Sonia Wendelschafer
Tim Lammers

Consultants:

Steve Andersen, EES Consulting

Committee Members:

Bill Eagle
Charles Petersen
Chuck Daughtry

Grant Gillis
Jack Carter
Matt Brown

Rita Bernhard
Tina Hall

Public:

Claudia Eagle

Introductions were made. John Nguyen advised that the Special Meeting was called to discuss the 2019 Cost of Service Analysis and proposed BPA rate increase. He welcomed the Rate Advisory Committee and thanked them for attending.

2019 Cost of Service Analysis (COSA): J. Nguyen shared information about the importance of being a 100% BPA preference and load following customer. He reviewed the cost of power, stating there is an anticipated rate increase from BPA effective October 1. J. Nguyen reviewed the retail rate process. He emphasized the financial challenge of aligning revenues with costs when there is a decrease in energy usage by consumers, and a need to properly maintain the transmission and distribution system. The decrease in energy usage is becoming more prevalent with the growing trend of augmenting energy consumption with technology such as battery storage and solar.

Steve Andersen, EES Consulting, reviewed the rate-setting process, cost of service assumptions, draft cost of service study results, and the rate design.

Discussion occurred on the proposed rate structure change for residential and small general service to include an increase in the power rate and base charge in October 2019 and the addition of a demand charge in October 2020. The committee concurred that all customer classes should be responsible for their share of costs to ensure a safe and reliable distribution system. They also agreed that with the proposed changes, clear communication would be of utmost importance.

L. Guisinger provided a recap of the COSA process and reviewed the impact the proposed changes would have on the current budget. The Committee was asked to provide any

comments or recommendations on the proposed rate changes to Lil within the next two weeks for discussion at the next meeting.

The Board and Staff extended their appreciation to the Committee for their invaluable time and contributions and reminded the Committee of the second meeting scheduled for August 6, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Columbia River People's Utility District

By Heidi Ralls
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