# CRISP COUNTY POWER COMMISSION CORDELE, GEORGIA

2:00 P.M. July 26, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission was held on the above-mentioned date and time in the Power Commission Board Room at 202 South Seventh Street.

There Were Present:	Ray Hughes, Chairman
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Alissa Wilkerson
James Dowdy
John Pridgen
Rusty Slade
Larry Felton

Others Present: Michael Ivey, General Manager

Ladreka Daniels, Secretary Rick Lawson, Attorney

Mark Crenshaw, Commissioner James Nance, Commissioner Chad Young, IT Director Rick Vaughn, Staff Engineer

Ronnie Miller, Production Manager Becky Fitzgibbons, Office Manager Troy Gilliam, Resource Manager

Gary Youngblood, ECG Representative Clark Harrell, County Administrator Blake Manning, Operations Manager Royce Reeves, Customer of CCPC Grant Buckley, IDC Director

Absent: Sam Farrow

Media: Dee Sinha

### Call to Order

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

#### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Rusty Slade, seconded by Alissa Wilkerson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular June meeting.

## **Customer Deposit Discussion**

Mr. Royce Reeves began with an apology to the Customer Service Representative that he previously spoke to on the phone. He expressed that he now understands how he incurred the deposit and the breakdown of his bill. He expressed to the Board his concerns for the less privilege customers in the community of Cordele/Crisp County. Commissioners Felton and Nance reported they both have received calls from customers regarding high bills due to the fact the deposit required amount is included on their bills.

It was reported by members of the Board and staff that we have had these rules and regulations for over thirty years regarding the 2x required deposit for those that were disconnected for non-payment. John Pridgen asked what would be a viable solution to this issue. Mr. Reeves asked the Board to consider giving customers more than two payment arrangements per year. At the August's board meeting, Becky Fitzgibbons will present a report with options CCPC may adopt/use to address customers' concerns.

# Review of June 2022 Financial Statements

Operating Revenues	\$5,040,965.67
Operating Expenses	\$6,186,960.21
Net Revenues (After Adjustments)	\$(63,610.49)
Year to Date Net Revenues	\$507,710.27
Total Funds on Hand	\$4,437,343.52

Manager Ivey reported our cash balance has dropped well below \$10M to \$4.4M and reserves are at \$31.9M. He reported we are preparing to transfer \$7.5M from the reserve account to the cash account. Ivey reported for April through June, we have spent \$5.5M on the ash pond, the new CT, and Project M and we expect to spend \$2.0 - \$2.5M on these three projects in July.

Manager Ivey reported energy sales for the month in all classes were up compared to last year and total energy sales were up 10.1% and revenue was up 21.3% compared to last year. The heating degree days for June 2022 were 521, 15.2% above the long-term average and more than June 2021 at 408. Energy production was 15.0% above last year. MWH sales for the month were 8.3% above budget. Comparing the actual results for the first six months to the 2022 Budget, the Commission is 3% below budget year to date.

Hydro-electric production during the month of June was 43.1% below the long-term average and 37.2% less than June 2021. SEPA was 2.8% above budget.

A motion was made by Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried to approve the \$7.5M MCT transfer of funds and the June 2022 Financial Statements.

# Vogtle Tender

Manager Ivey gave a brief summary of CCPC's option to tender a portion of its ownership interest in the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project. He reported the tender option was discussed last month and the Commission needs to vote and file their resolution with

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MEAG. Ivey reported the estimated savings could vanish quickly with very little change in assumptions, assumptions that are more likely than not and the savings we would get less than the benefit we give to our competitor (GPC). Manager Ivey is recommending that we do not tender.

A motion was made by John Pridgen, seconded by Rusty Slade, and unanimously carried authorizing the Chairman, Ray Hughes and General Manager, Michael Ivey, to execute the Resolution that is not in support of the tender options.

#### **Report on MEAG 2022 BOD Meeting**

Manager Ivey reported that the July MEAG Board Meeting was held as part of the Annual MEAG meeting. It was well attended with meeting delegates.

Manager Ivey reported the presentation of summary reports included a presentation on fixed and variable costs that were over budget by about 1.04 cents per kWh for the month and 0.22 cents per kWh under budget YTD. Ivey reported that variable costs were over budget by \$31.1M and Projects 1, 2, and 3 were under budget due to the fossil units running at reduced levels to conserve coal. The combined cycle is running more to compensate for the coal unit reduction. Supplemental is over, due to increased purchases and a high market. R&R was under budget \$1.2M mainly due to timing differences between R&R budgeting and billing.

