

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Committee of the Whole – Line Extension Policy Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<https://lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources>

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors was held Thursday, January 12, 2023, via Zoom Webinar. President Witchel called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. The following directors were in attendance:

Ted Compton
Dan Huntington, Secretary
Bob Lynch, Treasurer
Sue McWilliams

John Lee, Jr.
Joe Lewandowski
Kohler McInnis
John Witchel, President

Holly Metzler
Kirsten Skeehan
Tim Wheeler, Vice President

LPEA STAFF

Dan Harms, VP of Grid Solutions
Hillary Knox, VP of Member Experience
Karl Ramsey, VP of Finance
Graham Smith, General Counsel
Janelle Thunstrom, Executive Assistant
Ryne Waggoner, Compliance & Systems Engineering Manager

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Director Rachel Landis

WEBINAR ATTENDEES

None

PROPOSED LINE EXTENSION POLICY CHANGES

VP of Grid Solutions Dan Harms gave an overview of the meeting objective for the proposed line extension policy changes. VP Harms presented a presentation that included such topics as the line extension policy timeline, public comments (none received), background information, the purpose of the line extension policy, LPEA budget impacts, and why these revisions are needed. VP Harms will make the requested editorial changes and recirculate the policy to the board of directors for a vote at the January 2023 board meeting.

VP Harms discussed the proposed six changes to the line extension policy. Such changes include the removal of the LPEA subsidized service upgrades, the removal of the \$1,500 residential construction credit, the removal of the indeterminate commercial refunds, the updating of the engineering design fees, the updating of the engineering fee policy, and the removal of LPEA sponsored rental lights. VP Harms and Compliance & Systems Engineering Manager, Ryne Waggoner took all questions pertaining to the line extension policy changes.

VP Harms gave an overview of some of the potential affordable/workforce housing program proposals that could be pursued after the changes to the line extension policy are implemented. These proposals included housing and workforce considerations, program frameworks, potential pilot projects, and how program options could be evaluated during LPEA's next budget cycle. VP Harms took all questions and suggestions pertaining to the affordable/workforce housing program proposals.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole of the La Plata Electric Association Board of Directors adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Recorded by J.P Thunstrom, and approved by:



Dan Huntington, Secretary