City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Water and Light Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:00 AM	Regular	701 E Broadway Columbia, MO Conference Room 1A/1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Staff: Erin Keys, Utilities Director; Sarah Talbert, Assistant Director Utilities-Rates and Fiscal Planning; Gwen Corches, Assistant Director Utilities-Electric; Allison Anderson, Assistant Director Utilities-Water; Maggie Jones, Engineering Supervisor-Water; Ron Wyble, Power Supply Manager; David Storvick, Engineering Manager-Electric; Todd McVicker, Utility Services Manager; Jason West, Communication and Outreach Supervisor; Matt Nestor, Public Information Specialist; Aubrey Turner, Public Information Specialist; Paige Adams, Public Information Specialist; Earl Kraus, Assistant City Counselor; Christina Weaver, Administrative Technician II

Betsy Peters, City Council

Present: 4 - David Switzer, Philip Fracica, Jennifer Coleman and Ryan Westwood

Absent: 1 - Thomas Jensen

II. INTRODUCTIONS

A round robin was done for introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. David Switzer made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted with a second by Mr. Phillip Fracica. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 12, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Ryan Westwood and a second by Mr. Phillip Fracica. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: Meeting Minutes Draft_11 12 25.pdf

V. MISO LOAD FORECAST

a) MISO Load Forecast

Brandon Williams with The Energy Authority presented the MISO Load Forecast

virtually. The monthly forecast is a linear regression model. The inputs are: CMWL monthly total energy and peak demand history for January 2005 through July 2025, monthly historical weather data for January 1995 through July 2025, and Woods & Poole economic data for Boone County (which allowed the model to choose between 6 different economic indicators and find which one fit best to load history). The outputs are the monthly system totals and peak load for CMWL, and separate models are utilized for each season. The 6 economic growth variables that were tested for Boone County using data from Woods & Poole are: total population, total employment, total personal income, gross regional product, number of households, and total retail sales. Additional considerations are energy efficiency, electric vehicles, and behind-the-meter (BTM) generation. Projected growth in BTM generation is expected to more than offset electric vehicle charging impacts through 2039. Electric vehicle charging has a lower impact on peak demand relative to total energy, due to lower charging during afternoon hours (summer peak periods). As part of MISO's resource adequacy process, CMWL is required to forecast seasonal peak demand coincident with MISO Zone 5 and the MISO System. To derive coincident peak, non-coincident peak is multiplied by a coincidence factor, which is the ratio of coincident peak to non-coincident peak. As maximum temperature deviates from MISO system peak-producing temperatures, CMWL's coincidence factor declines. There is an increase in fall coincident peak demand, with similar coincident peak in all other seasons.

Mr. David Switzer asked what the next steps are, and Mrs. Sarah Talbert informed him that TEA has already submitted the load forecast to MISO.

Mr. Ryan Westwood asked for any insight about how the EV data has changed, and Mr. Brandon Williams explained that an adjustment had to be made to account for the loss of the EV tax credit that expired this year. The EV forecast is a little lower every year, and there's not a steep growth projected in the late 2030's like in the prior projection.

Attachments: CMWL 2025 Long-Term Load Forecast.pdf

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS (as available)

a) Monthly Financial Reports

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the monthly financial reports through September. The quarterly financial statements are preliminary and unaudited. The cash and cash equivalents of water and electric are up from the same time in June 2025; overall, the cash is up about $22 million. The monthly billed water and electric usage is up from June of 2025 but lower than September of 2024. Operating revenues for both water and electric are higher than the same time last year. Operating expenses for both water and electric are higher than the same time last year. September represents 100% of the budget year. Water operating revenues are currently at 100.2% of the budget; same time last year was 105.8% of the budget. Electric operating revenues are currently at 105.1% of the budget; same time last year was at 106.3% of the budget. Water operating expenditures are currently at 85.7% of the budget; same

time last year was at 83.5% of the budget. Electric operating expenditures are currently at 90.9% of the budget; same time last year was at 96.2% of the budget. On the water statement, residential sales are up about $700 thousand from this time last year and commercial sales are up about $300 thousand from this time last year. Water operating expenses are up about $900 thousand from this time last year, which is primarily due to water main repairs and replacing water meters. On the electric statement, residential sales are up about $3.3 million from this time last year and commercial sales are up about $3 million from this time last year. Electric operating expenses for production are down $1.2 million from this time last year because repairs and modification to Unit 4 at CEC were done in 2024. Electric expenses for power purchase are up about $13 million from this time last year.

Attachments: FY 2025 Summary Change in Billed usage for Water and Electric.pdf

FY 2026 Summary Change in Billed usage for Water and Electric.pdf

September 2025 - Preliminary Financials.pdf

September 2025 Statement Memo.pdf

September Financial Statements comments.pdf

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Review Water Irrigation Ordinance

Mrs. Maggie Jones informed the board that they took the irrigation ordinance draft to Building and Site Development and Neighborhood Services since they will be the enforcers of it. A meeting will be held with the inspectors at Neighborhood Services in January. Mrs. Erin Keys stated that Parks and Recreation didn't have any concerns about being able to follow the ordinance.

b) Annual Water Tier Report

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the annual water tier report. The residential sales in CCFs went down about 18 thousand and the overall revenues went up $300 thousand compared to FY24. The master meter sales in CCFs went down about 2 thousand and overall revenues went up $5 thousand compared to FY24. The small commercial sales in CCFs went down about 4 thousand and overall revenues went up about $92 thousand compared to FY24. The large commercial sales in CCFs went up about 9 thousand and revenues went up about $48 thousand compared to FY24. In total, sales in CCFs went down about 15 thousand and overall revenues went up about $458 thousand compared to FY24.

Attachments: FY25 Water Data for W&L Board.pdf

Summer Cooling Degree Days.pdf

Summer Days with Zero Rainfall by Year.pdf

Summer Precipitation by Year.pdf

c) Final FY 2026 O&M

Mrs. Sarah Talbert provided the final FY 2026 water and electric O&M budgets.

Attachments: Final FY 2026 Electric O&M budget.pdf
Final FY 2026 Water O&M Budget.pdf

d) Final FY 2026 CIP Budget

Mrs. Sarah Talbert gave a brief overview of the FY 2026 water and electric CIP budgets.

There was an email from Jim Windsor regarding the CIP, and Mrs. Sarah Talbert informed the board that there are internal processes outlined in the CIP manual that are followed before the CIP is brought forward to the board.

Attachments: Final FY 2026 Electric CIP.pdf
Final FY 2026 Water CIP.pdf

e) Monthly Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Report

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the monthly power cost adjustment report for October 2025. Purchased power is up about $10 million. Energy sold is 24 million kWh less than what was forecasted. The PCA is capped for October, November, and December.

Attachments: PCA Board Report - October 2025 Preliminary True-Up.pdf

f) Quarterly Disconnection Update

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the quarterly disconnection update. In October about 4% of the active utility accounts were delinquent and actual disconnections were 0.9% of the active utility accounts. There was over $1 million in total pledges between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025. There were less than 4 thousand total disconnections between October 2024 and September 2025.

Attachments: Pending disconnects for WLAB.pdf

g) 3rd Quarter Renewable Energy Report

Mrs. Sarah Talbert provided the 3rd quarter renewable energy report. The City was at 21.09% through September, which is below the 25% threshold. The City curtailed 31% more in the third quarter than last year for Contract 1 and 34% for contract 2 for Crystal Lake. The City told them to stop generating because the price got below the negative production tax credit price due to congestion. The Jefferson City Landfill (Ameresco) reduced due to high temperatures and low moisture for most of the last 3 months; additionally, they have only been running 1 or 2 units most of the time an were offline completely for a stretch in September.

Attachments: 3rd Quarter Renewable Report.pdf

h) 4th Quarter CIP Progress Report

Mrs. Sarah Talbert gave a brief overview of the 4th quarter water and electric CIP progress reports. The water CIP hasn't changed much; they are still working on the plant and the West Ash project is getting started. The electric CIP hasn't changed since the last time the board reviewed it.

Attachments: 4th Quarter Electric CIP Report.pdf
4th Quarter Water CIP Report.pdf

i) Council Item Update

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the council item updates. There were no Water and Electric items on the November 3 and November 17 meetings. At the council meeting on December 1, Council Bill 321-25 was introduced. The transmission project council work session will be on February 9.

Attachments: Council Item Updates - November 2025.pdf

j) APPA Training

Mrs. Sarah Talbert informed the board there will be a virtual training on December 16 in Conference Room 1A/1B in City Hall. She also presented other training opportunities to the board but the board would prefer to wait for future opportunities.

Attachments: Potential Future APPA Training.pdf

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Public Input Meeting Follow-Up

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman addressed the public request for a mailing list for updates on the board's schedule. The City will need logistics from the IT Department to set up an online sign-up form.

b) Advisory Board Report to Council

Mrs. Sarah Talbert provided the drafted advisory board report for City Council. The board reviewed and discussed the document. Some changes were made.

Attachments: WLAB_FY2025_Annual_Report.pdf

c) WLAB 2025/2026 Goals

Mrs. Sarah Talbert provided the board's 2025/2026 drafted goals. The board reviewed the document and made changes. Point 3a's language has been changed to: 'Continue review of the power cost adjustment policy to determine if amendments are required.' Point 3c has been added as follows: 'Review affordability metrics for electric utility.' Point 2d has been added as follows: 'Create a process for public engagement when the board is voting on a given agenda topic.' Point 2e has been added as follows: 'Review and determine a process for addressing email public comments.' Point 1b has been added as follows: 'Continue support for energy efficiency programs.' Point 5b has been added as follows: 'Participate in transmission line planning process.'

The WLAB FY2026 Goals were approved with the changes made with a motion by Mr. David Switzer and a second by Mr. Phillip Fracica. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: WLAB Goals.pdf

d) Rolling Calendar

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the rolling calendar and some changes were made.

Attachments: WL Rolling Agenda December.pdf

IX. PUBLIC EMAIL COMMENTS

Jim Windsor's emails were addressed when the board discussed the CIP report. Mrs. Sarah Talbert noted that the Warehouse project mentioned in Jim Windsor's email is no longer on the CIP.

Attachments: WLABPublic_ Prepare For FY27 CIP - Windsor Example.pdf

WLABPublic_ Prepare For FY27 CIP - Windsor.pdf

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mrs. Erin Keys announced that Mrs. Maggie Jones completed Columbia Leadership Academy training and presented her with a certificate of completion. Mrs. Erin Keys announced Mrs. Sarah Talbert is retiring in January 2, 2026 and thanked her for 27 years and 1 month of service.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 14, 2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. on a motion by Mr. David Switzer and a second by Mr. Ryan Westwood. Motion passed unanimously.

To submit questions or comments to the Water & Light Advisory Board, please email wlabpublic@como.gov.

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