



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
&
SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWICH
REGULAR MEETINGS

August 23, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners and the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, by WebEx and in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU), 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Stewart Peil.

Present: Chairman Stewart Peil, Vice-Chairman Ashon Avent (via WebEx), Secretary William Warzecha, and Commissioner Robert Staley. Absent: Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Jeanne Kurasz, Chris Riley, Mary Lou Rychling, Eric McDermott, Ruth Swift, Larry Sullivan, John Covey, Dave Poore, and Barry Ellison.

Item 2. Public Hearing – ELECTRIC LARGE COMMERCIAL (Non-Manufacturers) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE RIDER II - RATE EDR2. Chairman Peil opened the Public Hearing at 6 p.m. There were no members of the public present. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Item 3. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. No members of the public were present for the initial public comment period. At 6:10 p.m. Chairman Peil reopened the public comment period to accommodate Anna Smotrich from James Auto, who voiced a complaint regarding a security deposit.

Mayor Nystrom commended the utility on encouraging economic growth by responding to businesses who want to invest in Norwich with a modified Economic Development Rate to provide value in three years.

Item 4. Minutes of the Regular Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners Meeting and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich, held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Motion to approve made by Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Staley. Voted in favor: Chairman Peil, Vice Chairman Avent, Secretary Warzecha, and Commissioner Staley. Motion passed. Secretary Warzecha noted that there were headings missing in the sewer ordinance. Staff agreed to review and fix.

- Item 5. Information and Updates provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.
- Leadership Team Update. Discussion followed.
 - Financial Update. Informative.
 - Strategic Plan Update. Informative
 - Customer Interaction Data. Informative
 - Communication – Three Rivers Community College. Informative.

Item 6. Light Up Navajo Plaque. General Manager LaRose and Eric McDermott provided information regarding NPU's involvement with the American Public Power Association's (APPA) LightUp Navajo project and presented a commemorative plaque received from APPA.

Item 7. CMEEC Update. Chairman Peil updated the Board on CMEEC activity.

Item 8. Economic Development Subcommittee update. Commissioner Staley provided information to the Board on the upcoming September brainstorming Economic Development Subcommittee meeting.

Item 9. New outage map explanation and demonstration. David Poore provided a demonstration of the new online outage map. Discussion followed.

Item 10. Strategic Presentations.

- Jeff Brining presented information to the Board on the proposed Economic Development Rate option. Discussion followed.
- Barry Ellison provided a 2022 Gas Operations and Construction update to the Board. Discussion followed.

Item 11. Executive Session – To Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. This information is commercially valuable, confidential, and proprietary and is not public disclosure, pursuant to Public Act No. 98-212; and, To Discuss Personnel Matters of an Employee(s) and/or Public Official, pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 1-200 (6) (A) of the CT General Statutes.

Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Staley moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed. General Manager LaRose, Jeff Brining, Steve Sinko and Ruth Swift were asked to stay for part of the Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Item 10. Action Items.

- Steelworkers Contract Vote. Commissioner Staley, seconded by Secretary Warzecha motioned to approve the 2022-2025 Steelworkers Contract. Unanimously Approved.
- Water Wastewater Integrity Manager Job Description. Commissioner Staley, seconded by Secretary Warzecha motioned to approve the Water Wastewater Integrity Manager Job Description. Unanimously Approved.
- Economic Development Rate Vote. Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Avent motioned to approve the Economic Development Rate. Unanimously Approved.

NORWICH PUBLIC UTILITIES ELECTRIC SERVICE RATES

ELECTRIC LARGE COMMERCIAL (Non-Manufacturers) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE RIDER II - RATE EDR2

AVAILABILITY: Available to large Commercial customers that locate new operations within NPU service territory

and meet the qualifications of the **ELECTRIC LARGE COMMERCIAL (Non-Manufacturers) - RATE EP**.
QUALIFICATIONS: To qualify for service under this Rider, the customer must have actual demand of at least 5,000 KVA and monthly usage of 1,000,000 kWh.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The customer must complete an Application for Economic Development Rate Rider for potential participation in the program and comply with the requirements set forth in the Economic Development Rate Rider Policy before this rider will apply.

RATE EFFECTIVE **OCTOBER 1, 2022**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER II DISCOUNT: The Economic Development Rate Rider II is an annual declining discount applied over a 12-month period for a duration of three years. Each year's discount is as follows:

Year 1 \$0.02981 per kWh

Year 2 \$0.01988 per kWh

Year 3 \$0.00993 per kWh

OTHER: The Economic Development Rate Rider II applies only to the Electricity Used charge and not to the Purchased Power Adjustment, Demand charge, Energy Efficiency Fund charge, or any other charge/credit.

**ELECTRIC LARGE COMMERCIAL (Manufacturers)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATE RIDER II - RATE EDGR2**

AVAILABILITY: Available to large Commercial customers that locate new operations within NPU service territory and meet the qualifications of the **ELECTRIC LARGE COMMERCIAL (Manufacturers) - RATE EPGR2**.

QUALIFICATIONS: To qualify for service under this Rider, the customer must have actual demand of at least 5,000 KVA and monthly usage of 1,000,000 kWh.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The customer must complete an Application for Economic Development Rate Rider for potential participation in the program and comply with the requirements set forth in the Economic Development Rate Rider Policy before this rider will apply.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER II DISCOUNT: The Economic Development Rate Rider II is an annual declining discount applied over a 12-month period for a duration of three years. Each year's discount is as follows:

Year 1 \$0.02700 per kWh

Year 2 \$0.01800 per kWh

Year 3 \$0.00900 per kWh

OTHER: The Economic Development Rate Rider II applies only to the Electricity Used charge and not to the Purchased Power Adjustment, Demand charge, Energy Efficiency Fund charge, or any other charge/credit.

Item 11. Other Business. No other business was discussed.

Commissioner Staley, seconded by Secretary Warzecha moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

Attest:

William Warzecha
Secretary