

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, April 13, 2000

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **LIGHT AND POWER COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 13th day of April, 2000.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom

Attending: Chairman Jeffrey and Trustee Newsom

Absent: Trustee Habecker

Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Light and Power Director Matzke, Assistant to the Light and Power Director Mangelsen, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

FALL RIVER HYDRO PLANT – PROJECT UPDATE

Assistant Mangelsen presented the bidding process schedule for the Fall River Hydro Plant Restoration Project. The total grant received was \$341,289. Chairman Jeffrey recognized staff members Kilsdonk and Mangelsen in the grant application process.

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Report: Director Matzke reported that the PRPA 2000 budget was revised to include funds to upgrade Bureau facilities, the Yellowtail Generation Plant Project in Montana, environmental studies for transmission upgrades, and funds for additional fiber optic construction. Robert Dekker was recognized for his many years of service to PRPA.

Financial Report: The March graphs were reviewed.

Project Updates:

The transformers at the **Estes Substation** will be energized today. Testing of the relays, SCADA system, and remotely operated breakers was successful. It is anticipated that the load will be transferred to the Estes Substation within the next two weeks. The process of removing the overhead transmission lines will continue through June. Replanting of 37 trees will be coordinated with the Parks Department and the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District. A breaker at the existing substation failed after a boom truck struck a power line

causing a fire in the downtown area. The breaker was abandoned and not repaired since the Estes Substation is scheduled to go on line soon.

The **Electric Rate Study** is underway and a proposed rate structure with changes should be completed by June. Areas under review include a new cap for the base residential rate, new time of day rate, and wind rate. A breakdown of PRPA costs will also be identified for customers.

Work on the **Mall Road Project** has begun. Installation of conduit will enable utility lines to be buried, however, the WAPA overhead transmission line will remain.

The **new utility bill statement** project is nearing completion. The new format should be implemented in May.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk