



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Water and Light Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 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 8:00 a.m.

Staff: Erin Keys, Utilities Director; Sarah Talbert, Assistant Director Utilities-Rates and Fiscal Planning; Maggie Jones, Engineering Supervisor-Water; Ron Wyble, Power Supply Manager; David Storvick, Electric Engineering Manager; Eric Worts, Engineering Supervisor-Electric; Todd McVicker, Utilities 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

David Huhman, Climate and Environment Commission

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 13, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with changes to Erin Keys' title, the spelling of Earl Kraus' name, and the spelling of Matt Everts' name with a motion by Mr. David Switzer and a second by Mr. Ryan Westwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes Draft 08 13 25](#)

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS as available

Monthly Financial Reports

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the Monthly Financial Reports through July 2025.

Overall electric revenues are up due to the overall billed usage being higher about 1.4% compared to FY 2024. Revenues are also higher due to the PCA rate being capped out at \$0.013335 since February 2025. Salaries and wages are higher due to wage increases that the City Manager proposed with the FY 2025 budget and compression pay adjustments that were implemented in June 2024. Increased capacity costs for Prairie State compared to FY 2024 is about \$2 million. MPUA billed the City for costs that they have for growing balances of inventory items and prepaid assets at Prairie State, so they can attain targeted cash balances they are passing along some of those costs. Increased costs for the load (MISO) compared to FY 2024 is about \$15.8 million. TEA monthly update shows that the average peak Day Ahead prices have increased except in April where it went down 2%. Services and miscellaneous are lower due to repair and modification of Unit 4 at CEC in FY 2024. July 2025 represents 83.33% of the budget year. Electric operating revenues are currently 83.99% of the budget; same time last year was at 83.63% of the budget. Electric operating expenses are currently at 81.20% of the budget; same time last year was at 73.77% of the budget. Overall water revenues through July 2025 are up due to the overall billed usage being higher about 0.8% compared to FY 2024. Salaries and wages are higher due to wage increases that the City Manager proposed with the FY 2025 budget and compression pay adjustments that were implemented in June 2024. Materials and supplies are higher due to the purchase of water meters. Services and miscellaneous are lower due to the contractual services for street cut repairs and lime hauling in FY 2024. July 2025 represents 83.33% of the budget year. Water operating revenues are currently at 75.33% of the budget; same time last year was at 80.29% of the budget. Water operating expenses are currently at 67.14% of the budget; same time last year was at 66.70% of the budget.

Attachments: [Electric Statements-July 2025](#)
[Water Statements-July 2025](#)
[FY 2025 Summary Change in Billed usage for Water and Electric](#)

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Mrs. Erin Keys discussed updating the Integrated Resource Plan. She provided Task Order 5 that was created by The Energy Authority (TEA). The board discussed the IRP and using TEA to move forward with it. Mr. Phillip Fracica inquired about storage and recommended the board ask TEA to look at storage as part of the task order.

Mr. David Switzer made a motion to endorse the Task Force Order 5 with the added recommendation for TEA to look at storage as part of the task order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan Westwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [Task Order 5 - IRP Scope of Services](#)

b) Monthly Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Report

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the Monthly Power Cost Adjustment Report through July 2025. Purchased power was forecasted at \$72.9 million but July 2025 is at \$83.7 million. Transmission expenses were forecasted at \$8.6 million but July 2025 is at \$9.5 million. Natural gas was forecasted at \$2.9 million but July 2025 is at \$3.5 million. Energy sold (kWh) is 4.4 million off from the forecast. Year to date billings are about \$10 million that was brought in off the PCA. The PCA has been capped since February and will be for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

c) Council Item Update

Mrs. Sarah Talbert discussed the council item updates. At the council meeting on August 4, there was a public hearing regarding the Water & Light 2025 Renewable Energy Plan. Council Bill 170-25 was tabled for a vote on August 18. Resolution 107-25 set public hearings for the annual budget. Council Bills 184-25, 183-25, and 203-25 were introduced. At the council meeting on August 18, Council Bills 170-25 and 203-25 were approved. Council Bill 184-25 was tabled for a vote on September 2. There was Public Hearing 26-25. Council Bill 183-25 was tabled for a vote September 15. Council Bill 221-25 was introduced. At the meeting on September 2, Council Bills 184-25 and 221-25 were approved. There was Public Hearing 26-25 for the FY 2025 budget. Council Bill 183-25 was tabled for a vote on September 15. Resolution 128-25 was issued. Council Bills 232-25 and 238-25 were introduced.

Attachments: [Council Item Updates - August 2025](#)

d) Upcoming Conferences

Mrs. Sarah Talbert reminded the board of upcoming conferences.

- a. The MPUA Conference is October 1-3 at the Lake of the Ozarks.
- b. The MISO User Group Meeting is October 22-24 in Sioux Falls, SD.

e) Fall/Spring Training

Mrs. Sarah Talbert informed the board that she contacted APPA and received available dates for the fall training the board was interested in. The Basic Cost of Service & Key Financial Targets trainer is only available in October for in-person training at times the conference room is booked or staff will not be available; however, the trainer is able to do virtual trainings after October. Mrs. Sarah Talbert is going to contact them to see what dates are available for virtual training. She verified available dates and pricing for How Data Center Demand and Artificial Intelligence Affects Power Grids for the spring training, but due to the high cost the board decided to consider a different training for the spring.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

a) Public Input Meeting

Mrs. Sarah Talbert announced that the public input meeting will be October 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers in City Hall. The board members discussed and

planned the agenda for the meeting.

b) WLAB 2025/2026 Goals

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the board's 2024/2025 goals so the board reviewed it and discussed what goals they want to add to it in 2026. The completed goals will be removed and replaced with new goals, including adding the IRP, continued support of rate adjustments, implementing a new irrigation ordinance, and adjusting the PCA. Mrs. Jennifer Coleman is going to make drafts to be included in the next agenda.

Attachments: [WLAB 2024 Goals Status 912024](#)

c) Advisory Board Report to Council

The board discussed the Advisory Board Report for City Council, and they want to discuss it further and begin drafting it at the next board meeting.

Attachments: [Example - FY25 WLAB Annual Report](#)

d) Rolling Calendar

Mrs. Sarah Talbert presented the rolling calendar and some changes were made. Mrs. Jennifer Coleman suggested that the irrigation ordinance be introduced at the meeting on October 8 and then reviewed at the meeting in November.

Attachments: [WL Rolling Agenda September](#)

VIII. PUBLIC EMAIL COMMENTS

None.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 8, 2025

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 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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