MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT DECEMBER 13-14, 2023

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District was held at the Columbus General Office, Columbus, Nebraska, beginning at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

In compliance with state law, legal notice announcing the date, hours, location, and availability of the agenda for the meeting was published on the District's corporate website, nppd.com, and also in the following newspapers on or about December 7, 2023:

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLISHED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

- (1) Columbus Telegram, Columbus, Nebraska;
- (2) Kearney Hub, Kearney, Nebraska;
- (3) Lincoln Journal Star, Lincoln, Nebraska;
- (4) Norfolk Daily News, Norfolk, Nebraska;
- (5) North Platte Telegraph, North Platte, Nebraska;
- (6) Omaha World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska;
- (7) Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska;
- (8) York News-Times, York, Nebraska.

This notice was also e-mailed to each member of the Board of Directors.

Chair Chlopek called the regular meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, and directed the roll be called:

Jerry L. Chlopek, Sue D. Fuchtman, David D. Gale, Mary A.

Harding, Rusty M. Kemp, Chris R. Langemeier, Ronald J. Mogul, Jr., Derek S. Rusher, Edward J. Schrock, Aaron D.

Troester, Wayne E. Williams

Absent: None

Present:

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Chair Chlopek announced that there was a posting of the Open Meetings Act and copies of the Board agenda at the entrance of the conference room, for anyone wishing to examine those documents.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided an update on system and safety status.

2:20 P.M., DECEMBER 13, 2023

ROLL CALL.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND AGENDA

REPORT ON SYSTEM AND SAFETY STATUS President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent led a discussion regarding contacts to Board members and speaking requests from constituents and the public, and recommended protocols for including management in the conversations.

It was moved by Director Langemeier and seconded by
Director Harding that the Board go into Executive Session at 2:32 p.m. to
protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary

protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Gale, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
None

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried and restated the purpose of the Executive Session: to protect the public interest and discuss competitive and proprietary information, personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

Chair Chlopek announced the executive session was ended at 5:43 p.m., during which nothing was discussed beyond the items declared: competitive and proprietary information, personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and receive legal advice.

The meeting was recessed at 5:44 p.m., to reconvene on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the Columbus General Office.

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Chair Chlopek called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, and directed the roll to be called:

Present: Jerry L. Chlopek, Sue D. Fuchtman, Mary A. Harding,

Rusty M. Kemp, Chris L. Langemeier, Ronald J. Mogul, Jr., Derek S. Rusher, Edward J. Schrock, Aaron D. Troester,

Wayne E. Williams

Absent: David D. Gale

constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors.

PROTOCOL FOR BOARD OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND SPEAKING REQUESTS

MOTION (CARRIED): GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:32 P.M. TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST. **DISCUSS COMPETITIVE AND** PROPRIETARY INFORMATION, **PERSONNEL** MATTERS, PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 5:43 P.M.

MEETING RECESSED AT 5:44 P.M.

ROLL CALL, 10:00 A.M., DECEMBER 14, 2023 Chair Chlopek announced that there was a posting of the Open Meetings Act and copies of the Board agenda at the entrance of the conference room, for anyone wishing to examine those documents.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND AGENDA

Guests at the meeting included Jon Dockhorn, Burt County Public Power District; Ed Kaup, Leroy Mostek, and Greg Strehle, Cuming County Public Power District.

GUESTS WELCOMED TO MEETING

Asset Health Engineering Supervisor Mark R. Fletcher, Director of Operations Support Matthew J. Gilliland, CNS System Engineering Manager Shannon C. Schulz, Canaday/Water/Renewable Energy Manager Kirk A. Evert, and Director of Operational Technology and Security David L. Dubowsky provided the annual update of the general condition of NPPD's physical assets, in support of Strategic Directive BP-SD-03, Reliability/Resiliency.

REPORT ON BP-SD-03, RELIABILITY/ RESILIENCY, AND ANNUAL ASSET HEALTH UPDATE

General Manager of Retail Patrick M. Hanrahan provided a status update related to NPPD Retail's compliance with Strategic Directive BP-SD-04, Cost Competitiveness. NPPD's goal is to achieve and maintain a total retail base rate position among the lowest 15% of providers within the Energy Information Administration (EIA) nationwide. Mr. Hanrahan shared that for calendar year 2022, based on EIA data, NPPD ranked in the 3.1 percentile (compared to the 7.7 percentile for 2021), and the State of Nebraska ranked 5th in total rate position for 2022 compared to all other states based on the same data source.

REPOT ON BP-SD-04, RETAIL COST COMPETITIVENESS

Dr. Jerry Hudgins introduced Dr. Sherri Jones, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Dr. George Gogos, new Director for the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research (NCESR). Mr. Gogos made a short presentation outlining his background and education, the relationship and history between NPPD and UN-L in collaborating on the NCESR, and support of the Center's vision to 'be a global leader in the urgent transition to sustainable forms of energy for all'.

NCESR INTRODUCTIONS

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-67

WHEREAS, Dr. Jerry L. Hudgins of Lincoln, Nebraska, has well and faithfully served the public, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), and the electric utility industry in Nebraska during a period of time in 2011 and again since August 19, 2019, through August 13, 2023, when he served as Interim Director of the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research (the "Center"), concurrent with his responsibilities as Department Chair for Electrical and Computer Engineering at UNL; and

RESOLUTION NO. 23-67 (ADOPTED): RECOGNIZE DR. JERRY HUDGINS, NCESR INTERIM DIRECTOR WHEREAS, during his most recent four years of service as Interim Director of the Center, which was established as a partnership by the Nebraska Public Power District and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Hudgins has provided the leadership to further develop the vision, processes, and programs to make the Center successful; and

