

Utility Manager's Report
May 19, 2021

1. David Rodriguez with Gas Water and Sewer crew is DPU's safety employee of the quarter. David identified and coned off the steel plates that had moved off an open trench on DP Road and then he notified the contractor to reset these plates. If it was not for his quick action, these offset plates could have led to a serious accident. He will receive a day of administrative leave to use over the next few months for his safety efforts.
2. On April 26th, County Council approved DPU's FY 22 budget of \$84 Million and 99 FTE's. The profit transfer budget options for Canyon Road and the General Fund road project for 33rd to 34th Street Improvements were also approved.
3. Attended the monthly project management committee meeting on the Carbon Free Power Project and there is a planned meeting in about two weeks to discuss considering building a six module plant based on level of interest in subscription, however, this would have some cost pressure on the \$55/MWh economic competitive test given a smaller project. I hope to update the board once we learn the details of this proposal. Also, the Resource Committee did a presentation of the cost of battery storage regarding the Photo Sol proposal and I will share this presentation once posted. In July, the Resource Committee will do a behind the meter presentation for battery storage. *(UAMPS Presentation on the CFPP Project is attached to this report).*
4. Attended DP Road design kickoff meetings to extend the utilities and road down to A-12 site. This project is being funded through economic development funds. Also, I have been attending the North Mesa Housing Committee meetings. There will need to be some off-site utility upgrades to service this project once it is scoped.
5. Last night, the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters approved the five-year contract and this contract will be presented at next Month's BPU meeting and forward to Council for approval for June 29th county Council meeting. The new agreement is planned to go in effect on July 11th. Thank you to our negotiating team for getting this agreement finalized.
6. Attended several settlement conferences, helped with drafting language, and received approval from County Council to file a Joint Motion for Joiner to Stipulation regarding the PNM/Avangrid merger case before the PRC, Case Number 20-00222-UT.
7. The AMI project is in the tenth week of the installation. As of last week, the AMI contractor completed 3,468 gas endpoints, 6,750- water endpoints and 1,149 Electric endpoints. The Munis patch for the electric meter change outs has tested out as of this morning and this will allow for work on the electric meter change out to continue.

8. The LANL Technical Working Group met to discuss the geologic conditions and groundwater hydrology that surround the chromium plume. The volcanic layers have different permeabilities and these conditions are considered in the remediation plans. *(The May 5th Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, and speaker bios are attached to this report).*
9. Provided information to New Mexico Attorney General's Office regarding the gas and electric cost increases DPU incurred last February. The AG's office is investigating these cost increases.
10. Held an Energy Coordination Agreement team meeting and discussed the status of various projects. The third power line meeting on May 6, 2021 only received one oral public comment from an environmental organization and written comments are still being collected until May 21st.
11. Interviewed three candidates for BPU for Mr. Wright's term expiring on June 30th. County Council will interview the three candidates in person on June 8th.
12. The DPU supervision team continue to hold weekly meetings regarding our response to COVID-19 issues. The County has relaxed the mask wearing for vaccinated people. County Council is returning to in person meetings on June 8th.