



Minutes
Program Management Review (PMR) Committee
Colorado Springs Utilities Board
Rosemont Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Committee members present via web conference or in the Rosemont Conference Room:
Dave Donelson and Randy Helms

Board members present via web conference of in the Rosemont Conference Room:
None

Staff members present via web conference or in the Rosemont Conference Room:
Travas Deal, Renee Adams, Mike Francolino, Tristan Gearhart, Somer Mese, Jay Anderson, Joe Awad, Kevin Binkley, Jessica Davis, Steve Duling, Marcela Espinoza, JerriAnn LaLond, Amy Lewis, Natalie Lovell, Jason Miller, Nick Miller, Dan Norton, Dave Padgett, Gail Pecoraro, Nick Peters, Bethany Schoemer, Gina Smith, Shawn Timothy, Amy Trinidad, Natalie Watts and Al Wells

City of Colorado Springs staff members present via web conference or in the Rosemont Conference Room:
David Beckett, Rhea Hendrixson and Timothy Scheiderer

Citizens present: None

1. Call to Order and Review Minutes

Committee Member Helms called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. and read a statement regarding the Colorado Open Meetings Law and City Charter and stated that public comment would not be a part of this meeting.

Due to the number of Board Members in attendance, the minutes from the May 21, 2024 Program Management Review Committee meeting were not accepted for posting. This will be done at the Nov. 19, 2024 meeting.

2. Gas Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) Update

Due to the abbreviated meeting, no DIMP updates were presented. This information was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Nick Peters, Operations Technical Services General Manager, introduced Mr. Nick Miller, the new Systems Monitoring and Diagnostics and Control Manager.

3. Sustainable Energy Plan Update

Mr. Joe Awad, General Manager of Planning and Engineering, introduced Ms. Jessie Marshall, Project Manager IV. Ms. Marshall is the Project Manager for the Sustainable Energy Plan (SEP). Ms. Marshall explained the key elements of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) as:

- Achieving 80% carbon reduction by 2030
- Decommissioning Drake no later than 2023 and Nixon 1 no later than 2030

- Acquiring new energy resources while maintaining reliability and cost effectiveness for gas and electric service

To maintain reliability, six transmission substations are being added or upgraded; three transmission lines are being added or upgraded; gas supply upgrades are in progress; as well as Drake's demolition.

Mr. Helms asked if Springs Utilities will purchase the energy, or if they will own the equipment that generates the energy. Ms. Marshall stated the organization will purchase power generated by others.

Budget

The total capital budget for the Sustainable Energy Plan is \$574 million. This number will increase significantly with power purchase agreements (PPA) and request for proposals .

Risks

Risks include long lead times and availability of equipment and materials and labor resources; financial costs, rates, and easement acquisition; regulatory and legislative drivers (permits and political); system outage coordination; and gas supply.

Safety

There have been two utility strikes without injuries and two motor vehicle/equipment accidents causing minor damage to contractor trucks without injuries.

Next Steps

Next steps include:

- New energy resources acquisition – complete evaluations and negotiations on RFPs
- Energy projects
 - Continue design, construction, and testing of substations
 - Obtain easements and permits for new transmission lines
 - Complete design of gas upgrades
 - Complete Drake demolition

4. 2024 Q1 Project Dashboard Review

Mr. Steve Duling, Manager of Project Management, highlighted aspects of the dashboard, including energy projects, fiber, gas projects, water service projects for pumping stations, and a portable water tanks project.

Ms. Gina Smith, Advanced Utilities Manager, reported that the Advanced Metering Project is in the “burn down” phase. The project is at 79% completed. The contractor has extended their hours and brought in additional workers to accomplish this on time.

5. Supply Chain Outlook

No formal supply chain outlook presentation was made. This information was included in the meeting packet.

6. Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) Assignment Brainstorming

Brainstorming was deferred until the November meeting.

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There were no closing remarks. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. The next meeting is Nov. 19, 2024.