

**Utility Manager's Report\
October 20, 2021**

1. The County continues to have an indoor mask mandate and has implemented a weekly testing regime for unvaccinated employees to help slow the spread of COVID-19. About 81% of County employees are vaccinated. LANL is requiring a visitor vaccination attestation form be completed before entering the lab. This past week, DPU has seen an impact to its operations with one employee in the hospital with an illness related to COVID-19 and some on quarantine. Many of these cases are due to their children being exposed at school.
2. Attended the UAMPS annual board member strategic planning meeting. Board discussions were regarding updates to pool projects and budget policies. Board training was on "Behavioral Characteristics of Fraudsters" and presentations and discussions were on Resource Adequacy Policy and Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO's) policy. The CFPP is half-way completed on its core borings and geotechnical investigations, and so far, the findings are good geotechnical characteristics for the project. UAMPS received additional subscription from a current member and as a result LAC's subscription increased by 0.35 MW to 2.15-MW based on the investment cap of \$1.26 Million.
3. For the PNM/Avangrid merger case (PRC Case Number 20-00222-UT) the final Brief in Chief was filed. Next month it is anticipated the hearing examiner will make a recommendation to PRC on the case. While there is no deadline for issuance of the Recommended Decision, once a decision is made, the parties will have 13 days after filing of the Recommended Decision to file Exceptions. The parties will have an additional 8 days to file responses to the Exceptions of other parties. Then the case will be considered by the Commission. The stipulation is requesting an option for full demolition of the SJGS be considered including using whole life cost analysis in its evaluation.
4. Westmoreland who supplies coal to the SJGS has had issues with their long wall due to encountering a significant void in the coal seam and this Monday they seemed to have made good progress in mining coal at nearly 10,000 tons of coal which is enough for one day of operation at SJGS. Next, Westmoreland is working to restore the reserve pile of coal for the plant to burn. There are approximately 19 days of coal on the ground available to continue the SJGS operation.
5. The ownership group with the San Juan Generating Station have prepared and presented in a half day meeting a draft term sheet to Farmington and Enchant. Farmington and Enchant have provided an initial response to this draft term sheet and they have a separate meeting schedule with PNM the first week of November to work out additional details regarding the proposed property transfer and transfer of water rights. Once all these details are finalized, the term sheet will be brought back to BPU and Council for consideration.

6. The AMI project installer is now delayed several months due to shipping issues. However, GWS Staff have received their materials and continue to replace commercial water meters and obsolete gas meters as time allows. Also, staff is making progress with customers that have obstructions to remove or correct according to DPU Rules and Regulations.
7. The LANL Technical Working Group continued its presentation and review on the remedial measures performed at MDA-L to remove volatile organic compounds such as TCA and TCE that were stored in drums and buried in drilled out tuft columns. The remedy is to continue monitoring the vapor plume and N3B will reactive the Soil Vapor Extraction System should these vapors increase in concentration due to a drum leaking. N3B reported the vapor concentrations are low enough it should not adversely impact water quality below this vapor plume.
8. The White Rock Water Resource Recovery Plant received two bids, however the bid review committee consisting of four DPU staff and two members from the consultant team cannot make a recommendation to award either bid due to available budget authority. Staff will be making a presentation later in this meeting.
9. Based on the BPU's Strategic Planning session, staff has updated its action plans to match the updated goals and objectives. Next, Staff has initiated the asset management team discussions in preparation of next year's budget.
10. Held two meetings with Bandelier and LANL regarding planned utility upgrades throughout the park.
11. Held a meeting regarding the Natural Gas Utility with the Los Alamos Resiliency, Energy, and Sustainability (LARES) Task Force Sub-committee. Next Month's BPU meeting will have a presentation by LARES
12. Participated in a full day of interviews in filling the new Inter-Governmental Affairs Manager position with the County.