

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING**

May 15, 2017

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: Deaton, Giuntini, Keimach, McCormick and Serventi.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Jennifer Ott, the city of Alameda's base reuse and transportation planning director, and AMP staff delivered a presentation to the Board on Alameda Point electric infrastructure improvements.

Referring to a cost breakdown on page 16 of the presentation, President McCormick asked how the costs compare to similar utilities, or other public or private utilities. She asked whether the costs are based on industry standards.

Staff confirmed that the breakdown was based on industry standards. The developer, in many cases, pays for the majority of the costs and bears the benefit of that redevelopment, she said. This breakdown has been in place for many years.

General Manager Procos said the costs will vary depending on the situation.

Commissioner Deaton thanked Jennifer Ott and AMP staff for the presentation. President McCormick also thanked Ms. Ott and AMP staff for the updates, adding that AMP is balancing the Alameda Point work with other projects.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Draft Minutes – Budget Workshop – April 2017

A2. Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 2017

B. Listing of Bills Paid – April 2017

C. Financial Report – March 2017

D. Treasurer's Report – April 2017

- E. By Resolution, Authorize the General Manager to Sole Source a Professional Services Agreement with 3Degrees Inc. for a Voluntary Retail Renewable Energy Program Based on Direct Program Costs and Related Overhead with No Cost Shifting to Non Participants – Requires Four-Fifths Vote
- F. Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Amend the Current Agreement PS 07-15-02 with Green Team Energy Services, now CLEAResult, by three years and \$426,000 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$565,008
- G. By Motion, Accept the 2016 Annual Power Source Disclosure Report to the California Energy Commission and Authorize the General Manager to Sign and Submit the Attestation Form Required for the PSDR
- H. By Motion, Approve Amendment No. 1 for the Sale of Three Additional Megawatts of Non-Flexible Excess Bay Area Local Resource Adequacy Capacity from July through December 2017 To the Exelon Generation Company LLC (aka Constellation Energy)
- I. By Resolution, Approve Funding for a New Utility Distribution Automation Analyst Position, Recommend City Council Establish a New Position: Utility Distribution Automation Analyst, and Amend the Salary Schedule of the Electric Utility Professionals of Alameda (EUPA)

With a motion from Commissioner Deaton and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar.

## 5. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Request Comments from the Public Utilities Board on Proposed Revisions to Alameda Municipal Power's Rules & Regulations

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick asked staff for more information on a second round of changes to AMP's Rules and Regulations that will be proposed in the fall.

Staff responded that the next round of proposed changes relate to disconnects and reconnects of electric service for customers who are moving in or out of a home, and for those who may receive a seal on their meter for failure to pay for service.

Commissioner Deaton asked clarifying questions about the proposed fees for meter testing.

Referring to a proposed billing change, Commissioner Serventi asked why AMP staff would need an additional two days to send out a bill after advanced metering infrastructure was implemented.

Staff responded that AMP's billing staff is receiving a much higher volume of data due to the implementation of smart meters. The proposed change would allow staff a little more time to review the data.

Commissioner Serventi asked whether the Rules and Regulations could be reversed back to a five-day deadline for sending out a bill instead of seven days if AMP staff gets to a point where they are completing the new billing processes more quickly. With smart meters, the process should go ultimately become quicker, he said.

AMP will always bill as soon as possible, staff said.

City Manager Keimach asked clarifying questions about variances.

Noting that staff intended to gather feedback from the Board on the item, President McCormick asked whether there were any specific topics that staff was seeking comment on. Staff said that if the Board members had additional comments, they could send them to staff.

The Board did not vote because the item was for informational purposes.

- B. By Motion, Adopt Rider ERG for FY 2018, to be Effective on July 1, 2017, Including the ERG Credit Rate Calculated for FY 2018 of \$0.06447 Per kWh for Excess Renewable Energy Received by AMP from Customers Enrolled in the ERG Program

Following a staff presentation, several members of the public commented on the item. Jeff Gould, a resident of Alameda, said that he had been a ratepayer since 1988. He held up a sign expressing his view that the ERG is anti-solar.

Gabrielle Dolphin, who represented Alameda Progressives, said there are many people who feel that AMP is not transparent or accessible. People have been told that AMP is about 80 percent green, she said, asking whether that number has changed. People feel there is a tremendous amount that still needs to be done with environmental and economic justice, she said.

