

COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE’S UTILITY DISTRICT
Special Meeting – Workshop
August 16, 2016

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 1:05 p.m. Notice was provided to the press and interested parties. The following individuals were present:

Directors:

David Baker
Jake Carter
Craig Melton
Richard Simpson
Harry Price

Staff:

Libby Calnon, Community & Public Relations
Rick Calnon, IT
Eli Crape, Operations
Tim Lammers, Energy Services
Mikka Mullican, Customer Accounts
John Nguyen, Interim General Manager
Tracy Pinder, Accounting & Finance
Heidi Ralls, Administration
Branden Staehely, Engineering
Sonia Wendelschafer, Human Resources

Consultants:

Blake Weathers, NRU

Public:

None

J. Nguyen noted the purpose of this meeting is to discuss Tier 2 options available to the PUD. With load growth in Columbia County, the PUD is running out of Tier 1 power headroom. Potential sites for a new substation will also be discussed.

He introduced Blake Weathers from Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU).

1. **Tier 2 Power:** B. Weathers presented information on BPA and how it fits into the non-federal power supply. He provided an overview and discussed the purpose of NRU/NEMS. He also provided information on Non-Federal Resource Options and discussed the power resource decisions that are coming up in the near future.

The Board took a 10 minute break, reconvening at 3:28pm.

2. **Potential Sites for new Substation:** J. Nguyen reviewed three potential locations for siting a new substation in the Scappoose area. He reviewed the pros and cons with each of the three properties and the potential price models and noted that the cost of property going up in the Scappoose area. The PUD could wait until the property was needed but there is no guarantee the land would be available. Discussion occurred on the constraints associated with tapping into BPA lines. There is limited access and BPA has given a five-year timeline to add additional load. J. Nguyen is looking to put a proposal in the 2017 budget.

Discussion occurred on the potential increase in power needs in conjunction with possible grow areas in the northern part of our service territory. In order to maintain

our N -1 reliability, another substation in the Rainier area is a real probability. B. Staehely reviewed various options.

J. Nguyen indicated staff will report back to the Board on the progress of potential land acquisition.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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By 
Heidi Ralls, Board Secretary