Natural gas prices are well above budgetary levels. Ivey reported coal regulatory, delivery issues, storage issues, and high temperatures continue to put pressure on the NG market prices. There are some current issues with the southeast NG pipelines causing delivery issues. These impacts are causing a \$3-\$4 per MMBTU increase, resulting in \$11/MMBTU gas. The MEAG hedging program is helping curb the impact on the CC plant run costs and trying to release as much coal and stored gas as possible. They expect the pipeline issues to be resolved by September with some improvement earlier. The nuclear unit utilization was 5.3% above budget. Coal utilization was 19.5% below budget due coal delivery and conservation issues. SEPA was above budget. Off-system purchases were \$51M above budget.

MEAG's generation was 53% non-emitting for the month and 59% non-emitting for the last 12 months. Energy consumption increased 16.0% over 2021 due to heat and new load, particularly data mining. MEAG set a new all-time peak on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm with 2,188 MW vs 1984 MW last year (70 MW higher than the prior all-time peak set in Aug 2007). YTD energy consumption was 1.1% below budget.

Mr. Ivey also presented new developments in corporate affairs and issues on the federal and state levels around MEAG communities. He reported Steve Rentfrow received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award at the 2022 APPA National Conference. Ivey also presented an update and slide presentation on the Vogtle projects.

# **Current Projects**

- Gary Youngblood reported ECG will host two classes, one on August 11<sup>th</sup> and the other beginning on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged our participation in these classes.
- Clark Harrell reported the removal of the ash is going well. He also reported that the County is assisting CCPC with site and drainage issues at the Operations Building.
- Grant Buckley reported the local economy appears to be good. He reported unemployment rate for May was at 4.4%. Grant also introduced his new assistant, Dixie Fuller.
- Blake Manning reported in-house crews are continuing to work on Osmose pole change outs, daily work, and clearing trees at the Plant. Crews are also working on the Harris project and hopes to be completed soon. He reported the lights at the Recreation Department have been fixed. ROW crews are working in the NW quadrant of the county doing maintenance work and clean up. Contractors are working down in the Arabi area.
- Troy Gilliam reported the boat ramp needs to be repaired at Loren Williams ramp which belongs to the County. He reported spraying will begin today in the North and South Valhalla area and Booger Bottom. He reported he will have a Zoom meeting with Pointed Dog Solution.
- Ronnie Miller reported July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> the combined Part 12 and FERC inspection went well with CCPC having to complete minor repairs. He reported on August 8<sup>th</sup> the CT slab construction will begin and should be completed by next summer.
- Rick Vaughn reported the work plan has been completed. He gave a monetary breakdown of the cost and reported they are working on re-closures on circuit 1230 and 1240.

#### **Other Business**

A motion was made Alissa Wilkerson, seconded by Larry Felton, and approved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

#### **Executive Session**

No action taken.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Chairman called the meeting of the Crisp County Power Commission back into regular order.

# Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Hughes announced that there was no further business to come before the Commission and declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Approved this

23rd day of August

2022

## GEORGIA, CRISP COUNTY

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned chairperson of the Crisp County Power Commission, who in oath, states that he/she presided over the meeting of said organization on the date specified below, that he/she is an adult, competent to testify to the statements herein contained, is laboring under not disabilities and makes this statement to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, aware of the fact that this statement will be made part of the record of said meeting.

A portion of said meeting was closed to the public (held in "Executive Session"), and that the subject matter of the closed portion thereof was devoted exclusively to matters within the exceptions to the "Open Meeting Law" (OCGA section 50-14-1, et seq), and that the specific relevant exception(s) thereof is indicated below by a check mark in the blank immediately preceding said exception.

<b>√</b>	Attorney/client privileged matters concerning pending or potential litigation.
	Tax matters made confidential by a state law.
	Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.
	Discussions concerning the future acquisition of real estate.
<u>-</u>	Discussions or deliberating upon the appointment, and employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluations or rating of a public officer or employee.

This \_26th\_day of \_July\_, 2022

Chairman, Crisp County Power Commission

Cordele, Georgia

Sworn to and described before me this

\_26th\_day of \_July\_, 2022.

Notary Public

My Commission,

SEAL