

**CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES  
PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Regular meeting of the Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to be held in the City Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Szigeti.

**ROLL CALL:**

George Szigeti, Chairman  
Jeff Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman  
Ron Pacourek, Member  
Gil Avelar, Member  
Don Armijo, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bruce Swingle, City Manager  
Bo Easley, Electric Department Head  
Dawn C. Barclay, Deputy City Clerk

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Chairman Szigeti** - Addressed the board in regards to why he denied Ron Fenn's request to speak with interaction at the Public Utility Advisory Board. After reviewing Mr. Fenn's topics, Chairman Szigeti determined these topics were previously discuss at an earlier date and there was no new information being presented at this time to grant a discussing during this meeting.

**Member Pacourek made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Avelar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of August 16, 2021.

**Member Armijo made a motion to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes with one spelling correction requested by Chairman Szigeti. Member Avelar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Ron Fenn** – Spoke to the board about his presented handouts titled “SSA of New Mexico #4 Annual Report & Analysis” and “Electric Dept 1st Qtrly Report”. Both handouts are attached to be made part of these minutes.

**Ariel Dougherty** – Voiced her concerns in regards to the re-drafted Ordinance 664. Her topics made reference to following;

- (1) Overview i – making reference to Public Regulatory Commission.
- (1) Overview c – making comment to Non-compliant.
- (2) Metering a. – making reference to net metering, carryover and customer billing.

## **4. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Discussion/Action: Recommendation of Amendments to Ordinance No. 644 – Customer Generated Renewable Energy. George Szigeti, Chairman.**

A clarification was needed to agenda item Ordinance No. 664. It was confirmed by Bruce Swingle, City Manager there was a typo and the number in red should have been 664 not 644. Moving on, Chairman Szigeti stated the wording in black is the board’s approved suggested version, the wording in red is the Attorney’s suggested wording. The topic that was discussed at this meeting was to address adding additional wording to Ordinance 664 for Commercial Accounts. Suggestions were discussed and the board agreed that Chairman Szigeti will obtain a copy of the word.doc from the City Clerk’s office. He will make the discussed changes and he will present it back to the Public Utility Advisory Board for further discussion.

- b. **Discussion/Action: Seasonal Trash Pickup. Jeff Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman.**

The board agreed to table this discussion until Vice-Chairman Dornbusch can further his research by meeting with Sonya Williams, Utility Department Manager.

- c. **Discussion/Action: Utility Forgiveness Program. Jeff Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman.**

The board reviewed the presented document in resolution format and agreed to move forward with presentation to the City Commission for approval.

**Vice-Chairman Dornbusch made a motion to approve document for presentation to the City Commission for approval. Member Pacourek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion/Review: Quarterly Utility Reports.

**Bruce Swingle, City Manager** – Addressed the four quarterly reports that were presented for FY 2021-22, July through September. The documents submitted were from the following City's Utility Departments; Water/Wastewater Department, Electric Department, Sanitation Department, and the Utility Department. City Manager Swingle asked the board to review and give feedback to which report topic they would like to keep, add or remove. Vice-Chairman Dornbusch made reference to the water departments report; he would like to see Wells in service, production amounts and lift station status on wells that are currently in service. Member Avelar would like to see information on the Static Levels.

**Chairman Szigeti** - Made reference to the Utility Departments reports about the amount of accounts that are in arrears.

**Vice-Chairman Dornbusch** - Suggested to send out a final letter that if payment is not made, their service will stop.

**Bruce Swingle, City Manager** – Responded, he thought that all delinquent accounts are on a payment plan. Without a payment plan in place, the delinquent accounts were going to collections.

**Chairman Szigeti** – Would like to add to the Utility Department's report, how many accounts are on a payment plan vs how many accounts that have been red tagged through the Utility Department.

**Member Pacourek** - Asked Bo Easley, Electric Utility Department Head about the current status on the Roundabouts. Mr. Easley reported, the department is still waiting on permits.