WHEREAS, during his time of service, Dr. Hudgins supported an external review of the Center, which has laid the groundwork for new growth opportunities. Working with UNL and NPPD leadership, he directed a subsequent visioning process for the development of an updated roadmap for the Center, which identified opportunities for additional strategic partners for the Center and expanded avenues for collaboration across the departments and colleges, centers and institutes of the University; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, Dr. Hudgins was able to expand communications of the work of the Center through publication of the Energy Center Chronicles newsletter while engaging with the Electric Power Research Institute and by hosting entrepreneurial workshops for faculty and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hudgins' management of the Center and the resultant success of its many research projects has garnered millions of additional research dollars being brought to Nebraska, along with new technologies and other solutions to the energy challenges of our time; and

WHEREAS, after numerous contributions to the Center and to the State of Nebraska, Jerry L. Hudgins completed his duties as Interim Director effective August 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, as individuals and as the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, do fondly express our deep and sincere appreciation and commendation to Dr. Jerry L. Hudgins for his faithful service to the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research, the Nebraska Public Power District, the State of Nebraska and to the public, in doing his best to provide leadership in the area of energy sciences research; we hereby further express our sincere wish that he enjoy the utmost success in all endeavors that lie before him.

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Rusher that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-67 adopted.

Dr. Hudgins addressed the Board and emphasized the dynamic partnership between NPPD and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the great things that have been accomplished thus far by the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research, and anticipation of even better things for the future.

Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure reviewed a proposed legislative and regulatory policy resolution, which would provide NPPD management with general direction during the 2024 legislative session. Action on a resolution would be requested of the Board at the January 2024 meeting.

NPPD Account Manager and Kearney Mayor Stanley A. Clouse introduced retiring City Manager of Kearney Mike Morgan, and Interim City Manager Brenda Jensen. President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-72

WHEREAS, Mike Morgan, City Manager for the City of Kearney, Nebraska, has well and faithfully served the public and the community of Kearney since 2005; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2005, from September 1983 to May 1984 Mike served as a Management Intern for the City of Des Moines, IA; from June of 1985 to December 1986, he was a Management Assistant for the City of Dallas, TX; from December 1986 to June 1991 Mike was the Assistant City Manager for the City of Delaware, OH; he then became the Deputy City Manager for the city of Salina, KS from July 1991 to January 2005, where his responsibilities included direct management of the City's Capital Improvement Program and serving as the Development Services Director. In January 2005. Mike was given the opportunity to become the City Manager of Kearney, where he has been actively involved in various Nebraska Public Power District retail customer committees, as well as, being a lifetime member of the International City/County Management Association, an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) member since 1984, an Athletic Hall of Fame member at Northwest Missouri State University, Leadership Salina graduate, a Rotary International Member, and a Pi Alpha National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kearney and Nebraska Public Power District have created an excellent working relationship, partnering to help strengthen public power in Nebraska, due in part to the charisma, guidance, and knowledge embodied by Mike Morgan. Mike has played a significant role in the growth and economic success of Kearney over the last 19 years including: Financing and development of the I-80 Cherry Avenue Interchange and Expressway; relocation and development of the Central Nebraska Veterans Home; development and continued growth of Yanney Park; retention and expansion of the Buckle Distribution Center; development of Tech One Crossing technology park and recruitment of Compute North; expansion of the Kearney Regional Airport; expansion of Baldwin

2024 LEGISLATIVE POLICY DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-72
(ADOPTED):
RECOGNIZE
KEARNEY CITY
MANAGER MIKE
MORGAN
(RESOLUTION OUT
OF SEQUENTIAL
ORDER)

Filters/Parker Hannifin distribution center; expansion and partnerships with the University of Nebraska-Kearney and Younes Hospitality projects; not to mention maintaining the lowest municipal property tax levy of Class One cities in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Mike Morgan will retire on January 10, 2024, from his current position as City Manager of the City of Kearney, after having faithfully served the City of Kearney for 19 years, during which time he has paved the way to success by his dedication and commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Nebraska Public Power District, on behalf of all the employees of Nebraska Public Power District and the people in Nebraska who it serves, hereby commends Mike Morgan for his amazing character, commitment to excellence, and loyalty to the City of Kearney; expresses its thanks for creating an extraordinary role model; conveys its appreciation for the friendship shown to NPPD; and finally, expresses its sincere wish that Mike enjoy the retirement with his wife Jill and family, to which his years of successful service entitle him.

It was moved by Director Rusher and seconded by Director Fuchtman that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-72 adopted.

Director Rusher temporarily stepped out of the meeting room.

There were no public comments.

Chair Chlopek asked for discussion of any consent agenda items, which included the following:

- Minutes of November 8-9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- February 2024 Regular Board Meeting tentatively planned for February 7-8, 2024, in Columbus (January 2024 Regular Board Meeting previously scheduled for January 10-11, 2024, in Columbus)
- Ratification/Confirmation of Signatures of Staff Members
- October 2023 Summary of Disbursements

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Chlopek asked whether any Directors desired any items on the consent agenda to be placed on the regular agenda and voted on separately. There were none.

It was moved by Director Mogul and seconded by Director Williams that all items on the consent agenda be approved as listed above. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Gale, Rusher

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Rusher entered the meeting room.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent read an excerpt from NPPD's "Tools for Nuclear Excellence" pocket guide.

Mr. Kent also asked for a moment of silence in honor or former Director Virg Froehlich, who passed away; recognized staff for two recent awards: 1) Nebraska Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month award, and 2) American Public Power Association (APPA) Smart Energy Provider designation; and discussed the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) Goizueta Directors Institute conference "Improving Effectiveness of Nuclear Utility Board Members" to be conducted in April 2025.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided an update on NPPD employee staffing levels, and presented the Report on Retirements and Former District Employee Rehires which is on file with the Assistant Secretary and attached and made a part of these minutes.

