



**Environmental Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2013**

Meeting Location: Mid-America Regional Council

Commissioners present: Carol Adams, Bob Berkebile, Tom Brink, Molly Davies, Jim Hansen, Marty Kraft, Ken Kramme, Jack Schrimsher, Tom Wyrsh

Staff: Dennis Murphey, Andy Savastino and Jerry Shechter – OEQ, Matt Gigliotti – Law Dept; Scott Cahail – Water Services Department

Guests: Chuck Caisley & Katie McDonald – KCP&L, Anne McGregor – Sierra Club; Andrew Tate – Brightergy, Ron McLinden

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm; a quorum was not present

- A. Welcome and Introductions - The Chair welcomed commissioners, staff and guests
- B. Minutes – Deferred
- C. Update – East Patrol Division Redevelopment – Did not attend the meeting
- D. KCP&L re: Energy Efficiency Now Initiative – Chuck Caisley, KCP&L  
The context for the KCP&L presentation is a follow up to the presentation by Sierra Club in November, 2013 focused on the Missouri Energy Efficiency Act (MEEA).
  1. KCP&L requests the EMC not get involved in the Sierra Club petition due to factual errors in the Sierra Club document.
  2. MEEA does not specifically require KCP&L to do anything.
  3. MEEA is not a mandate specifically because it contains opt-out provisions for the 250 largest users; Some have opted out because they do not see a sufficiently short return on investment (ROI) with energy efficiency expenditures even though, over longer time periods, the investment does make economic sense.
  4. Mr. Caisley provided a comparison with Ameren investments in energy efficiency contending that even though the absolute amounts of the Ameren investment are larger, the relative amounts based on size of the utility and the investments per customer are greater.
  5. KCP&L was the first utility investor in wind energy generation and is the biggest such investor now. KCP&L has 940 MW of wind generation capacity and is adding another 400 MW.
  6. The real issue, however, is transmission capacity which is down 30%-50% of the time due to line sharing. KCP&L expects resolution of this issue by 2015 with KCP&L having the first right of transmission. KCP&L is building more transmission lines.
  7. KCP&L has no current plans for adding new generation plants through 2023.

There was general discussion about the presentation and the differences between the KCP&L and Sierra Club perspectives. Reference was made to Jim Jura, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager at Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. who has written about the importance of geographic diversity for reliable wind generation – which KCP&L has been building. KCP&L has been working toward viable large scale storage systems.

Anne McGregor, Sierra Club noted that KCP&L compares itself and its accomplishments to the other utilities in the State of Missouri while Sierra Club compares the State of Missouri to other states. In that comparison, Missouri is 43<sup>rd</sup> of 50 states in renewable energy generation – with a MEEA standard of 9%. She stated the Sierra Club position is that Missouri should be increasing that percentage.

- E. Work Group Updates
  - 1. Recognition Awards – No report
  - 2. Vacant Lots – Robin Martinez could not attend the meeting and provided a written statement which Carol Adams read.
- F. Office of Environmental Quality – Dennis Murphey
  - 1. OEQ has provided Commissioners a link to the newly published Sustainability Report which will not be published in hard form. This allows for quicker updating as appropriate. Commissioners are encouraged to read the report.
  - 2. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory update – KCMO has been collaborating with Johnson County, KS in securing a consultant/contractor to do the GHG inventory update. We published a joint request for proposals (RFP), jointly interviewed proposers and chose an apparent winner jointly. We are pursuing contracts separately as required by our procurement systems in order to enable payment for services from our separate funding resources. The contract scopes of service, however, are being shared.
- G. Liaison Updates –
  - 1. Air Quality Forum – Carol Adams – MARC is developing a general letter to the US EPA regarding emissions in which MARC will note that geography is problematic and that some issues need to be addressed in more than individual state perspective based on the legal authorization of EPA to intervene regarding pollutants. Carol will share the letter when it becomes available.
  - 2. LEED – No report
- H. Legal Briefing – Matt Gigliotti – No report
- I. Old Business - None
- J. New Business – None
- K. Remarks from Visitors
  - 1. Ron McLinden –
    - a. MARC and KC Area Transportation Authority (ATA) are collaborating on a transit coordinating council to better coordinate transit in the region and to be more seamless. A transit stakeholder forum is planned for January 17, 2014 at MARC.
    - b. There is a lot of concern across the state about a proposal to seek added sales tax authorization to fund highways – as opposed to user fees.

Agenda for next meeting - It was proposed that time be set aside once again in January for presentations about the progress of the East Patrol Division redevelopment and, possibly, for the Sierra Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for

January 15, 2014  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Mid-America Regional Council  
600 Broadway – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor