PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

Wednesday October 11th, 2006

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

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 Commission Chambers of said city, on Wednesday the 11th of October A.D., 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Virginia Womack acted as Secretary by recording the business at hand.

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

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Lola Polley, Vice-Chairman
Charles Hibler, Member
Bill Jacka, Member

Also Present:

Scott Weber, Utility Office Manager

Absent Was/Were

James Hunt, Member

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alvin Siffring called for approval of the Agenda.

“Lola Polley moved that the Agenda be approved as submitted.”

Seconded by Charles Hibler
Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring called for review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 18th, 2006.

“Charles Hibler moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 18th, 2006 be approved as submitted.”

Seconded by Bill Jacka
Motion carried unanimously

SIERRA ELECTRIC CO-OP CONTRACT: The board reviewed the Electric Study Draft.

Discussion ensued.

“Charles Hibler moved that the board reviewed the draft Electric Service Agreement between Sierra Electric & the City and it appears to be consistent with the recently completed negotiations and in principle the board recommends approval of the contract.”

Seconded by Bill Jacka
Motion carried unanimously
WATER CONSERVATION STUDY:

Scott had an ad that he got out of the Public Works magazine on water conservation and it has a paragraph about Albuquerque. From what I can gather what their doing is giving some credits on customers water bills for converting grass lawns to native plants and if they use water saving toilets and that kind of stuff. This is something that we could probable implement in the future.

Scott handed out a drought map to the board.

Discussion ensued, no action taken.

CONTRACT/ASH ST. REBUILD:

Gil Avelar was unable to make it to the meeting.

Discussion only, no action taken.

2ND STEP OF ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE:

Charlie Hibler passed out a report to show some scenarios; Charlie explained the report to the board. I did this in quarters to give you an idea how the mechanics go, you buy power one month and sell it the next month and WAPA’s contract rates very with the cities by quarter and that is the reason I broke it down.

Charlie: Jaime indicated to me that he wanted the board to look at the increase in rates so we could get a little bit more money then what is actually needed to get a little bit of a cushion there because we don’t know what is going to happen after the first of the year. Therefore, what I did is just recommend a flat cent and a half per kilowatt-hour.

Charlie: Going into a new rate study and new rate structure might be the worst thing we could do at this point, because this increase here could be explained very simply. It’s costing us a cent and a half more to buy this electric, consequently were going to have to charge you a cent and a half more. To me that seems to be our best option.

Alvin Siffring: We might be able to recommend a flat rate increase of one and a half cent per kilowatt.

Charlie: I think we could start talking about this as soon as this contract with Sierra is approved and goes into effect.

Discussion ensued, no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

There were no reports presented this month.

Charlie Hibler: At some point, we need to ask the City Manager and the City Commission what the statuses of the reserves are.

Alvin Siffring: Asked that the reserve account be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Discussion ensued, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

"Lola Polley made a motion to adjourn the meeting."

Seconded by Bill Jacka
Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of December 2006, on motion duly made by Bill Jacka, seconded by Jaime Hurst, and carried.