



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Water and Light Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
8:00 AM

Regular

Council Chambers
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Staff: Erin Keys, Utilities Director; Dawn Jennings, Assistant Director Utilities-Rates and Fiscal Planning; Allison Anderson, Assistant Director Utilities-Water; Todd McVicker, Utility Services Manager; Matt Nestor, Public Information Specialist; Aubrey Turner, Public Information Specialist; Paige Adams, Public Information Specialist; Kaleb Burns, Utility Services Specialist; Earl Kraus, Assistant City Counselor; Christina Weaver, Administrative Technician II

Betsy Peters, City Council

Present: 3 - Thomas Jensen, Philip Fracica and Jennifer Coleman

Absent: 2 - David Switzer and Ryan Westwood

II. INTRODUCTIONS

A round robin was done for introductions.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 11, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Thomas Jensen and a second by Mr. Phillip Fracica. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Draft 02 11 26](#)

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS as available

a) Financial Reports for Electric - December 2025

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the Electric Financial Reports for December 2025. The sales for resale was significantly higher in December 2025 due to a TEA payment that was much larger than the previous two Decembers. The overall operating income was \$2.2 million in December 2025. The year-to-date actuals are very comparable for December 2025, 2024, and 2023; the exception is the net income, which is a bit

higher in December 2025 compared to the previous two years due to some projects that required earlier payment.

Attachments: [Financial Reports - Electric - December 2025](#)

b) Financial Reports for Water - December 2025

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the Water Financial Reports for December 2025. The month-to-date numbers are very similar for December 2025, 2024, and 2023. The total operating revenue is slightly higher in December 2025 compared to previous years due to the rate increase that went into effect. The total operating expenses are also pretty similar but December 2023 is slightly higher as there was an expense that was outside of the norm. The year-to-date net revenue is significantly higher in December 2025 compared to previous years due to the rate increase.

Attachments: [Financial Reports - Water - December 2025](#)

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a) Monthly Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Report

Mrs. Dawn Jennings presented the Monthly Power Cost Adjustment Report for January 2026. The costs provided are for December 2025, to be included as the PCA amount for the January 2026 billing. The actual expenses for purchased power in December 2025 was \$1.95 million more than what was originally forecasted. The transmission expenses were \$197 thousand less than what was forecasted. The natural gas was \$199 thousand more than what was forecasted. The net effect is a difference of approximately \$2.1 million in expenses over forecast. Energy sales were up approximately 18.8 million kWh. Base Rate Power Cost Recovery over by approximately \$1 million dollars. And the overall Power Cost Less Recovery was short by approximately \$2.3. This goes back to the cap on PCA recovery contributing to the shortfall. Chairwoman Coleman requested calculations from staff to assist the Board in determining whether an increase to the PCA cap should be recommended to City Council.

Attachments: [PCA Board Report - January 2026](#)

b) Council Item Update

Mrs. Erin Keys presented the Council Item Updates. There was a council work session February 9 regarding the transmission line. At the council meeting on February 16, Council Bill 29-26 was approved and Council directed staff to move forward with the public improvement process for the transmission line project. At the council meeting on March 2, Council Bill 54-26 and Council Bill 61-26 were introduced.

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

c) Airport Territorial Agreement Amendment w/ CWD#1

Mrs. Allison Andersen presented the Airport Territorial Agreement Amendment with Consolidated Water District #1. In 1995 the original agreement between the City of Columbia and Consolidated Water District #1 was signed and it allowed the City to

install a 16-inch water main at the airport that connected to the water district's main. The 16-inch main is owned and maintained by the City but the water service is provided by Consolidated Water District #1. In 1998 there was an overall territorial agreement with the water district for the service areas between the two entities, and the airport was decided to be in the City's service area. Since the water district still provides the water, the City reads the meters then sends the data to the district then the district sends the City a bill and the City then bills the customers. Over this past winter the City did some work on the main and installed valves that will allow the water district to isolate the 16-inch main. With this new agreement the City is going to turn over the 16-inch main, the easements, and the control of the distribution up to the valves to the water district so the water district can own both the main and the water. The water district will have full responsibility of the water service so they will bill all of the customers directly. The water district is taking the Transfer of Service Agreement and the Airport Territorial Agreement Amendment to their board for approval then the City will bring the agreements to City Council for approval. Once the agreements have been signed by both parties, the City will move forward with transferring all of the customers. Mrs. Jennifer Coleman asked how much the water district will be paying the City for the main, and Mrs. Allison Andersen informed her this transfer is at no cost to the water district because these agreements will provide an ease of operation between the two entities. Mr. Earl Kraus explained that the pipe was paid for in 1995 but the City has had to pay to maintain it and bill the water district since then. The agreements mean that the City will no longer have the responsibility of maintaining the water line, reading the meters, or have to deal with the billing so the costs associated will no longer be on the City.

Attachments: [Amended and Restated Agreement re Airport \(26.2.6\)](#)
[Exhibit Diagrams](#)

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

a) Public Comment Response Process

Mrs. Jennifer Coleman stated there were no comments to make for the public comment response process at this time.

b) Rolling Calendar

Mrs. Erin Keys informed the board that there will be construction on the first floor of City Hall in July so none of the conference rooms or the council chambers will be available. Mrs. Jennifer Coleman proposed cancelling the July 8 meeting instead of trying to find another location to host the meeting. Additionally, Mrs. Erin Keys informed the board that November 11 is a city holiday so the board meeting will need to be rescheduled for November 10 or 12. They are going to check the schedules to decide which date to reschedule the meeting. An additional discussion on the PCA cap has been added to the April agenda and Mrs. Jennifer Coleman is going to draft a memo for Council to request an adjustment on the PCA cap.

Attachments: [WL Rolling Agenda March](#)

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 8, 2026

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m. on a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Coleman and a second by Mr. Phillip Fracica. Motion passed unanimously.

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

All media inquiries should be submitted to Matt Nestor at Matthew.Nestor@como.gov or Aubrey Turner at Aubrey.Turner@como.gov

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