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City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Study Session  
April 22, 2015  
3:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Dave Nelson, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski  
Excused: Woody Jones

**TPU Quarterly Financial Outlook**

Tacoma Water: Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, detailed the forecast assumptions, summary of outlook, water retail sales and revenues, revenue and expense summary, and estimated current fund cash balance.

Tacoma Power: Ted Coates, Power Superintendent, detailed the forecast assumptions, summary of outlook, electric retail sales and revenues, bulk power (wholesale) sales and revenues, revenue and expense summaries, and estimated current fund cash balance.

Tacoma Rail: Dale King, Rail Superintendent, detailed the summary of assumptions, summary of financial situation, intermodal volumes, commercial volumes, adjusted budget estimates, and estimated current fund cash balance.

**Tacoma Power: Cyber Security Update**

Clark Mather, Sr. Manager for External Affairs, and Scott Klauminzer, Critical Infrastructure Protection Standards Lead, provided an overview of the national cybersecurity efforts and pending federal legislation. Cybersecurity encompasses identifying what is vulnerable and where it is; protecting configurations to harden and limit access; detecting to ensure notification when something is compromised; responding to minimize the impacts; and recovering to keep services alive. Defenses in both policy and in practice were detailed. Steps to ensure TPU's security and resiliency and TPU's cybersecurity ongoing efforts were summarized.

**Tacoma Water: GIS Update**

Heather Pennington, Deputy Water Assistant, made introductory remarks and introductions. Mike Gray and Lisa Stapleton, Information Management Supervisors, made the presentation. Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographic data. The history of GIS use was summarized. The GIS business drivers and benefits were shared. The Blue Wave project was described and was demonstrated. Key success factors and ongoing efforts were outlined.

**Tacoma Power: Click! Cable TV Rate Adjustment Follow-up**

Tenzin Gyaltzen, Click! General Manager, stated that the original rate increase recommendation was made to the Board on March 25, 2015. At that time, additional information was requested on Click!’s capital program, discount program, unrecovered equipment and uncollectable debt, and disconnection information. Information on this requested information was detailed. Next steps include Council approval on May 12, notification to customers, and an effective date of July 1.

**Miscellaneous**

The Board discussed potentially having a walk-on motion to amend Board Resolution U-10604 regarding delegated authority to the Director to approve TPU real property use fee schedules. This item will be brought forward to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board was updated on the latest Click! lease proposal.

**Executive Session**

An executive session was convened at 5:50 pm for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential or pending litigation. At 6:05 pm, the executive session was extended for 5 minutes. The executive session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Attorneys present: Bill Fosbre and Matt Love.

**Adjournment**

The study session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Chair

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Mark Patterson, Secretary