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City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Study Session
September 23, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Bryan Flint, Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Monique Trudnowski (arrived 4:13), Karen Larkin

Tacoma Power/Utility Technology Services: Service Oriented Architecture

Joe Tellez, Assistant Power Section Manager, stated that Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) is connecting business systems with reusable, standards-based services leveraging an enterprise service business solution. SOA uses special software that allows different systems to integrate via industry standards by reducing vendor proprietary interfaces and effort to connect systems; reduces the number of interfaces that need to be developed and maintained; optimizes data flow among systems which in turn enables information flow between business sections; and enables more secure exchange of information. Mr. Tellez outlined benefits to the utility with SOA. Angelita Zoleta, Assistant Power Section Manager, provided an overview of the utility's current IT architecture. A competitive bidding process was utilized to select a vendor for this initiative, which is included in Power's current biennium budget. The contract will come forward for Board approval at an upcoming Board meeting.

Tacoma Power: Conservation Resources Management Update

Steve Bicker, Conservation Resources Management Manager, summarized Conservation Resources Management (CRM) targets versus actuals through the 2014-2015 target biennium. Conservation program performance in residential and commercial/industrial programs was highlighted. Mr. Bicker then detailed how the weatherization program will be restructured in order to be more effective. In summary, CRM expects to exceed its annual conservation target by thirty percent.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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Bryan Flint, Chair

Monique Trudnowski, Secretary