TIME & PLACE: The Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico, met in Regular Session in full conformity with the Law and Ordinances of said Board, at the Red Room of said City, on Monday the 17th day of June, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Alvin Siffring, Member
George Szigeti, Member

Also Present:
Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:
Bill Jacka, Chairman
James Hunt, Member

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

“Alvin Siffring moved approval of the Agenda as submitted.”

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, May 20, 2013.

“Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, May 20, 2013 as submitted.”

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.
TAMPERING:

NEW BUSINESS-ELECTRIC PASS THROUGH FEE:
Juan Fuentes, City Manager, reviewed the Electric Pass Through Fees with the Board stating that the purpose of having the item on the agenda is so that everyone is on the same page. The Pass Through Fees are based on invoices, and the formula was developed many years ago. City Staff is developing a simpler report for the Board to review on a quarterly basis. The report will be tied into the document the actual DFA report that was presented to the City Commission showing how much money was collected in each of the enterprise funds.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS-WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FUNDING EFFORTS:
Juan Fuentes, City Manager, passed out a sheet from the PER report which showed the cost, and upgrades that were made to our Waste Water System. According to the Chairman our application was a good, and they liked that fact that we were regionalizing, however the funding was not available at that time. The total of funding available was 16 million dollars, and we were asking for half of that. The spread sheet presented shows the highest award amount which is 1.5 million dollars. City Manager Fuentes also stated that and the City will be applying for the same program next year.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

OLD BUSINESS-EXPIRATION OF BOARD MEMBERS – JAMES HUNT: "George Szigeti moved that they re-appoint James Hunt to the Public Utility Advisory Board for an additional term."
Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS-GEORGE SZIGETI- METER TAMPERING:
George Szigeti reviewed his presentation with the Board noting that the request is worded for an interconnection permit for his Solar System. It has passed all of the State inspections, and everything is ready to go. The City does not have a formal program for issuing the permits needed, so he is requesting an interim permit until the City Code is amended, and they have a formal procedure for issuing these types of permits. In order to do so they will have to amend the City Code portion regarding Meter Tampering. The current City Code states that causing a meter to run backwards is illegal.

Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director, stated that asked WH Pacific for help to come up with a proposal as to address the situation.

Alvin Siffring noted that it affects more things than just the electricity. His is concern is that the proportion of the money that revenues come from (for the sales of electric power) are used for things other than electricity. He is also concerned that if they let several different people generate their own electricity then taxes will have to be raised, and since that portion will be cut out of the electric revenue we will no longer be able to use it to run the City.
George Szigeti noted that the City Commission has made some fairly significant cuts to the City’s 13/14 fiscal year budget, so that should help.

Klaus Wittern recommended that the Board should initiate a request to do analysis in terms of what the current value of the system is.

Being that Mr. Szigeti would have to abstain from the vote on this item; therefore leaving a lack of quorum, Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman tabled the item until next month’s meeting.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of July 2013, on motion duly made by Mike Potia, seconded by George Szigeti, and carried.

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board