Director of Pricing, Rates and Wholesale Billing Todd S. Swartz reviewed proposed revisions to NPPD's Wholesale Economic Development Rate (Special Power Product No. 6) and recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-68

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 70-655(2) authorizes the District to negotiate, fix, establish and collect electric rates and other charges for commercial or industrial customers for service to qualifying economic development projects which rates and charges can be effective for no more than five years and subject to meeting the other requirements in Section 70-655(2); and

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

EMPLOYEE COUNTS, RETIREMENTS AND REHIRES FOR DECEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-68
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
WHOLESALE
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
RATE SCHEDULE
(SPP NO. 6)

WHEREAS, the District has developed rates, charges and billing provisions that comply with Section 70-655(2) for service to wholesale customers that serve new or expanded end-use customer load of such qualifying economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have prepared and proposed revisions to the Economic Development Rate Schedule to revise the initial production energy rate based on projected costs and revenue requirements expected to be experienced by the District in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule was provided on October 23, 2023, to the wholesale power service customers of the District and said wholesale customers were provided 30 days to request a hearing pertaining to said proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, hearing requests were due November 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, none of said wholesale customers requested a hearing pertaining to said proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, management has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, charges, terms, conditions, and specifications for service in said proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares, that said proposed Economic Development Rate Schedule referred to above and incorporated into this Resolution by reference, complies with Section 70-655(2) Nebraska Revised Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Economic Development Rate Schedule is hereby fixed, established, approved, and adopted by this Board of Directors pursuant to Section 70-655(2) Nebraska Revised Statutes to be effective for service provided on and after January 1, 2024 and that the Economic Development Rate Schedule established by Resolution No. 22-41 and issued December 14, 2022 shall be rescinded and superseded upon said Economic Development Rate Schedule becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Schrock that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

EFFECTIVE 1-1-24

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-68 adopted.

A lunch recess was taken from 11:47 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pricing and Rates Supervisor R. Scott Jackson reviewed proposed revisions to NPPD's Wholesale Pilot Program Demand Response Resource (DRR) Rate Schedule (Special Power Product No. 11) and Retail Pilot Program DRR Rider Rate Schedule (DRR-Rider), and recommended the following two resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-69

WHEREAS, the District has developed a pilot program for a wholesale demand response rate which contains provisions that allow certain qualifying retail customers of wholesale power service customers of the District the opportunity to utilize the District and its designated Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Market Participant to bid their controllable load into the SPP market; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have developed rates, charges and billing provisions for said demand response rate in a wholesale Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rate Schedule, hereinafter referred to as the DRR Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have prepared and proposed revisions to said wholesale DRR Rate Schedule to incorporate changes to eliminate the District's \$900 per week minimum share of SPP net market revenues from a qualifying retail customer's participation in the SPP market under said DRR Rate Schedule: and

WHEREAS, the proposed DRR Rate Schedule was provided on October 23, 2023, to the wholesale power service customers of the District and said wholesale customers were provided 30 days to request a hearing pertaining to said proposed DRR Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, hearing requests were due November 22, 2023;

WHEREAS, none of said wholesale customers requested a hearing pertaining to said proposed DRR Rate Schedule; and

and

LUNCH RECESS

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-69
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
WHOLESALE PILOT
PROGRAM DRR
RATE SCHEDULE
(SPP NO. 11)
EFFECTIVE 1-1-24

WHEREAS, management has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, charges, terms, conditions, and specifications for service in said proposed DRR Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, said proposed DRR Rate Schedule is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares pursuant to Section 70-655 Nebraska Revised Statutes that said proposed Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rate Schedule referred to above and incorporated into this resolution by reference is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the wholesale users and consumers of wholesale power commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rate Schedule is hereby fixed, established, approved, and adopted by this Board of Directors to be effective for service provided on and after January 1, 2024, and that the Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rate Schedule established by Resolution No. 23-45 and issued October 18, 2023, shall be rescinded and superseded upon said Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rate Schedule becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Kemp and seconded by Director Harding that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Troester

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: Williams
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Gale, Schrock

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-69 adopted. Director Schrock was out of the room for the vote on the Wholesale DRR Rate Schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-70

WHEREAS, the District has developed a retail Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule which contains provisions that allow qualifying retail customers the opportunity to utilize the District and its designated Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Market Participant to bid their controllable load into the SPP market; and

RESOLUTION NO. 23-70 (ADOPTED): APPROVE RETAIL PILOT PROGRAM DRR RIDER RATE SCHEDULE (DRR-RIDER) EFFECTIVE 1-1-24 WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District have prepared and proposed revisions to reduce the Administrative Charge in said Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule from \$900 per week to \$50 per week; and

WHEREAS, management of the District has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, charges, terms, conditions and specifications for service in said proposed Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares, pursuant to Section 70-655 of the Nebraska Revised Statues, that said proposed Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule referred to above and incorporated into this resolution by reference is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the users and consumers of commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule is hereby fixed, established, approved and adopted by this Board of Directors to be effective for service provided on and after January 1, 2024, and that the Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule adopted by Resolution No. 23-46 and issued on October 18, 2023, shall be rescinded and superseded upon said Pilot Program Demand Response Resource Rider Rate Schedule becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Mogul and seconded by Director Fuchtman that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-70 adopted.