**Chairman Szigeti** - Took a minute to thank all the Department Head's for compiling their report information. The board agreed it was a very good start and they would like to continue to review the current data and discuss in more detail at the next board meeting.

## **6. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:**

**Member Pacourek** - Spoke about Sec 11 14.1 referring to the Poly Cart wording, stating there is a 5% increase each year. He reported he could not find any documentation where it had been approved for Solid Waste and Waste Water fees. The board discussed and agreed they would like this topic added to next meeting agenda.

## **7. REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

No reports from the staff.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board, Member Pacourek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Szigeti seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.**



**George Szigeti, Chairman**  
Public Utility Advisory Board



**City of Truth or Consequences**  
**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**  
 505 Sims Street  
 Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901  
 (575) 894-6673

## ELECTRIC QUARTERLY REPORTS

JULY 2021		
SOURCE	TOTAL PURCHASED	COST
SSA Solar of NM 4	320,660 kWh	\$27,993.62
Tri-State- Wheeling Sales	5,6031 kW	\$38,519.86
Western Area Power Administration	5,603 kW & 1,903,309 kWh	\$49,929.37
Sierra Electric Cooperative Inc.	3,403,729 kWh	\$273,812.99
		<b>Total: \$390,255.84</b>

AUGUST 2021		
SOURCE	TOTAL PURCHASED	COST
SSA Solar of NM 4	251,870 kWh	\$21,988.25
Tri-State- Wheeling Sales	5,6031 kW	\$39,401.37
Western Area Power Administration	5,603 kW & 1,901,011 kWh	\$48,903.11
Sierra Electric Cooperative Inc.	3,314,327 kWh	\$266,621.04
		<b>Total: \$376,913.77</b>

SEPTEMBER 2021		
SOURCE	TOTAL PURCHASED	COST
SSA Solar of NM 4	285,250 kWh	\$24,902.33
Tri-State- Wheeling Sales	5,6031 kW	\$38,033.25
Western Area Power Administration	5,603 kW & 1,590,970 kWh	\$45,359.34
Sierra Electric Cooperative Inc.	2,818,712 kWh	\$199,452.62
		<b>Total: \$307,747.54</b>

JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021	
TOTAL DELIVERED	
Service Consumption	12,644,567 kW
Demand Consumption	13,847
Revenue	\$1,861,000.95

# SOLAR CUSTOMERS	TOTAL CAPACITY
63 Completed	1,751 kW PV
18 Pending Completion	-

PROJECTS	STATUS
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**City of Truth or Consequences Utility Office**

**July, August, September 2021**

**Number of Active Accounts- 3765**

**Total Utilities paid- \$2,907,205.55**

**Current Electric Cost Adjustment- .0414 per KWH**

**Number of delinquent Accounts- 460**

**Total amount in Arrears- \$70,754.94**

**All receipts from 2019-2020- \$9,694,654.15**

**All receipts from 2020-2021- \$10,145,521.44**

**Total increase- \$450,867.29**

**Billing issues- Still working on having bill format updated with current service dates (meter read dates preferably).**



## City of Truth or Consequences

505 Sims Street

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901

City (575) 894-6673 Fax (575) 894-0363

Sanitation Department utility report

For Fiscal: 2021 – 2022

Total waste collected and shipped – 3,044.68 Tons

Revenue - \$159,642.79

Disposal cost - \$ 166,335.54

From January 2021 to October 2021

Recycling totals – 217.10 Tons

Revenue - \$17,503.45

No major projects and status

Sanitation Director,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew A. Almy".





**Water and Wastewater Departments  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report  
July-September 2021**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

Total water pumped, by well:

- July- Wells 1, 2, 6 & 7 total 51,963,000 gallons
- August- Wells 1, 2, 6 & 7 total 43,947,000 gallons
- September- Wells 1, 2, 6 & 7 total 41,538,000 gallons

Well static levels and condition- Well conditions are fair.

