



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Water and Light Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
8:00 AM

Regular

Conference Room
1A/1B
701 E Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff: Erin Keys, Utilities Director; Dawn Jennings, Assistant Director Utilities-Rates and Fiscal Planning; Gwen Corches, Assistant Director Utilities-Electric; Allison Anderson, Assistant Director Utilities-Water; David Storvick, Engineering Manager-Electric; Eric Worts, Engineering Supervisor-Electric; Todd McVicker, Utility Services Manager; Jason West, Communication and Outreach Supervisor; Matt Nestor, Public Information Specialist; Aubrey Turner, Public Information Specialist; Earl Kraus, Assistant City Counselor; Leslie Nguyen, Fellow from Federal Department of Energy; Christina Weaver, Administrative Technician II

Betsy Peters, City Council; Emma Johnson, The Missourian; Mike Murphy, CoMo Buzz; Jim Windsor, Public

Present: 5 - Thomas Jensen, David Switzer, Philip Fracica, Jennifer Coleman and Ryan Westwood

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. Thomas Jensen. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 16, 2025 Basic Cost of Service minutes and January 14, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. David Switzer and a second by Mr. Ryan Westwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Draft 12 16 25 Basic COS](#)
[Meeting Minutes Draft 01 14 26](#)

V. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS as available

a) Monthly Financial Reports/Changes in Billed Usage Report

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the monthly and annual water and electric billed usage

starting in FY 17. The monthly billed water usage from December 2025 is 361,433 CCFs, which is down from the previous month but higher than the same time last year. The monthly billed electric usage from December 2025 is 86,639,561 kWh, which is down from the previous month but higher than the same time last year.

Attachments: [FY 2026 Summary Change in Billed usage for Water and Electric](#)

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a) CIP Progress Report

The Electric 1st Quarter CIP Report was presented by David Storvick. The Bolstad T1 and T2 Switchgear project's foundation is under construction and is waiting materials for buswork and breaker construction. The Boone-Stephens Solar Interconnection project has been cancelled. The Perche Creek 161 Kv Bus Reconfiguration project's design is complete and waiting on appropriate outages window and available work force to be completed. The Perche Substation Transformer and Switchgear project is in active construction as weather and available work force allows.

The Water 1st Quarter CIP Report was presented by Allison Anderson. The Country Club Drive S/E Walnut Phase 2 is expected to send out for bids summer 2026. Tower and Reservoir Maintenance is estimated to start mid-August 2026. Water Treatment Plant Upgrade is under construction (~65% complete) and completion is anticipated for August 2026. West Ash Upgrades are anticipated to be completed summer 2026.

Attachments: [Electric 1st Quarter CIP Report](#)
[Water 1st Quarter CIP Report](#)

b) Quarterly Utility Disconnection Update

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the Quarterly Utility Disconnection Update. As of February 3, 2026, there were 489 delinquent commercial accounts and 4,395 delinquent residential accounts. As of February 3, there were 77 commercial accounts pending disconnection and 1,759 residential accounts pending disconnection. There have not been any disconnections in December 2025 or January 2026 due to cold weather. The total amount of pledges provided to utility accounts by various agencies in 2025 is \$962,195. In January 2026, there was \$56,100 pledged to 65 customers by the City Utility Program. The Water and Light Advisory Board discussed the community's ability to pay their utility bills and inquired about help that can be granted. Mr. Gwen Corches received confirmation from a Utility Customer Services Supervisor about how they set up payment plans for customers. Payment extensions can be given to customers with one past due bill, and that bill's due date can be extended until their next bill's due date to give them extra time to make the payment. Payment plans can be set up with customers to break up a large balance into multiple smaller payments, and half of the balance has to be paid up front then the remaining half can be broken up into multiple monthly payments. The supervisors can approve for the customer to pay a quarter of the balance up front instead of half in special

circumstances.

Attachments: [Quarterly Utility Disconnection Update](#)

c) Transmission Discussion

Mrs. Erin Keys informed the board that City Council has requested the board's opinion on the transmission line before making a decision.

