



Minutes
Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC)
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Blue River Boardroom, 5th floor, 121 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO
and Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Committee members present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Chair Larry Barrett, Vice Chair Hilary Dussing, Gary Burghart, Michael Borden, Katherine Danner, Ruth Ann Schonbachler and Scott Smith

Committee members excused: Scott Callihan and Chris Francis

Staff members present in the Boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Al Wells, Marcela Espinoza, Christian Nelson, Joe Awad, Bethany Schoemer, Tristian Gearhart, Andy Colosimo, Travas Deal, Scott Shirola, Natalie Watts and Lisa Barbato

City of Colorado Springs staff present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: David Beckett

Citizens Present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Dave Donelson, Michelle Talarico, Nancy Henjum, Lynette Crow-Iverson and David Leinweber

1. Call to Order

Chair Larry Barrett called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and called the roll.

2. Approval of June 7, 2023, UPAC Meeting Minutes

Chair Barrett made a motion to approve the June 7, 2023, meeting minutes with the exception to change the minutes to accurately reflect the member who seconded the motion for the natural gas cost recovery recommendation. Committee Member Danner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Cost Recovery Mechanisms Assignment

Utilities Board Chair Dave Donelson thanked UPAC members for all their work on the assignment. He explained that the Utilities Board needs more time and information before taking action on UPAC's recommendation. Therefore, the item will not be on the July Utilities Board agenda for approval.

Utilities Board Member Nancy Henjum thanked UPAC for all of its efforts on this assignment, echoed Utilities Board Chair Donelson's concerns and suggested that UPAC give all stakeholders the opportunity to understand the costs before moving forward.

Chair Barrett thanked both Utilities Board members and accepted their direction. No committee members objected or expressed concerns with the new direction.

Mr. Tristian Gearhart, Chief Planning and Finance Officer, advised that there not be an August UPAC meeting based upon the discussion and explained that he would work with staff do develop a new schedule to move forward with the assignment that aligns with the direction requested by Utilities Board Chair Donelson.

4. Citizen Comment

None.

5. Committee Member General Discussion

Alternate Committee Member Scott Smith expressed his appreciation for Springs Utilities staff. He shared that he attended the energy tour and was impressed with all the information provided on the tour.

6. Resolution of Appreciation for Ruth Ann Schonbachler

Chair Barrett read the resolution of appreciation for Committee Member Ruth Ann Schonbachler. He thanked her for her many contributions to the committee and dedication to finding solutions that benefit ratepayers.

7. Adjournment

Chair Barrett adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.