

Final Minutes
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board
July 11, 2019
2:00 pm to 4:00 PM

Mercer Island Community and Event Center
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<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Board Alternates</u>	<u>Utility Representatives</u>	<u>SPU Attendees</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
Mami Hara Wylie Harper – Alt Rick Scott Matt Everett Diane Pottinger Lynne Danielson - Chair Ron Little	Bryan Koehmstedt Ron Speer	Abdoul Gafour Jason Kintner Pam Martin Byron Murgatroyd Al Nelson Patrick Sorenson	Regina Carpenter Kathy Curry Paul Faulds Ulysses Hillard Joan Kersnar Paula Laschober Martha Neuman	Charlotte Haines Pamela Maloney Darcey Peterson Ron Ricker

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes/Agenda

- The **June 6, 2019 minutes** were **approved 6-0**.
- The **July 11, 2019 agenda** was **approved 6-0**.

3. New Business

a. Monthly Meeting Timing

Kathy Curry, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Wholesale Contracts Manager, asked the Operating Board (OB) to vote on whether the monthly OB meeting time should be changed to an earlier time of 1 to 3 pm starting with the October 3, 2019 meeting.

- Moving the monthly OB meeting to an **earlier time of 1 to 3 pm** was **approved *3-0**, with a check-in on how this is working for everyone to occur at the December 5, 2019 OB meeting.

**SPU OB members abstained from this vote.*

b. Annual True-up Results

Nicole Janes from Moss Adams along with Regina Carpenter, SPU Principal Economist, provided an overview of the results of the 2018 Annual True-up relaying that higher rate revenues, a larger Facilities Charge (FC) Transfer, and an overall decrease in costs resulted in a 2018 year-end surplus for F&P regional rates. It was noted that these trends may continue through the end of the current rate period in 2020.

Two Utility Representatives asked about the option to maintain a higher FC balance rather than transferring the surplus to regional rates in the current year, with the goal of providing future rate stability. Regina explained that the current contract does not provide the flexibility to increase the FC balance. Mami Hara, SPU's General Manager, said that rate smoothing options could be developed for the group's consideration in future contract review and update discussions.

- The **True-up Procedures** were **approved 6-0** as performed.

Reports are to be mailed to Utilities by July 30.

c. Tolt Dam Full Scale Exercise

Ulysses Hillard, SPU Special Projects and Landsburg Project Coordinator, presented information from a recent Full-Scale Dam Failure Exercise on the South Fork Tolt River. As part of his presentation, Ulysses described the elements of Seattle's Emergency Action Plan for the South Fork Tolt River Dam, described a recent planning exercise, participants, and lessons learned.

Ulysses referenced an earlier presentation on the Tolt Early Warning System (includes a microwave radio component) and mentioned that he could come back to provide a follow up presentation on this topic. One OB meeting participant asked if an update could be provided at a future OB meeting on SPU's improvements to its radio system (different than the Tolt Early Warning System and similar to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN), which includes a system for 700/800 Mhz radio sets). Rick Scott, SPU's Water Line of Business Director, relayed that updates on these topics could be provided at a future meeting.

d. Water Supply Update

Paul Faulds, SPU Water Resources Manager, provided an overview of the 2019 water year, the current status of Seattle's water supply, summer forecast, and coordination efforts with the Washington Department of Ecology. As part of his presentation, Paul described how SPU is optimizing water supply management

4. Executive Summaries and Other Business

- Kathy Curry, with SPU, reminded the group about the supplied Water Consumption from Watersheds vs. Rate Studies (Att. 4a) and the Water Supply Update (Att. 4b).
- Rick Scott provided some project updates on:
 - Transmission Pipeline Study bid announcement describing the study's purpose as to look at locations along the alignment that were not assessed during the 2018 seismic study, reminding the group of when and where they have seen information about this study before, and mentioning that SPU and Renton are in preliminary coordination stages on some of the work to be performed;
 - Cedar Falls Power Service Upgrade mentioning that SPU is still considering submitted bids and that there will be cost sharing with Seattle City Light; and
 - Cedar Falls Facilities Storm Damage mentioning that insurance coverage is being pursued.

5. Future Meetings

Kathy Curry reminded the group of upcoming OB meetings:

- No August meeting - unless needed for drought coordination.
- September 5, 2019 – 9 am to 2:30 pm field trip to Lake Youngs & Treatment Plant.

6. For the Good of the Order

7. Public Comment Period

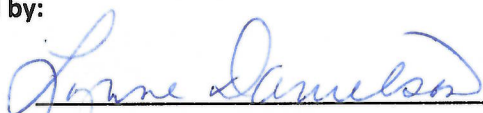
- None

8. Material presented at Meeting

- Copies of information described on the agenda were either provided in advance or at the meeting.

9. Board meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm

Approved by:



Chair, Lynne Danielson
Seattle Water Supply System Operating Board

9-5-2019

Date