Alameda resident Charles Adams said he is disappointed by the misinformation put forth at AMP meetings. Ratepayers' monthly bills are full of costs, including money for expensive power lines, power plants or dirty fuel, he said. Solar power eliminates or reduces many of those costs and their environmental consequences, which AMP is not accounting for, he said. AMP is trying to kill an industry that benefits the consumer, the community and environment, but does not benefit the utility, he said.

Nick deVries, a solar industry professional who spoke as an Alameda resident and AMP solar customer, said there are a number of problems with the ERG program, including the variable rates. AMP's revenues are declining, he said. With higher revenues, AMP could get back into the solar game, he said. But without revenues, the

utility is stuck. He advocated for AMP to pursue electric-vehicle charging as a method of gaining revenue.

Debi Ryan, a solar industry professional and Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) member, spoke to the PUB as an Alameda resident. She said she was excited that AMP is promoting energy efficiency and looking at a community solar project. She noted that she hoped AMP was already in discussions on the feasibility of putting solar on the roof of a new high school. If the Board approves ERG, AMP will move backwards on renewables, she said. AMP should take some of its funding from the sale of renewable energy credits (RECs) and use it for consulting on a different time-of-use rate structure that would incentivize new rates. We can incentivize electric vehicle charging, she said.

Fred Patterson, speaking on behalf of CASA, said the environmental organization still wants an expansion of rooftop solar. CASA thinks NEM will be better for the expansion of rooftop solar than the ERG plan, he said. He also said the PUB has taken strong steps to fight global warming through the use of REC funds to fight greenhouse gas emissions.

City Manager Jill Keimach asked staff for an update on community solar and Target's upcoming solar installation. Staff responded that AMP is meeting with AUSD and will work through legal issues with the city attorney's office. Target should be interconnecting its solar this week, staff said.

City Manager Keimach said there is a reduction in cost if people are buying into solar. She asked how that reduction of costs is reflected in AMP's rate structure.

Staff responded that we need multiple sources of renewable generation that are not limited to solar. Our portfolio reflects that, staff said. We've created a diversified, renewable portfolio that is effective in assisting Alameda's load.

Commissioner Deaton said it was important to understand the avoided energy cost and the reason it fluctuates so much. A high amount of California solar power is impacting the load over California generally, which impacts the market, she said. When that solar is impacting the market in the middle of the day, our customers don't need the energy. That's part of what is driving down the price structure in the middle of the day, she said.

High hydro this year is going to drive prices down even more as we have the high solar coming on board in a number of different areas, she said.

This price right now is \$0.06447 for this next year, she said. Two years from now, the price might be driven back up, and over time, it may level. Right now, we want to use actual figures, she said. We're trying to be very fair to all customers, she said. If it's an avoided cost, we're using true numbers.

President McCormick said AMP has long-term renewables contracts for greenhouse-gas-free power. There's some confusion that AMP is selling our green energy to other entities, she said. AMP is doing no such thing.

AMP is going to be greenhouse-gas-free by the end of 2025, President McCormick said, before the utility even has to look at more energy purchases.

AMP has programs in place to help people who want local solar, she said. We have customers in the queue signing up, even under the new ERG rate. With the ERG program, there is less of a cost shift to customers who don't have solar.

With a motion from Commissioner Deaton and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board approved the item.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report – April 2017

General Manager Procos told the Board that staff will be returning in September with more information on monetizing AMP's low carbon fuel standard credits to support electric vehicles in the community.

AMP staff will attend the May 23 meeting hosted by the city of Alameda and CASA.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Keimach said there was a climate action plan update referral that came to the City Council, which made it a high priority.

The city is also in the middle of a budget discussion, which includes a look at vehicle replacements, she said. Public Works wants to work with AMP on electric vehicle charging stations, she said.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President McCormick said she attended a federal policy conference in Washington, D.C. and lobbied for public power interests.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alameda resident Gabrielle Dolphin suggested that there should be a public workshop for the community to share opinions and perspectives on matters related to AMP.

Resident Jeff Gould said that electric vehicles are an important starting point to creating a vision for AMP. He said he would like to see more discussion around new ideas like hydrogen fuel cells.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.