

BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION
PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
For Wednesday, April 29, 2010

Present: John Gunderson, Chairman
John Baugh, Board Member
Larry Boyer, Vice-Chair
Wendy Douglas, Board Member
Ron Jensen, Board Member

City Staff: Bruce Leonard, City Administrator
Blake Fannesbeck, Public Works Director
Tyler Pugsley, Assistant Public Works Director
Raymond Poulson, Wastewater Treatment Manager
Dave Burnett, Public Power Director
Tom Ammons, Energy Conservation Specialist

Excused: Jolene Crockett, Administrative Secretary
Armando Portillo, Board Member
Tyler Vincent, Councilmember

Overview of the Wastewater Management System

Raymond Poulson explained he had been asked to give an over of the wastewater system and provide handouts to the Board. Manager Poulson reviewed the information through a power point presentation.

Mr. Gunderson asked what percent we were running. Manager Poulson stated at half. Chairman Gunderson stated Willard and Perry are not sending waste our way. Manager Poulson stated no.

Manager Poulson stated Brigham City removed the threat of chemicals and switched to a ultraviolet system. Chairman Gunderson asked how long we have been using this system. Manager Poulson stated approximately 1993.

Manager Poulson stated we are right in the middle of an upgrade at the plant and explained the process involved in the upgrade. Director Fannesbeck stated the upgrade is being funded by Procter & Gamble.

Mr. Jensen asked how many people do we have at the plant and do we always have to have someone at the site. Manager Poulson said it is automated enough and we have an alarm system so it is not necessary for us to be there 24 hours a day; on the weekends and holidays we walk through and check the components. We also have a laboratory and a compost site that operates through the WWT.

Proposed Rate Structure – Dave Burnett

Director Burnett introduced himself to those he had not met and stated this was his third opportunity to meet with the Board. In previous meetings we presented the option of raising the utility rates. He explained we were charged with looking at the structure of our rates, how they assign charges, etc., billing, charges, services vs. tying everything to energy. We were asked to give cost recommendations of cost restructuring. Although they did not have cost recommendations they were able to provide the Board with examples.

Mr. Ammons went over the proposed rate structures with the Board and explained how the rate structure would affect the community. A question and answer period followed with the Board requesting that the Public Power Department return in June with a final draft which would include a refined structure for the residential rate.

Net Metering Policy

Director Burnett stated they had received a net metering policy. We have not had a net metering policy in Brigham City. Our policy has been to not allow any interconnectivity on the distributing side of our system. However, with the world moving green and the stimulus money we need to provide a net metering system which allows for interconnectivity to our distribution system with solar, wind energy, etc.

Director Burnett explained right now at the Bird Refuge Visitors Center they are interested in installing a 50kw solar system. With this we would have to provide them a net metering whether they are pushing power into our system or taking power from our system. Director Burnett explained other projects that were on the horizon regarding solar power as well as local citizens who are interested in solar power in general. A net metering policy would address these situations.

Director Burnett said this is just a rough draft and he is willing to accept any suggestions in the wording or additions/changes the Board may have. We do need to have something in place to address the Bird Refuge when they are ready to implement the system. A discussion followed regarding the technology and various technologies coming on line in the near future.