



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Minutes

Board of Public Utilities Work Session

*Robert Gibson, Chair; Eric Stromberg, Vice-chair;
Matt Heavner, Charles Nakhleh, and, Steve Tobin, Members;
Philo Shelton, Ex Officio Member
Anne Laurent, Ex Officio Member
Theresa Cull, Council Liaison*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Public Participation: In person or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89412512522>

1. CALL TO ORDER

This work session of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Board of Public Utilities was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 1000 Central Ave., Council Chambers. Board Chair Robert Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members of the public were notified of the ability to attend and provide public comment either in person or over Zoom. The following board members were in attendance:

Present 6 - Members Gibson, Tobin, Nakhleh, Heavner, Shelton, and Laurent

Absent 1 - Member Stromberg

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gibson opened the floor for public comment on any item.; there was none.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gibson called for discussion or a motion on approval of the agenda.

Member Tobin moved and Member Nakhleh seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Members Heavner, Nakhleh, Tobin, and Gibson

No: 0

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. 18339-24 UAMPS Presentation by Mason Baker, CEO/General Manager

Mr. Philo Shelton introduced Mr. Mason Baker, CEO and Mr. Matt Hastings, Managing Director, Resources. of UAMPS. Mr. Baker presented on services that UAMPS offers. There was a discussion on transmission services and on the two study projects that Los Alamos County is currently participating in the Resource Project Committee. A copy of Mr. Bakers presentation was included in the meeting packet.

Member Tobin spoke.
Member Gibson spoke.
Member Nakhleh spoke.
Member Heavner spoke.

No action was taken on this item.

4.B. [18303-24](#) Electric Cost of Service and Rate Study Presentation

Ms. Karen Kendall, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration introduced Mr. Nick Weaver, Senior Project Manager of GDS Associates, Inc. He participated remotely and presented the final draft of the Electric Cost of Service and Rate Study. A copy of his presentation was included in the meeting packet. He, Ms. Jessica Rozier, and Ms. Kendall responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate.

Member Nakhleh spoke.
Ms. Kendall spoke.
Member Tobin spoke.
Mr. Shelton spoke.
Member Gibson spoke.

No action was taken on this item.

4.C. [18209-24](#) Results of the Voice of the Customer Survey

Ms. Cathy D'Anna, Public Relations Manager introduced Ms. Catherine Veschi and Sophia Vigeant of GreatBlue Research. They presented the results and recommendations from the annual Voice of the Customer Survey which was conducted January 9 - 31, 2024. This was the third year that GreatBlue Research conducted the Voice of the Customer Survey for DPU and there were 575 complete responses. The final report gives a snapshot of participant demographics, an overview of responses, key study findings and recommendations in response to those findings. A copy of the presentation was included in the meeting packet. The presenters responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate.

Member Gibson spoke.

No action was taken on this item.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. [18607-24a](#) Presentation on Settlement Investment Guidance

Ms. Karen Kendall, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration presented recommendations and investment guidance on the Uniper settlement funds. A copy of her presentation was included in the meeting packet.

These were the next steps identified for the approval request at the April 17th BPU meeting:

1. Settlement Investment Guidance
2. Budget Revision to recognize proceed revenue in the "Other Judgements/Settlements" and Interest Income
3. Update to the FY2025 Strategic Focus Areas, Goals & Objectives 2.3 Objective relating to debt coverage ratio

Ms. Kendall, Mr. Marez, and Mr. Shelton responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate.

Member Tobin spoke.
Member Gibson spoke.
Mr. Shelton spoke.
Member Nakhleh spoke.
Member Heavner spoke.

No action was taken on this item.

5.B. [18305-24a](#) Review of Proposed Changes to the Department of Public Utilities Rules & Regulations, Rule E-5 Interconnection with Cogeneration and Small Power Producers and Related Construction Standards

Ms. Karen Kendall, Deputy Utility Manager - Finance & Administration and Mr. Stephen Marez, Deputy Utility Manager - Electric Distribution presented a review of proposed changes to the Department of Public Utilities Rules & Regulations, Rule E-5 Interconnection with Cogeneration and Small Power Producers and Related Construction Standards. The purpose of the presentation was to update Rule E-5 Interconnection with Cogeneration and Small Power Producers and updates to the related construction standards. Copies of the revisions were included in the meeting packet. This item will be presented to BPU for approval at the April 17, 2024 regular session. Ms. Kendall and Mr. Marez responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate.

No action was taken on this item.

5.C. [18062-24](#) Quarterly Conservation Program Update: FY24/Q3

Ms. Catherine D'Anna, Public Relations Manager and Ms. Abbey Hayward, Water & Energy Conservation Coordinator presented on activities for January through March 2024. A written report and related attachments were included in the meeting packet. Ms. D'Anna and Ms. Hayward responded to board member inquiries and provided clarifying information as appropriate.

No action was taken on this item.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT Chair Gibson opened the floor for public comment on any items; there was none.

7. ADJOURNMENT **The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm**

APPROVAL

Robert Gibson

Board of Public Utilities Chair Name

Robert Gibson

Board of Public Utilities Chair Signature

May 15, 2024

Date Approved by the Board