Total water delivered and revenue:

- 83,145 gallons delivered
- \$370,355.61 revenue total

Major projects and status- Corbett St. water line upgrade project; 336 ft. complete, while 1,061 ft. in progress. Staff waiting on parts to complete project.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**

Total wastewater treated:

- July- 13.5 MGD
- August- 14.1 MGD
- September- 15.3 MGD

Effluent water use:

- July- 9,435,700 gal
- August- 8,030,820 gal
- September- 5,779,880 gal

Major projects and status- none



**SSA of New Mexico #4  
Annual Report  
& Analysis**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
City of Truth or Consequences																	
Contract Year	Estimated Annual Energy Output (kWh)	Estimated Annual Cost of the Energy Conservation Measure	Estimated Annual Utility Cost Savings	Estimated Annual Savings Amount E-D	Replacement Energy Incremental Cost Per kWh	Energy Payment Rate	Actual Annual Energy Output (kWh)	Actual Annual Savings Calculation (Op) - (Ip)	Annual Savings Guarantee Amount	Savings Credit Difference Calculation J-K	Savings Guarantee Payment (if Column L is negative)	Actual Annual Energy Output (kWh)	Actual Replacement Energy Incremental Cost Per kWh	Cost Actual V Energy rate (P) - (H)	Total Differential	Savings Credit Difference Calculation Q-X	
1	2/24/15 - 2/23/16	4,070,347	\$324,814	\$340,281.00	\$0.0836	\$0.0798	2,959,490	\$11,246.06	\$100.00	\$11,146.06	\$0.00	2,959,490	\$0.0755	-0.00430		\$12,726.81	
2	2/24/16 - 2/23/17	4,041,855	\$327,378	\$348,036.00	\$0.0861	\$0.0810	3,498,979	\$17,844.79	\$100.00	\$17,744.79	\$0.00	3,498,979	\$0.0755	-0.00550		\$19,244.38	
3	2/24/17 - 2/23/18	4,013,562	\$329,963	\$355,968.00	\$0.0887	\$0.0822	3,460,209	\$22,491.36	\$100.00	\$22,291.35	\$0.00	3,460,209	\$0.0755	-0.00670		\$23,183.40	
4	2/24/18 - 2/23/19	3,985,467	\$332,568	\$364,080.00	\$0.0914	\$0.0834	3,754,320	\$30,034.56	\$100.00	\$29,894.56	\$0.00	3,754,320	\$0.0790	-0.00440		\$16,539.01	
5	2/24/19 - 2/23/20	3,957,568	\$335,193	\$372,378.00	\$0.0941	\$0.0847	3,486,981	\$32,777.62	\$100.00	\$32,677.62	\$0.00	3,486,981	\$0.0799	-0.00480		\$16,737.51	
6	2/24/20 - 2/23/21	3,929,865	\$337,840	\$380,864.00	\$0.0969	\$0.0860	3,615,090	\$39,104.48	\$100.00	\$39,304.48	\$0.00	3,615,090	\$0.0800	-0.00605		\$21,871.29	
7		3,902,356	\$340,507	\$389,544.00	\$0.0998	\$0.0873			\$100.00								
8		3,875,040	\$343,195	\$398,422.00	\$0.1028	\$0.0896			\$100.00								
9		3,847,915	\$345,905	\$407,502.00	\$0.1059	\$0.0899			\$100.00								
10		3,820,879	\$348,636	\$416,789.00	\$0.1091	\$0.0912			\$100.00								
11		3,794,232	\$351,388	\$426,287.00	\$0.1124	\$0.0926			\$100.00								
12		3,767,673	\$354,162	\$436,002.00	\$0.1157	\$0.0940			\$100.00								
13		3,741,289	\$356,959	\$445,939.00	\$0.1192	\$0.0954			\$100.00								
14		3,715,110	\$359,777	\$456,102.00	\$0.1228	\$0.0968			\$100.00								
15		3,689,104	\$362,617	\$466,496.00	\$0.1265	\$0.0983			\$100.00								
16		3,663,280	\$365,480	\$477,128.00	\$0.1302	\$0.0998			\$100.00								
17		3,637,637	\$368,366	\$488,002.00	\$0.1342	\$0.1013			\$100.00								
18		3,612,174	\$371,274	\$499,123.00	\$0.1382	\$0.1028			\$100.00								
19		3,586,889	\$374,205	\$510,498.00	\$0.1423	\$0.1043			\$100.00								
20		3,561,781	\$377,159	\$522,132.00	\$0.1466	\$0.1059			\$100.00								
21		3,536,848	\$380,137	\$534,032.00	\$0.1510	\$0.1075			\$100.00								
22		3,512,090	\$383,138	\$546,202.00	\$0.1555	\$0.1091			\$100.00								
23		3,487,506	\$386,163	\$558,650.00	\$0.1602	\$0.1107			\$100.00								
24		3,463,093	\$389,212	\$571,382.00	\$0.1650	\$0.1124			\$100.00								
25		3,438,851	\$392,285	\$584,404.00	\$0.1699	\$0.1141			\$100.00								



