



APPROVED 7-8-15

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
June 24, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jones called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** Woodrow Jones, David Nelson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski, Mark Patterson.

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Flint moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted and made part of the record.

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Comments from the Public**

Ron Richardson, President for Advocates of Retirement Action in Tacoma, voiced opposition to the proposed Click! lease agreement.

Sheryl Kopek voiced opposition to the proposed Click! lease agreement.

Jory Adkins voiced her opposition to rail traffic in the D-M Street/Dome District area once the Olympia/Belmore Line lease expires.

Peter Jung voiced opposition to the proposed Click! lease agreement.

Gavin Guss voiced opposition to passing item D2, Motion 15-08, on the evening agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

- D-1 Resolution U-10786 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award five-year contract to Nexant, Inc., for conservation database modernization (\$690,000, plus the option for two additional two-year renewal periods);

2. Award two-year contract to Myers Power Products for the supply of 15kV outdoor walk-in, metal-clad switchgear (\$2,457,645.04, plus the option for three additional one-year renewal periods for an estimated cumulative total of \$5,500,000 plus sales tax);
3. Award contract to MWH Americas, Inc., for engineering consultant services related to the design of post-tension anchors in the spillway sections of Mayfield Dam (\$580,000, sales tax not applicable);
4. Award contract to Golder Associates, Inc., for engineering consultant services related to the replacement of the post-tension anchors currently supporting the Mayfield forebay and penstock slope (\$375,000, sales tax not applicable);
5. Award contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for the upgrade of a segment of deteriorated railroad track \$(1,052,045, plus sales tax).

Mr. Flint moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

In response to a Board inquiry, Jeremy Stewart, Conservation Analyst, and Joe Tellez, Power Assistant Section Manager, provided clarification about the role of cloud and web based technology with the new conservation program.

In response to a Board inquiry, Toby Brewer, Chief Dam Safety Engineer provided background and clarification on items three and four.

In response to a Board inquiry, Kyle Kellem, Road Master, provided clarification on item number five.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-2 Motion 15-08 – A motion to reconfirm the appointment of William A. Gaines as Director of Tacoma Public Utilities.

Mr. Flint moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

All Board Members made very positive comments about Director Gaines' qualifications, leadership, performance, and success in all TPU operating and service divisions

Under public comment, Mitchell Shook, voiced his support for a delay in voting for this item.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

D-3 Resolution U-10787 – Authorize Tacoma Power to convey an easement to Larry Morgan within the Cushman Transmission right of way 144<sup>th</sup> Street NW westerly of SR 302 for \$5,000.00.

Mr. Flint moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Gloria Fletcher, Sr. Real Estate Officer, summarized the resolution. Mr. Morgan's property is located adjacent to the Tacoma Power Cushman Transmission right of way and he has historically accessed his property via that right of way. He recently acquired an easement from Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that

allows him legal access from the public right of way to Tacoma Power property. The proposed easement will connect Mr. Morgan's property to the DNR easement by crossing the transmission right of way. Tacoma Power and Mr. Morgan have agreed on the terms and conditions of the easement based on an in-house valuation of fair market value.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-4 Resolution U-10788 – Authorize Tacoma Power to execute two Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreements with Powerex Corporation.

Mr. Flint moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Joe Wilson, Assistant Power Section Manager, summarized the resolution. Powerex Corporate requested to become a Tacoma Power transmission customer under Tacoma Power's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (OATT). The OATT contains forms of service agreements for firm and non-firm, point-to-point transmission service. These service agreements provide for blanket authorization for short-term of transmission service. The actual transmission service desired will be requested and granted via Tacoma Power's internet-based Open-Access Same-Time Information System.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

#### **H. Reports of the Director**

H-1 May 2015 cash projections for Tacoma Power, Water, and Rail

H-2 May 2015 financials for Tacoma Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, and Self-Insurance Fund

#### **I. Comments by the Board**

Mr. Flint made positive comments regarding his field visit on the morning of June 24 with Water field service crews.

#### **J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. until Wednesday, July 8, 2015, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Bryan Flint, Chair

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Monique Trudnowski, Secretary