Pricing and Rates Supervisor R. Scott Jackson presented information on the annual update to NPPD's formula rate template, for the purpose of establishing 2024 transmission service revenue requirements and associated transmission rates for the NPPD pricing zone within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Mr. Jackson recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-71

WHEREAS, the District's Membership Agreement with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) require the District to prepare its Formula Rate Template that provides a formula for determining the District's annual transmission service revenue requirements and associated transmission service rates; and

WHEREAS, the District's Formula Rate Implementation Protocols included in the SPP OATT require the District to prepare an Annual Update to the Formula Rate Template to determine the District's annual transmission service revenue requirements and associated transmission service rates for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, the Pricing and Rates Department and management of the District prepared an Annual Update to the Formula Rate Template for 2024 and posted said Annual Update for comments on the SPP website and District website on July 26, 2023, scheduled a meeting with interested parties on August 23, 2023, and provided an opportunity for interested parties to submit information requests, all in accordance with said Protocols; and

WHEREAS, District management has proposed and presented to, and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management, the basis for the 2024 rates and revenue requirements in said Annual Update to the Formula Rate Template; and

WHEREAS, said Annual Update to the Formula Rate Template is on file with the Pricing and Rates Department of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares, pursuant to Section 70-655 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, that said 2024 Annual Update to the Formula Rate Template referred to above and incorporated into this Resolution by reference, is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the users and consumers of commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and is hereby authorized to submit said 2024 Annual Update of the Formula Rate Template to the Southwest Power Pool for inclusion in the SPP OATT, and to take any further action necessary or advised to obtain acceptance and approval of the same by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-71
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE ANNUAL
UPDATE TO NPPD
TRANSMISSION
FORMULA RATE
TEMPLATE FOR
SPP, EFFECTIVE
1-1-24

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Langemeier that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-71 adopted.

NPPD Senior Project Manager Paul E. Brune and HDR Project Manager Dan Black reviewed the final route selection for construction of a 115 kV transmission line from a substation on the east side of Norfolk to the Stanton North Substation northwest of Stanton, to accommodate current and projected load growth. The presentation included specifics related to the public involvement process, routing and siting criteria, and the final proposed route for the project. The final route will be formally announced and right-of-way activities will commence in early 2024, with construction set to begin in mid-2025.

NORFOLK-STANTON NORTH 115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE UPDATE

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent presented information on the 2024 Merit Pay Program, including a recommendation for merit funding of 4.0%, and pay structure movement of 3.0%.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Rusher that the Board approve the 2024 Merit Pay Program, at a funding level of 4.0%, and pay structure movement of 3.0%.

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE 2024 MERIT PAY PROGRAM, MERIT FUNDING OF 4.0%, PAY STRUCTURE MOVEMENT 3.0% It was moved by Director Williams and seconded by Director Kemp that the Board approve salaries and compensation for NPPD Officers and Board Staff, as recommended by President and Chief Executive Officer Kent and discussed during the December 13 executive session of the Board: salaries to be effective January 1, 2024, for Dallas M. Beshaler, John A. Dent, Jr., Courtney A. Dentlinger, Khalil M. Dia, Laura L. Kapustka, Thomas J. Kent, John C. McClure, Conrad L. Saltzgaber, Michael J. Spencer, Robyn A. Tweedy, Scott R. Walz, and Arthur R. Wiese; and effective March 1, 2024, for Janette H. Modelski and Donna J. Starzec. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE OFFICER AND BOARD STAFF SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent provided a look-ahead of upcoming items for the January 2024 Board meeting.

No governmental affairs update was provided.

During the time designated for Directors' comments and questions, Director Mogul commented on his first year on the Board, and wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas.

Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Services Committee met Thursday morning, December 14, 2023.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis presented financial performance measures for October 2023, as well as the monthly financial report, which indicated that operating revenues from electric sales were \$2.6 million under budget for the month, and \$34.7 million over budget year to date. Firm electric sales were \$2.2 million over budget for the month, and \$7.9 million over budget year to date. Other electric sales were \$4.8 million under budget for the month, and \$26.8 million over budget year to date. Total operating expenses were under budget by \$4.4 million for the month, and \$15.3 million under budget year to date. The balance of the regulatory liability for unearned revenues as of October 31, 2023, was \$275.8 million. This balance represents surplus net revenues to be applied as credits against revenue requirements in future rate periods.

BOARD AGENDA LOOK-AHEAD

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DIRECTORS'
COMMENTS AND
QUESTIONS

CUSTOMER AND SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Harding to accept the October 2023 Financial Statements, as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Accounting Manager Joni J. Davis also shared preliminary financial results for October, reporting a surplus of \$2 million for the month and a preliminary year-to-date surplus of \$73.8 million.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee, Financial Manager Joni J. Davis discussed the proposed use of regulatory accounting in order to include or defer revenues and expenses to a period other than the period in which these revenues and expenses would be otherwise recognized. Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-73

WHEREAS, the District applies accounting guidance issued by the Government Accounting Standards Board that allows the use of regulatory accounting, with Board approval, to include or defer revenues and expenses to a period other than the period in which these revenues and expenses would be otherwise recognized; and

WHEREAS, Management has determined that it is prudent to use regulatory accounting for the items described herein to help "smooth" rate impacts and/or align revenues and expenses with the time that benefits are received or costs are incurred for rates: and

WHEREAS, these items include: 1) Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); 2) compensated absences requiring liability recognition, as defined by GASB; 3) advance collection of \$2.1 million for operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses for an SPP sponsored-upgrade; 4) sale of Niobrara River water rights for \$1.5 million; and 5) expense write-off of \$2.0 million of certain idle inventory at Cooper Nuclear Station; and

MOTION (CARRIED): ACCEPT OCTOBER 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-73 (ADOPTED): APPROVE USE OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTING WHEREAS, regulatory accounting will allow the District to continue to recognize expenses for SBITAs as is done currently for rates which more closely aligns these expenses with payment obligations related to the respective period, in lieu of making changes to expenses required by new accounting guidance; and

WHEREAS, regulatory accounting will allow the District to continue to recognize expenses for compensated absences as is done currently for rates which more closely aligns these expenses with expected obligations for future cash outlays in excess of base pay, in lieu of making changes to expenses required by new accounting guidance; and

WHEREAS, the use of regulatory accounting for the \$2.1 million advance collection of funds for O&M expenses for an SPP sponsored-upgrade and the \$1.5 million sale of the Niobrara River water rights will result in a better match in the timing of revenues and related expense recognition; and

