

## Utilities Commission - 24 May 2021

**Participants** Chairman Jack Holcomb, Vice Chair Buddy Davenport, Sec. - Treas. Lillian Conrad, Asst. Sec.-Treas. Richard Hawes, Commissioner James Smith, General Counsel Thomas Cloud and GM/CEO Joe Bunch.

**Safety Message re: Rubber Glove Inspection** Each pair costs \$350 and protects worker from harm by 7650 to 24,000 watts. Thus, daily inspections are imperative as a pin hole can yield critical injury. Air pumps are used to find any holes.

### Approval of Consent Items - All unanimously approved

- **Minutes** of Regular UC Meeting held 4-26-21
- **Granted and accepted third party utility easements**
- **Water Reclamation Facility East Clarifier Drive Unit Replacement Project**
- **Agreement for Continuing Professional Services between UCNSB and KCI Technologies**

### General Manager's Report

- ➔ **Financial Status - April 2021** the YTD financials reflect increased revenue and continued purchase power favorability.
- ➔ One minor OSHA incident and 6 preventable motor vehicle accidents (5 were backing incidents)
- ➔ **Electric Reliability** - Equipment failure resulted in 6,108 customer power interruptions and 162,120 customer "minutes"; vegetation caused a feeder outage with 67,856 customer "minutes" interrupted.
- ➔ **Human Resources** - Staffing was under budget by 11 positions; 2 of 5 active recruitments filled in May.
- ➔ The results of the FY "rate study" will be presented at June's UC Meeting.
- ➔ NSB was 1 of 6 cities to receive a grant worth \$350-400,000 to pay for a 3-year cyber security monitoring service.

### Counsel's Report

- ✚ **Pole Attachment legislation** was successfully modified at the FL Legislature in favor of municipalities' interests.
- ✚ On June 3, the **Williamson extension will be finalized**. There will be only "minor" changes to the Developers Agreement.

### Old Business Unanimously approved

**FDEP Easement Request for Barracuda Bridge Utility Relocations.** Pertains strictly to easements due to rerouting of facilities and modifying the lift station.

### New Business Both Unanimously approved

- **UCNSB Municipal Fiber-Optic Network System Cost Sharing Agreement** A joint program with the City will involve 9.09 miles of underground and overhead fiberoptic lines increasing speed, capacity, longevity and security for municipal use, and facilitating emergency communication between the UC and municipal branches. UC's cost: \$196,000; City's share: \$152,000. The City will own and maintain the system.
- **2021-22 Collective Bargaining Agreement Reopener between UC and IBEW Local 2088** This covers the "Lineman" job family and reflects salary job ranges; changes in job titles and the additional layer of operation for the "Field Operation" job family. Overall, the wages for affected employees will increase 2 1/2%.

### Other Business - Time for Commissioners

- **Commissioner Hawes advised, and Commissioner Davenport agreed, that the Consumer Price Index is increasing,** stirring some economic concerns, and the possibility of a different business environment soon.
- **Commissioner Smith** appreciates the UC's management team's transparency with all issues.
- **Commissioner Conrad** appreciated the help of the modification to the Pole Attachment agreement at the State level, underscoring continued emphasis on "home rule".
- **Chair Holcomb** advised that managing for the "unknown" is always challenging. We simply must do our best and communicate with the entire team (all employees).