

**City of Columbia - Water and Light Advisory Board**  
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- 1) Continue to provide guidance for expanding the utility's renewable energy portfolio to achieve the community's renewable energy ordinance goals, specifically:
  - a. Support issuance of a renewable RFP in FY23 to address the loss of the Boone-Stephens Solar PPA.
  - b. Advise utility staff on a potential change of the renewable energy ordinance to accelerate the percentage of renewables beyond the current goals.
  - c. Research possible public entity renewable energy and efficiency funding opportunities from the recently approved federal Inflation Reduction Act
  - d. Support an updated value of community solar study to help promote consumer's adoption of local renewable energy.
  - e. Support a battery storage evaluation study and possible pilot project to prepare the utility and community for the upcoming application of electric storage systems.
  
- 2) Seek solutions to further improve the utility's successful demand side management (DSM) and efficiency programs for the community, specifically:
  - a. Participate in community DSM/Efficiency program training being held to seek knowledge and ideas to expand City programs.
  - b. Encourage updates to current programs to further avoid growth in energy and demand, while improving utility affordability for community users.
  - c. Encourage implementation of an EV charging program or rate structure to encourage charging at off peak periods.
  
- 3) Support utility staff in developing a proactive rate planning strategy to ensure the financial health of the respective utilities while balancing community affordability and equity, specifically:
  - a. Continue to support proposed rate increases and bond sales necessary for the water utility financial stability and funding of necessary capital projects.
  - b. Assist in completing the electric Cost of Services study (by Horizon) and advise the utility staff on developing associated future electric rate changes to support increased operational costs and upcoming capital needs.
  - c. Research and recommend utility affordability metric standards the utility staff can use to demonstrate future rate adjustments support community affordability expectations.
  - d. Research and recommend utility equity measures for assessing intraclass equity.
  - e. Advise the utility staff on utility payment timing to reduce late pays and utility shut offs.
  - f. Assist staff in educating the Council on the benefits of a proactive rate strategy which can avoid larger reactionary increases.
  - g. Assist staff with producing an RFP for a water utility cost of service study and assist with execution of cost-of-service study.



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- c. Support development of a plan to upgrade Hinkson Creek Substation to avoid flooding impact and allow MU to upgrade its requested transmission access.

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