



# HURRICANE CITY UTAH

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Charles Reeve

The Hurricane City Power Board met on August 3, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Clifton Wilson Substation on 526 W 600 N.

In attendance were Chairman Mac Hall, Pam Humphries, Jerry Brisk, Joseph Prete, Charles Reeve, Dave Imlay, Scott Hughes, Brian Anderson, Mike Ramirez, Jared Ross, Fred Resch, Dayton Hall, Kaden DeMille, Paige Chapman and Crystal Wright.

Mac Hall welcomed everyone to the meeting; Scott Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dave Imlay offered the prayer. Dave Imlay motioned to approve minutes from the July 2022 meeting. Pam Humphries seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Scott Hughes:** Scott Hughes provided an update on employees. There is still an open position for a Journeyman Lineman. The remaining employees have done great with workload while shorthanded. Scott provided a reminder about the UAMPS Member Conference. Crystal Wright will put packets together with information regarding the conference and get those delivered. Scott provided notification that the 1150 W Alignment Open House is tonight.

**Brian Anderson:** Brian Anderson reported on the Cordero project. This project has been stalled for a little bit while the contractor did some work. The existing 2800 West line had to be moved out of the way to build the road and then the line will be replaced permanently on the west side of the road. There were poles lying outside of the Brentwood Substation for the 2800 West line. We relocated those poles inside the substation since the Cordero project has taken so long to prevent theft or destruction of those poles. We have straightened up the yard.

**Mike Ramirez:** Mike Ramirez reported on a pole fire that subsequently required an outage to replace the pole. The cause was from a branch which slid across the line and caused a fire to burn completely through the top of the pole. The crew supported it overnight until a full crew could go out the next morning. The pole was replaced, and repairs almost complete the next day. The loads came up and caused a fuse to burn causing another short outage while they replaced the fuse. Working on re-distributing loads between circuits to proactively address loads increasing on some circuits more quickly than others. Provided an update on employee applications for the open position.

**Jared Ross:** Jared Ross reported on the Three Falls Substation. This project has been stagnant for a little bit. We have been working on putting a fence back up down there so they can bring cows back in there. Reported on the Generator #9 air permit. The draft has been written and sent up to the state for review. We should be getting a copy of the draft to review. We have called into Wheeler to extend the deadline on the generator purchase. Reported on the generator run for the 2022 summer season. We've had a good run so far and have had a few problems with some of the transformers on the generators. This is due to age of those transformers.



Any shutdowns have been minor and quick to resolve. He reported on the T2 transformer that was installed out at the Brentwood Substation. A bump in the current on the system caused a differential relay error that tripped the Brentwood Substation out of service. He has researched the settings and wiring from the T2 compared to the T1 settings/wiring to investigate. He is confirming findings and any discrepancies before re-energizing that T2 transformer.

**Power Rate Study Discussion:** Mac Hall requested to move this item agenda up to make sure we could get through this information. Paige Chapman and Kaden DeMille presented information received through Zions Bank as part of the rate study. Kaden DeMille discussed the reasons the rate study was started and a necessary step to bond to pay for the capital project items that are needed. Explained the ability to change different things to see what changes would need to be made to have the cash flow available to bond. Some concerns include the rising cost of other items on the utility bill. Sewer and water rates have increased or will be increasing. Pam Humphries brought up impact fees. Kaden DeMille explained that it is not possible to bond against impact fees, but impact fees can be used to make bond payments. Kaden explained he would like input from the group regarding what direction they would like to see as far as changes to rates. Dave Imlay discussed raising the percentage the City Council had chosen to charge from the last impact fee study. The City Council had previously chosen to only charge 75% instead of the full 100% of the cost that was determined in the impact fee study. We could request that the City Council increase the impact fee rate to the full 100% of the impact fee study since that study is still valid. Discussion about other ideas that would be possible as changes that could be made regarding rates. We need to research where the information regarding the percentage of impact fees was decided. Scott Hughes asked the board if they would rather see a bigger increase this year and smaller incremental increases after that or smaller incremental increases more often. The consensus was smaller incremental increases more often. This is an easier adjustment for fixed income residents.

**AMI Update:** Michael Ramirez reported on the AMI update. Honeywell is getting us a good plan on how to spend the money that was in the budget from last fiscal year. They have our information and we're waiting for some information back. Looking at getting some meters and collectors to start testing the system.

**Three Falls Substation Update:** This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**1150 W Alignment Study:** This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Rocky Mountain Power Agreements Discussion:** Scott Hughes reported the contracts with Rocky Mountain Power are due to expire the end of August 2022. We agreed to sign the new contracts for a 5-month period. Rocky Mountain Power is governed by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and we are governed by our City Council. We're currently working on working through rates with them. Dave Imlay suggested that we need to contact UAMPS regarding this. There are separate rules regarding being a transmission provider without incurring additional heavy regulations. We are currently not a transmission provider. It is currently set up as a pass through only.

**UAMPS Updates:** Scott Hughes stated there were lot of updates at the July UAMPS meetings. He provided information from those meetings in the packets and will not cover it unless there are questions. Charles Reeve requested an update regarding CFPP. Scott Hughes reported this project is still on schedule. He also reported the San Juan project is scheduled for shut down this fall. The Enchant project has substantial roadblocks but is still moving forward. He explained the pool and PX information that had affected the changes this year. The solar projects are still struggling partly due to material constraints. He reported that we need some approval to

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proceed with investigation into a geothermal project. By consensus, the board agreed to allow Scott to pursue spending money for the interest in this geothermal project we signed up for.

**Budget:** Scott Hughes stated that due to time constraints we will not discuss budget items because they were included in the packet.

The Power Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next Power Board Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.