# Electric Dept 1st Qtrly Report

Fy 21/22

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		ELECTRIC QUARTERLY REPORTS		
		1st Quarter FY 21/22		
SOURCE /	UM	TOTAL PURCHASED Power	Rate	
SSA Solar of NM 4	kWh	857780	\$0.0873	\$74,884.20
Western Area Power Administration	kWh	5395290	\$0.0482	\$260,146.30
Sierra Electric Cooperative Inc.	kWh	9536678	\$0.0776	\$739,886.65
<b>TOTAL Purchased</b>	<b>kWh</b>	<b>15789748</b>		<b>\$1,074,917.15</b>
<b>Power Delivery</b>				
Western Area Power Administration	KW	Actual 7252	\$4.8500	\$81,523.65
Tri-State- Wheeling Sales	KW	16809	\$6.5300	\$109,762.77
Overcharge Not Delivered	ND	-9557	\$11.3800	-\$108,758.66
<b>JULY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2021</b>				
<b>TOTAL DELIVERED</b>				
Service Consumption	kWh	12644567	\$0.1472	
Demand Consumption	KW	13,847	\$8.0000	
Gross Revenue				\$1,861,000.95
Net Income		Mark up	73.13%	\$786,083.80
Net Loss		-3145181		-\$462,901.17
<b># SOLAR. CUSTOMERS</b>		<b>TOTAL CAPACITY</b>		
63 Completed	kW PV	1751		Prod recorded as
18 Pending Completion				Consumption ??????
<b>PROTECTS</b>		<b>STATUS</b>		
Aerial Med. Voltage Distribution		RFP currently being advertised		
Substation Transformer		RFP completed, waiting on funding.		
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Williamsburg Interstate Interchange Plans		Received 60% drawings		
<b>Management Factor Report</b>				
Manpower	No.			Hours Required
Full time				
Part time				
Man hours worked			Total	
<b>Operations</b>				
Poles Installed	Ea.			
Transformers Installed	Ea.			

# Electric Dept 1st Qtrly Report

Fy 21/22

Primary Cable Installed	Feet			
Service Wire Installed	Feet			
Meters Installed	Ea.			
Emergency Responses	No.			
<b>Vehicle Use</b>				
Auto & Pickup Truck	No.			
Cumulative Mileage	Mi			
Purchased Gasoline	gal			
Diesel	gal			
Other Vehicles				
Cumulative Mileage	Mi			
Equipment Hours	Hrs			
Fuel Purchases	gal			
<b>Tree Trimming/Cutting</b>				
Scheduled or Call outs	No.			
Other Activities	No.			