WHEREAS, the use of regulatory accounting to expense \$2.0 million of idle inventory at CNS aligns with the production costs that were included in 2023 rates for CNS and will allow for the retention of these items because of supply chain risks and the need to support older, important equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes and approves the use of regulatory accounting for the items described herein to maintain alignment with when the related revenues and expenses are incurred and/or are recognized in rates.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Langemeier that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-73 adopted.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee, Associate Financial Manager Cristal D. Menke discussed NPPD's 23.67% share in Omaha Public Power District's (OPPD) Nebraska City 2 (NC2) facility, and the requirement for NPPD to provide a surety bond covering payment of its share of the annual ongoing operations and maintenance costs for NC2. Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, recommended the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District has a Participation Power Agreement (PPA) with Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) for a 23.67 percent share of Nebraska City 2 (NC2); and

WHEREAS, said PPA requires the District to maintain security in favor of OPPD for the District's payment of its percentage share of the annual budgeted operation and maintenance costs of NC2; and

WHEREAS, District management desires and intends to annually obtain a surety bond in the amount equal to 23.67 percentage of OPPD's annual budgeted operation and maintenance costs of NC2 to fulfill its security obligation in accordance and as required by the PPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that District management be and hereby is authorized to enter into a surety bond agreement annually for an amount not to exceed 23.67 percentage of OPPD's annual budgeted operation and maintenance costs of NC2 and the related indemnity agreement with an acceptable insurance company and maintaining the necessary instruments and agreements in a form and substance satisfactory to management and legal counsel, where the total of the annual surety bond premium and broker fee is not to exceed \$150,000. If there is to be any change to the PPA or the referenced surety or indemnity agreement or insufficiency of said authorized expenditure, District management will seek additional authorization for such required surety bond.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Rusher that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-74 adopted.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott R. Walz reviewed the following Capital Projects Report:

Report No. ED-1

Capital Projects \$500,000 and above not specifically identified in the Budget that require approval by the Board for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023 – 2023 Capital

Additions Budget.

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-74
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE SURETY
BOND FOR 2024
OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE
COSTS, OPPD NC2
POWER PLANT

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Langemeier that Capital Projects Report No. ED-1 (2023 Budget) be approved for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, which included Capital Project C/10829, Transmission Line 2301A Riverbank Stabilization (Niobrara River Crossing in Holt County). Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay:
Abstaining:
Present But Not Voting:
Absent:
None
Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

At the July 2023 Board meeting, the Board approved an engineer's certificate for the procurement of multiple transformers at various locations. During the Customer and Support Services Committee, Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott R. Walz discussed four subsequent contracts for transformers of different voltages and various quantities, and Director Fuchtman recommended the following four resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-75

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-34, management was authorized, under an Engineer's Certificate, to enter into competitive negotiations with vendors for power transformers in various sizes and voltages for upcoming projects for new load in various locations in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the District received proposals from ten vendors who were capable of providing five 115/34.5 kV 100 MVA power transformers; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the evidence and information received in the proposals from the ten vendors, and based on the results of the negotiations with the vendors, and the vendors' ability to meet the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that the bid negotiated with Wesco Distribution, Inc., is the lowest and best negotiated proposal on Contract No. 23-027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted from Wesco Distribution, Inc., be accepted by the District.

Wesco Distribution, Inc., estimated amount of \$15,096,570 plus performance bond costs.

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT NO. ED-1 (2023 BUDGET)

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-75
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-027,
115/34.5 kV 100 MVA
POWER
TRANSFORMERS,
TO WESCO
DISTRIBUTION, INC.,
ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF
\$15,096,570

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Harding that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-75 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-76

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-34, management was authorized, under an Engineer's Certificate, to enter into competitive negotiations with vendors for power transformers in various sizes and voltages for upcoming projects for new load in various locations in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the District received proposals from seven vendors who were capable of providing two 230/115 kV 336 MVA power transformers; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the evidence and information received in the proposals from the seven vendors, and based on the results of the negotiations with the vendors, and the vendors' ability to meet the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that the bid negotiated with Wesco Distribution, Inc., is the lowest and best negotiated proposal on Contract No. 23-036.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted from Wesco Distribution, Inc., be accepted by the District.

Wesco Distribution, Inc., estimated amount of \$13,076,310 plus performance bond costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-76 (ADOPTED): AWARD CONTRACT NO. 23-036, 230/115 kV 336 MVA POWER TRANSFORMERS, TO WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC., ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$13,076,310

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Mogul that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-76 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-77

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-34, management was authorized, under an Engineer's Certificate, to enter into competitive negotiations with vendors for power transformers in various sizes and voltages for upcoming projects for new load in various locations in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the District received proposals from seven vendors who were capable of providing two 345/115 kV 417 MVA power transformers; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the evidence and information received in the proposals from the seven vendors, and based on the results of the negotiations with the vendors, and the vendors' ability to meet the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that the bid negotiated with HD Hyundai Electric America Corporation, is the lowest and best negotiated proposal on Contract No. 23-037.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted from HD Hyundai Electric America Corporation, be accepted by the District.

HD Hyundai Electric America Corporation, estimated amount of \$17,687,004 plus performance bond costs.

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-77
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-037,
345/115 kV 417 MVA
POWER
TRANSFORMERS,
TO HD HYUNDAI
ELECTRIC AMERICA
CORPORATION,
ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF
\$17,687,004

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Schrock that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-77 adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-78

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-34, management was authorized, under an Engineer's Certificate, to enter into competitive negotiations with vendors for power transformers in various sizes and voltages for upcoming projects for new load in various locations in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the District received proposals from ten vendors who were capable of providing three 345/34.5 kV 167 MVA power transformers; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the evidence and information received in the proposals from the ten vendors, and based on the results of the negotiations with the vendors, and the vendors' ability to meet the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that the bid negotiated with WEG Transformers USA, is the lowest and best negotiated proposal on Contract No. 23-038.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted from WEG Transformers USA, be accepted by the District.

WEG Transformers USA, estimated amount of \$15,439,200 plus performance bond costs.

