

Board Update Meeting Summary | Monday August 8, 2016

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Board of Public Utilities approved Consent Calendar Items without comment as listed below:

- Approved agreement for the conveyance of easements from Macy's West Stores, Inc to the City of Riverside for its RTRP project.
- Approved a capital expenditure of \$125,000 for Work Order No. 1702584 to reimburse the Public Works Department for replacement land surveying equipment that benefits the Riverside Public Utilities Department.
- Approved a purchase order to GE Package Power, Inc., of Houston, Texas, for installation of recommended repairs under GE Service Bulletin 310 on the Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 1 and 2 gas turbine engines in the amount of \$126,139.
- Approved the agreement between Energy Options Inc. and the City of Riverside for cooling tower maintenance at Clearwater, in the amount of \$138,479.
- Approved recommendation that the City Council approve a Custom Energy Technology Grant to Ice Energy Holdings, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for Managing Intermittent Renewable Energy Generation with Responsive and Reflexive Ice Storage Control Systems

Board approved the extension of an Electric Service Contract between the United States Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration and City of Riverside to continue the electric service from the Boulder Canyon Project (Hoover Dam).

Assistant General Manager Reiko Kerr provided a presentation regarding the initial 50 year, and 30 year extension. She explained the three pieces of legislation that relate to the contracts regarding the power created at the dam, and RPU's piece of each contract. Riverside received a 32 Megawatt entitlement from the first contract, while the new 50 year contract entitles Riverside to 30 MW of power. In an effort to get more bipartisan support, each entities contracted power was reduced by 5%. In Riverside, this power is typically used during peak periods each day. The contract is very economical for RPU. Board inquired whether we could back out of the contract is we want to, and Reiko responded that there is a process to back out if necessary. This energy is not considered renewable as per California's renewable portfolio standard law. However, energy from this source does not emit greenhouse gases (GHG's) and is therefore valuable as per California's Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32) law.

Board approved a recommendation that the City Council consider adoption of thirty-six (36) Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the initiation of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the necessary real property interests to construct the sub-transmission lines connecting the Riverside Energy Resource Center to Harvey Lynn and Freeman Substations as part of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project.

Assistant General Manager Pat Hohl was joined by Dave Welsh the City's Real Property Services Manager to discuss the RTRP project. RTRP is the project which is planned to give Riverside a second connection to the grid. There are about 100 easements necessary- RPU has procured 64. 36 are currently under negotiation, and this portion of the line has been uncontested. There is no relocation required for any portion of the project. There are three types of easements RPU is asking for in this group:

1. Public Utility Easement- to install poles, and install overhead lines.
2. Overhead easement- needed where there are existing structures and it would be impractical for the City to acquire the entire property- asking for right to string lines over these structures.
3. Temporary Construction Easement- Lay down and staging area for contractors- needed for 60 days max.

The Board also approved the recommendation that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$957,800 for deposit into the State Condemnation Fund as part of the eminent domain process based on City of Riverside approved independent appraisals.

General Manager's Report:

LED Streetlights- RPU's plan will be going to Land Use Committee on Aug 18 and to City Council on Sept. 13. We will be reaching out to stakeholders to make sure there is adequate communication on this project.

Aliso Canyon- RPU continues to operate its internal plan caused by the shutdown of Aliso Canyon. Many days there have been operational flow orders and flex alerts, although the state has allowed some wells to be tapped into in case of emergency. Staff will remain on top of this issue as we continue with the summer heat.

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