

**Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, November 8, 2001**

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Habecker and Newsom  
Attending: All  
Absent: None  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light & Power Director Matzke, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

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

**ESTES SUBSTATION DUCT EXTENSION BLACK CANYON LOOP – AWARD CONTRACT.**

Director Matzke reported that the Estes Substation Duct Extension Project is a new duct line along the north side of Hwy. 36 from the existing duct line at the entrance to the Fire Station to join the existing duct line under the bike path along the north side of the Causeway. This new duct line will allow for installation of 2 new underground circuits from Estes Substation to Mall Road that will provide additional circuit capacity.

The Black Canyon Loop Project involves the installation of a trench and conduit from Devil's Gulch Road through the MacGregor Ranch property to Black Canyon Subdivision and will provide a back up feed to the underground system serving that subdivision.

The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Estes Duct</u>	<u>Black Canyon</u>
Drake Contractors	\$27,415	\$25,260
Duell Excavating	No Bid	15,261
A-1 Excavating Inc	44,998	No Bid
Kitchen and Company	49,127	27,294

The 2001 budget includes \$180,000 for the Estes Substation Duct Extension and \$85,000 for the Black Canyon Loop Project. **The Committee recommends that the contract for the Estes Duct Project be awarded to Drake Contractors and the contract for the Black Canyon Loop Project be awarded to Duell Excavating.**

**UTILITY POLE TRAILER PURCHASE – APPROVAL.**

Director Matzke explained that in July 2001 the Committee directed staff to solicit bid proposals for the replacement of the existing pole trailer and return to the Committee for further discussion. The existing pole trailer was constructed in 1949 and presents concerns regarding pole transportation safety. The following bid was received for a 2001 Model 4400 Utility Pole Trailer:

Sauber Manufacturing Co. \$11,927.00

The new pole trailer can be funded from the Reel Trailer upgrade and funds not used in the L&P Pickup and Meter Van purchases that total \$18,808.

**The Committee recommends approval of the Model 4400 Utility Pole Trailer from Sauber Manufacturing Co. at a cost of \$11,927 to be funded as outlined above.**

**REPORTS**

**Platte River Power Authority (PRPA):** Director Matzke reported that public hearings have been held to review the proposed 2002 Budget; delivery of the first gas turbine at Rawhide is anticipated this month; the purchase of 2 additional wind turbines is expected early 2002; the Series BB Bonds will be available for a current refunding as early as March 2002. PRPA plans to be in a position to price a new series of Bonds by February 2002 depending on market conditions; and Rawhide has experienced a number of outages due to boiler tube leaks in areas of the boiler that were not rebuilt with new tubes.

**Financial Report:** The October graphs were reviewed and discussed.

**Project Updates:**

Concrete bases have been installed for the **Bond Park Demonstration Lighting Project**. Two free lights were received and the poles should arrive in early December.

The **Kiowa Ridge** extension is near completion. The underground line is in service and the poles are currently being removed.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:26 a.m.

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Rebecca van Deutekom, Deputy Town Clerk