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-78
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-038,
345/34.5 kV 167 MVA
POWER
TRANSFORMERS,
TO WEG
TRANSFORMERS
USA, ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF
\$15,439,200

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Rusher that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-78 adopted.

During the Customer and Support Services Committee meeting, General Manager of Retail Services Patrick M. Hanrahan discussed proposed changes to NPPD's Retail Services Rules and Regulations. Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-79

WHEREAS, the management of the District has conducted a review and analysis of the existing Retail Service Rules and Regulations and is proposing revisions to better reflect current operating conditions and practices and to assure more effective and efficient administration of the District's provision of retail service under these policies; and

WHEREAS, the District's Retail Service Rules and Regulations include the requirements under which the District provides retail service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, management of the District has proposed and presented to and this Board of Directors has reviewed and duly considered with management the basis for and the rates, terms, conditions and specifications for service in said proposed 2024 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, said proposed 2024 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations are on file with the Retail Business Unit within the District.

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-79
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
REVISIONS TO
NPPD'S RETAIL
SERVICES RULES
AND REGULATIONS
EFFECTIVE 1-1-24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds and declares, pursuant to Sections 70-621 and 70-655 of the Nebraska Revised Statues, that said proposed 2024 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations referred to above and incorporated into this Resolution by reference are fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory and so adjusted as in a fair and equitable manner to confer upon and distribute among the users and consumers of commodities and services furnished and sold by the District the benefits of a successful and profitable operation and conduct of the business of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 2024 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations are hereby fixed, established, approved and adopted by this Board of Directors to be effective for service provided on and after January 1, 2024, and that the existing policies corresponding to said 2020 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations shall be rescinded and superseded upon said 2024 revised Retail Service Rules and Regulations becoming effective as herein provided.

It was moved by Director Fuchtman and seconded by Director Langemeier that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-79 adopted.

Director Fuchtman, Chair of the Customer and Support Services Committee, reported that the Customer and Support Services Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) Transmission projects; 2) Energy Delivery look-ahead for January 2024; and 3) Retail Business Unit performance.

The Nuclear Committee of the Whole, chaired by Director Williams, met Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 1:30 to 2:04 p.m. during the Board of Directors meeting.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed an engineer's certificate for transfer of used nuclear fuel from fuel pool to storage pad, Campaign No. 4 (CNS). Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

CUSTOMER AND SUPPORT SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

NUCLEAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

WHEREAS, management has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to procure the services and equipment necessary to perform the fourth loading campaign to transfer used nuclear fuel to the District's Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) storage pad at Cooper Nuclear Station; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined, as certified by a competent engineer, that pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637 (6), the materials and services being procured are proprietary to the original equipment manufacturer, making said manufacturer the sole source of those services and equipment and would be impractical and not in the public interest to comply with Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 70-637 through 70-639 with regard to the procurement of the above-mentioned services and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby approve the attached engineer's certification, which is on file with the Assistant Secretary and which states that the services and equipment are being awarded pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637 (6).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized and instructed to enter into and execute, for and on behalf of the District, after review and approval by legal counsel, a contract with Orano - TN Americas LLC, for the procurement of the services and equipment necessary to perform the fourth loading campaign to transfer used nuclear fuel, to the District's ISFSI storage pad at Cooper Nuclear Station, in an amount not to exceed \$8,900,000 plus performance bond costs after first advertising notice pursuant to Nebraska law of its intention to enter into said contract.

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Langemeier that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-80 adopted.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed an engineer's certificate for turbine generator services the Fall 2024 Refueling Outage (CNS). Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-80
(ADOPTED):
APPROVE
ENGINEER'S
CERTIFICATE,
TRANSFER OF USED
NUCLEAR FUEL
FROM FUEL POOL
TO STORAGE PAD
(CNS)

WHEREAS, management has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to procure the labor and equipment necessary to perform the required inspection and maintenance services for the main turbine and generator, exciter, reactor feed pump turbine, and associated turbine valves, during the upcoming Fall 2024 Refueling Outage at Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined, as certified by a competent engineer, that pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637 (6), the labor and equipment being procured are proprietary to the original equipment manufacturer, making said manufacturer the sole source of the labor and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby approve the attached engineer's certification, which is on file with the Assistant Secretary and which states that the labor and equipment are being awarded pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637 (6).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized and instructed to enter into and execute, for and on behalf of the District, after review and approval by legal counsel, a contract with Siemens Energy, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$9,700,000, plus performance bond costs, for the required inspection and maintenance services for the main turbine and generator, exciter, reactor feed pump turbine, and associated turbine valves, during the upcoming Fall 2024 Refueling Outage at CNS, after first advertising notice pursuant to Nebraska law of its intention to enter into said contract.

It was moved by Director Kemp and seconded by Director Mogul that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Fuchtman, Harding, Kemp,

Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher, Schrock, Troester,

Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None
Absent: Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-81 adopted.

Director Fuchtman left the meeting.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed Contract No. 23-025, Removal and Installation of Fish/Debris Return (CNS). Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-81 (ADOPTED): APPROVE ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE, TURBINE GENERATOR SERVICES (CNS)

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-025, Removal and Installation of Fish/Debris Return, Cooper Nuclear Station, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed the bids received and it was determined that the bids contained significant exceptions and are considered non-responsive or not fully evaluated; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject the bids and negotiate a contract for the Removal and Installation of Fish/Debris Return pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bids submitted on Contract No. 23-025 hereby are rejected as being non-responsive to the bid documents, and that the bid security submitted by the bidders as evidence of good faith be returned to the bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized to negotiate with the vendors who are technically responsive and provided a bid under this Contract for the Removal and Installation of Fish/Debris Return, as contemplated by Contract No. 23-025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000 after review and approval by legal counsel.