The public was given 3 minutes to make comments before the board's second vote. Mr. Jim Windsor made a brief statement and stated that it's a no brainer to go for the cost-effective option, being the Vawter School Road Route.

Mr. David Switzer made a motion to vote in favor of moving forward with the transmission line project with a second by Mr. Ryan Westwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman made a final motion to vote in favor of the Vawter School Road Route with a second by Mr. David Switzer. Motion passed unanimously.

d) IRP Discussion Update

Mrs. Erin Keys informed the board that a work session is scheduled for May 4 from 5 - 7 pm. The IRP draft will be reviewed at the April 8 advisory board meeting if it's ready at that time, but if it's not ready then an additional meeting will be scheduled in April to give the board a chance to review it before the work session.

e) Monthly Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Report

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the PCA Report through December 2025. Staff is forecasting a total increase of \$2.5 million over the forecasted FY25 level due to the timing of when the payments for Iatan and Prairie State were paid as well as increased purchased power costs due to the increased energy prices. Purchased power was forecasted at \$78 million and the actual for December 2025 was \$80 million. Transmission expenses had a \$200 thousand difference from what was forecasted. Natural gas had a \$171 thousand difference from what was forecasted. Staff determined the FY 2026 forecasted energy sold (kWh) based on the MISO load forecast information that The Energy Authority (TEA) prepared. The energy sold forecast takes into account the base minus the energy efficiency programs, and behind the meter (BTM) generation. Currently with the final true-up amount from FY 2025 it is anticipated that we will have to recover \$22,002,699 over the course of the fiscal year. The energy sold was forecasted 16.5 million less than the actual for December 2025. The calculated PCA for December 2025 is \$0.013605, which will result in a charge of \$10.88 for the average residential customer. The board discussed their interest in increasing the cap, which will have to be taken to City Council. The discussion will be continued at the next board meeting.

Attachments: [PCA Board Report - December 2025](#)

f) 2018 Water Ballot Project Quarterly Update

Mrs. Allison Anderson presented the 2018 Water Bond Quarterly Status Report. Items at the Water Treatment Plant that have been completed include: Train 3 is in

operation, Train 4 is in operation, working on Train 1, ductwork has been installed at the chemical building, the electrical panel was installed in the operations building, and the lime feed system was installed and is in operation. Items currently in progress at the Water Treatment Plant include: Train 1 improvements, chlorine gas feed equipment and electrical work at the chemical building, the installation of aerators, and working on filters 3 and 4. Items currently in progress at the West Ash Pump Station include: installing new transformer and generator, installing new electrical room FVDs and mechanical equipment, and completing heat piping abatement, ceiling abatement, and lighting demotion. The Southeast Pump project is on hold until funding can be allocated. Staff is evaluation tower locations for the Southwest Water Tower. Funding for the Well Platforms project was appropriated to the Water Treatment Plant upgrades, and future well platform upgrades will be completed as operational projects.

Attachments: [2018 Water Bond Quarterly Status Report](#)

g) Council Item Update

Mrs. Erin Keys presented the Council Item Updates for January and February 2026. At the council meeting on January 5, Council Bill 9-26 was introduced and Report 2-26 was presented. At the council meeting on January 20, Council Bill 9-26 was approved. The public meeting on the Integrated Resource Plan was on January 28. The Council Work Session regarding the transmission line was on February 9.

Attachments: [Council Item Updates - February 2026](#)

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

a) Public Comment Response Process

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman informed the board that there are no public comments to review or respond to at this time but wanted to leave the opportunity for additional discussion on the response process. The board decided at the last meeting that emails will be handled on a case by case basis, and how they respond to the emails will be determined by the nature of the email and if the individual is present at the board meeting or not.

b) Rolling Calendar

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman presented the rolling calendar and additions were made for the March and April meeting agenda items. Discussions on disconnection information and the PCA cap increase have been added to March's agenda, and the IRP draft will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Attachments: [WL Rolling Agenda February](#)

X. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 11, 2026

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m. on a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Coleman 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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