

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

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

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom
Attending: Chairman Jeffrey, Trustees Habecker and Newsom
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light & Power Director Matzke, Clerk O'Connor
Absent: None

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

1. **FORMER ESTES SUBSTATION TRANSFORMERS – APPROVAL OF SALVAGE PROPOSAL.**

Letters soliciting the purchase and removal of the transformers from the old Estes Substation were issued. The proposal specified that the successful bidder would provide disassembly of accessories and components, removal of oil, and loading and transportation of the transformers. Three bidders responded, with staff recommending approval of the price submitted by U. S. Transformer for \$25,000 for both units. **The Committee recommends approval of the U. S. Transformer Proposal for \$25,000**, as presented. Photos documenting the history of this substation were displayed.

2. **WIND ENERGY PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION BY TOWN.**

The Town Board previously approved participation in PRPA's Wind Energy Project (renewable energy) and agreed to purchase the output of one-quarter of a new 660 kW unit. The Town's commitment to PRPA amounts to 400 blocks or approximately \$12,000 annually. Methodology used in the calculations was clarified, and the Town, by this purchase recommendation, is assuming a leadership role for the Estes Park community. Staff is recommending the Town reserve 50 blocks of wind energy for use by a Town-owned facility. Fifty blocks represent roughly 10% of the electrical requirements of the Municipal Building. Discussion followed, with **the Committee recommends the Town reserve 100 blocks of wind energy for use by a Town-owned facility.**

For the record, Trustee Habecker jointed the committee at this time.

3. **REPORTS.**

Platte River Power Authority. A new peak of 459 megawatts was established by the four member cities in July. This peak was within PRPA's projections.

Financial Report. The June Income Statement and associated graphs were reviewed. Sales are approximately 1% behind the same time period in 1999.

Project Updates. Fall River Hydro Restoration Project. Staff members Mangelsen and Kilsdonk reported the Notice to Proceed to R. C. Health Const. has been issued and restoration is underway. Completion of the project is expected the end of October, 2000. A formal Ground Breaking Ceremony at the

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site has been planned for Tuesday, July 18th at 2:00 p.m. All were invited to attend.

Data Pac Equipment – Meter Dept. The Data Pac automatic meter reading equipment has been received, and the Meter Dept. has done an outstanding job in getting the equipment on-line. A thorough report will be presented during the August Committee meeting.

Utility Bill Statement. Although staff has received a few negative comments on the new statement format, the majority of customers appreciate the additional information being provided.

Mall Road. All cable has been installed. When electric service has been converted by an electrician, the overhead lines will be removed.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Vickie O'Connor, CMC, Town Clerk