It was moved by Director Langemeier and seconded by Director Chlopek that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-82 adopted.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed Contract No. 23-030, Fish Spray System Mechanical and Electrical Installation (CNS). Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-83

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-030, Fish Spray Mechanical and Electrical Install, Cooper Nuclear Station, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-82
(ADOPTED): REJECT
BIDS AND
NEGOTIATE
CONTRACT
NO. 23-025,
REMOVAL AND
INSTALLATION OF
FISH/DEBRIS
RETURN (CNS)

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-83
(ADOPTED): REJECT
BIDS AND
NEGOTIATE
CONTRACT

WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed the bids received and it was determined that the bids contained significant exceptions and are considered non-responsive or not fully evaluated; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject the bids and negotiate a contract for the Fish Spray Mechanical and Electrical Install pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bids submitted on Contract No. 23-030 hereby are rejected as being non-responsive to the bid documents, and that the bid security submitted by the bidders as evidence of good faith be returned to the bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized to negotiate with the bidders who meet the experience and technical requirements and provided a bid under this Contract for the Fish Spray Mechanical and Electrical Install, as contemplated by Contract No. 23-030, in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 after review and approval by legal counsel.

It was moved by Director Mogul and seconded by Director Kemp that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-83 adopted.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed Contract No. 23-029, Inspect, Desludge and Coating Repair of Reactor Torus (CNS). Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-84

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-029, Inspect, Desludge and Coating Repair of the Reactor Torus, Cooper Nuclear Station, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, only one bid was received; and

NO. 23-030, FISH SPRAY SYSTEM MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION (CNS)

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-84
(ADOPTED): AWARD
CONTRACT
NO. 23-029,
INSPECT,
DESLUDGE AND
COATING REPAIR
OF THE REACTOR
TORUS (CNS), TO
UNDERWATER
ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, on the basis of evidence and information received, and after an analysis of the responsibility of the bidder, amounts and terms of the bid, delivery dates, and the needs of the District, this Board has determined and does hereby find that the bid of Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., Fort Pierce, Florida, is the lowest and best evaluated bid on Contract No. 23-029.

SERVICES, INC., FIRM BASE BID PRICE OF \$550,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, subject to receipt and approval of a performance bond and certificate of insurance as herein provided, the following bid submitted on Contract No. 23-029 be accepted by the District:

Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., Fort Pierce, Florida, firm base bid price of \$550,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President or a Vice President be, and each of them is hereby authorized and instructed to execute for and on behalf of the District, a Contract with the aforementioned bidder in accordance with the plans and specifications and on the form of Contract submitted to bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the Contract is contingent upon receipt and approval by the District of a performance bond and certificate of insurance from Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., as provided in the Contract.

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Langemeier that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-84 adopted.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) membership dues for 2024. Director Williams, Chair of the Nuclear Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-85

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 80-39, adopted March 27, 1980, authorized management to become a member of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO); and

RESOLUTION NO. 23-85 (ADOPTED): APPROVE INPO MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2024 WHEREAS, after having appraised the benefits the District has received and will continue to receive from membership in INPO, management has determined the best interest of the District will be served by continuing to participate as a member of INPO; and

WHEREAS, INPO has assessed the District's membership dues for the year 2024 in the amount of \$1,477,259, which represents a \$45,446 or approximately 3% price increase over the 2023 membership dues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized and instructed to continue to participate as a member of INPO and to make payment to INPO for membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$1,477,259 for the year 2024.

It was moved by Director Harding and seconded by Director Chlopek that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared Resolution No. 23-85 adopted.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia reviewed an agreement with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for nuclear supplemental membership funding for 2024.

It was moved by Director Kemp and seconded by Director Mogul to approve the Request for Approval of Procurements for Services, Equipment and/or Materials for Items \$500,000 and Above (Nuclear), as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair of the Nuclear Committee declared the motion carried.

CNS Site Vice President Khalil M. Dia provided a status update regarding Cooper Nuclear Station.

MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCUREMENTS
FOR SERVICES,
EQUIPMENT AND/OR
MATERIALS FOR
ITEMS \$500,000 AND
ABOVE (NUCLEAR)

CNS MONTHLY UPDATE

Director Troester, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee met Thursday morning, December 14, 2023.

ENERGY SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Director Troester, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-86

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-1, management negotiated with Tenaska Marketing Ventures ("TMV") and executed amendments to the Amended and Restated Fuel Supply and Fuel Management Services Agreement ("Agreement") and Base Contract for the sale and transportation of natural gas to the Beatrice Power Station ("BPS") for the period of November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2026, in a total dollar amount not to exceed \$67,200,000 for said five-year period, which were ratified by the Board; and

WHEREAS, due to higher and more volatile natural gas prices experienced over the past several years, management has determined that the not to exceed dollar amount of \$67,200,000 will not be sufficient for the total cost of natural gas to operate BPS during the five year period from November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, management projects natural gas purchases with an estimated amount of up to \$66,800,000 in excess of the amount authorized in Resolution No. 20-1 may be required to operate BPS for the remainder of the five-year term which runs through October 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby authorize management to procure fuel for BPS under the current Agreement and Base Contract in a total estimated amount not to exceed \$134,000,000.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Harding that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-86 adopted.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Production Arthur R. Wiese reviewed the following Capital Projects Report:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-86 (ADOPTED): AUTHORIZE NATURAL GAS PURCHASES FOR BPS THROUGH 10-31-26 Report No. EP-1 Capital Projects \$500,000 and above

not specifically identified in the Budget that require approval by the Board for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023 – 2023 Capital

Additions Budget.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Rusher that Capital Projects Report No. EP-1 (2023 Budget) be approved for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, which included: 1) Capital Project C/8632, Environmental Protection Agency 423 Compliance Project (Sheldon Station; 2) Capital Project C/10616, Coal Scraper Refurbishment (GGS); and 3) Capital Project C/10816, Cooling Water Discharge Pipe Rehabilitation (Canaday Station). Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Chlopek, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul, Rusher,

Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: Harding
Present But Not Voting: None

Voting Aye:

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Vice President of Energy Production Arthur R. Wiese discussed an Agreement with Nebraska Machinery Company for the refurbishment of a coal scraper at GGS.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Mogul to approve the Request for Approval of Procurements for Services, Equipment and/or Materials for Items \$500,000 and Above (Energy Production), as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Telecommunications Manager Matthew K. Holthe reviewed the following Capital Projects Report: MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT NO. EP-1 (2023 BUDGET)

MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCUREMENTS
FOR SERVICES,
EQUIPMENT AND/OR
MATERIALS FOR
ITEMS \$500,000 AND
ABOVE (ENERGY
PRODUCTION)

Report No. ET-1 Capital Projects \$500,000 and above

not specifically identified in the Budget that require approval by the Board for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023 – 2023 Capital

Additions Budget.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Williams that Capital Projects Report No. ET-1 (2023 Budget) be approved for the period November 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, which included Capital Project C/10828, Telecommunications Network Access Control. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Director of Operational Technology and Security David L. Dubowsky reviewed Contract No. 23-031, York Operations Center West Entrance Improvements. Director Troester, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, recommended the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-87

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with law, bids on Contract No. 23-031, York Operations Center West Entrance Improvements, have been duly invited, received, opened, read, and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, only one bid was received; and

WHEREAS, management has studied and analyzed the bid received, and it was determined that the bid should be rejected due to the decision to cancel the project work scope for this Contract; and

WHEREAS, management has cancelled the project and the work for the York Operations Center West Entrance Improvements will be deferred to a future year; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to reject the bid pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 70-637.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid submitted on Contract No. 23-031 be and hereby is rejected and that the bid security submitted by the bidder as evidence of good faith be returned to the bidder.

MOTION (CARRIED): APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT NO. ET-1 (2023 BUDGET)

RESOLUTION
NO. 23-87
(ADOPTED): REJECT
BID RECEIVED FOR
CONTRACT
NO. 23-031, YOC
WEST ENTRANCE
IMPROVEMENTS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that management be and hereby is authorized to reject the bid received.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Williams that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None Abstaining: None Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 23-87 adopted.

During the Energy Supply Committee meeting, Corporate Technology Applications Manager Christopher J. Pelchat reviewed Renewal No. 3 to the Agreement for SAP software licenses and maintenance for 2024.

It was moved by Director Troester and seconded by Director Harding to approve the Request for Approval of Procurements for Services, Equipment and/or Materials for Items \$500,000 and Above (Enterprise Technology), as presented. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Troester, Chair of the Energy Supply Committee, reported that the Energy Supply Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) Energy Supply monthly generation performance; 2) Energy Supply look-ahead for January 2024; 3) Generating capacity addition; 4) Water supply; and 5) Renewable projects.

Director Chlopek, Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, reported that the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee met Wednesday afternoon December 13, 2023, and the following items were discussed: 1) Director of North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Reliability Compliance Tony D. Eddleman provided an update on compliance activities; 2) Executive Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel John C. McClure provided a legislative update; 3) Chief Audit and Ethics Officer Donna K. Starzec led the annual review of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee Charter, and the Internal Audit Service Charter, and Committee members recommended no changes to either

MOTION (CARRIED):
APPROVE REQUEST
FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCUREMENTS
FOR SERVICES,
EQUIPMENT AND/OR
MATERIALS FOR
ITEMS \$500,000 AND
ABOVE
(ENTERPRISE
TECHNOLOGY)

ENERGY SUPPLY COMMITTEE REPORT

AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT document; 4) Ms. Starzec provided an update on NPPD's Ethics Program and other Internal Audit Services Department activities; and 5) Members of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee discussed year-end performance goals and achievements with President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas J. Kent.

Director Williams, Chair of the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee met Thursday morning, December 14, 2023.

BOARD GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MOTION (CARRIED):

APPROVE 2024

STRATEGIC PLAN

Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Innovation Conrad L. Saltzgaber provided a high-level overview of NPPD's Strategic Plan, in support of NPPD's mission and vision.

It was moved by Director Williams and seconded by Director Harding to approve the 2024 Strategic Plan. Votes were cast and recorded as follows:

Voting Aye: Chlopek, Harding, Kemp, Langemeier, Mogul,

Rusher, Schrock, Troester, Williams

Voting Nay: None
Abstaining: None
Present But Not Voting: None

Absent: Fuchtman, Gale

Whereupon the Chair declared the motion carried.

Director Williams, Chair of the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Committee also heard reports on the following matters: 1) 2024 Board Work Plan, including education and training topics for the Board; and 2) Board approval levels and management delegation, which will be taken up by the Board Governance and Strategic Planning Committee to develop an initial recommendation for potential changes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 2:29 P.M.

	/s/
	Jerry L. Chlopek, Chair
Minutes approved at	, , ,
the meeting of	/s/_
January 10-11, 2024	Aaron D. Troester, Secretary

REPORT ON RETIREMENTS AND FORMER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REHIRES DECEMBER 2023 BOARD MEETING

<u>RETIREMENTS</u>

- 1. Patrick E. Dunn, Armed Security Officer I, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed February 1, 1998, and retired as of November 30, 2023.
- 2. Gary H. Petska, Material Handler, Gerald Gentleman Station, Sutherland, was employed December 3, 1979, and is retiring as of December 22, 2023.
- 3. Derrick E. Madron, Security Coordinator II, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed February 1, 2008, and is retiring as of December 31, 2023.
- 4. Mark A. Ray, Engineer IV, Cooper Nuclear Station, Brownville, was employed November 1, 1998, and is retiring as of January 8, 2024.
- 5. Beverly A. Reiman, Planning Analyst, Operations Center, York, was employed July 8, 1991, and is retiring as of January 31, 2024.

<u>REHIRES</u>

None this month.