

Unapproved Minutes
Power Supply Committee Meeting
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd, Kearney, NE, 68845
January 22, 2025

The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Power Supply Committee met on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m. (CT), at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Road in Kearney, Nebraska, the designated meeting site. Notice of the meeting was given to committee members by e-mail, and the public was advised by publication both print and online in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper and website on January 3, 2025. The notice and agenda were posted upon issuance at the NMPP Energy office, 8377 Glynoaks Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, and kept continually current and available for public inspection. Meeting information and the current version of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were made available on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Goulette called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (CT). Pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and made available to the public.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was declared with eight of ten committee members and ex-officio Tom Ourada in attendance.

1. Pat Davison – Imperial
2. James DePue – Wray, CO
3. Tom Goulette – West Point, NE
4. Bill Hinton – Kimball, NE
5. Duane Hoffman – Oxford, NE
6. Matt Langhorst – Glenwood Springs, CO
7. Adam Suppes – Delta, CO
8. Randy Woldt – Wisner, NE

Absent: Will Dowis – Gunnison, CO, and Chris Rodman – Wall Lake, IA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Public Comment Period was announced, and a review of the rules applicable to the public participation process at MEAN public meetings was provided. There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Minutes

Minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting were previously distributed and included as Attachment A of the meeting packet. There were no changes to the minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MEAN Power Supply Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Rd. in Kearney, Nebraska.

Consent Resolution

Motion: James DePue moved to approve the following consent resolution. Adam Suppes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain business of the Power Supply Committee of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of a controversial nature; and,

WHEREAS, roll-call votes on each individual issue greatly extended the meeting time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEAN Power Supply Committee that in the interest of economizing time, yet complying with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska, which requires roll-call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd., Kearney, Nebraska.

MODIFICATIONS TO ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES*

Presenter: Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting

These modifications will align the Asset Management Policies and Procedures (AMPP), Rate Schedules, and Financial and Administrative Policies and Guidelines as a cohesive package. The AMPP will continue to house the eligibility and definitions. Rates and charges will be included in the Schedule of Rates and Charges, and Financial and Administrative Policies and Guidelines will contain the policy on the established rate methodology. The proposed changes had been discussed at several previous committee meetings. A review of the proposed modifications to the AMPP was presented and included updates to Contract Capacity and Compensation.

The committee was asked to consider a recommendation to the Board to approve the proposed modifications as shown in the redlined copy of the AMPP that was included as Attachment B of the meeting packet, to be effective April 1, 2025.

Motion: Pat Davison moved to approve the following resolution. Duane Hoffman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MEAN POWER SUPPLY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the Committee recommends the MEAN Board of Directors approve the modifications to the Asset Management Policies and Procedures as presented.

REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION EXPANSION (RTOE) AND FUTURE CAPITAL

Presenter: Brad Hans, Director of Wholesale Electric Operations

A Pseudo Tie takes load from one balancing authority and moves it to another balancing authority, virtually. It is a calculated energy transfer treated as if there was a physical connection. MEAN will be joining the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization Expansion (RTOE) when it is expected to go live on April 1, 2026. Three MEAN communities are currently in the PSCo Balancing Authority, which has not committed to joining RTOE. If the load for those three communities is not tied into RTOE via pseudo ties, and PSCo does not commit to join RTOE, MEAN will be forced into another market (Markets+) which will require additional staffing due to the complexities of learning and following that new market. MEAN is also considering a pseudo tie for the offtake MEAN receives from Black Hills resources.

In budget discussions the costs associated with entering the RTOE are comprised of the costs of metering, market participant activities, and software enhancements. Pseudo tie costs include metering installation and any necessary system upgrades to accommodate communications between SPP and PSCo. Market participant activity costs include project management by The Energy Authority (TEA) to enter MEAN's resources, register MEAN loads, and conduct testing. Software enhancements include an upgrade to MEAN's market communication system, PCI Software, to reflect the new loads going into the SPP market.

The age of MEAN resource facilities and the role it plays in capital needs, including an overview of the type of additional maintenance and update costs that can be expected with age was presented. A summary of the value that owned resources will continue to provide during the impending resource transitions was presented.

RESOURCE PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATES

Presenters: Brad Hans, Director of Wholesale Electric Operations, and Matt Reed, Distributed Resources and Generation Specialist

Scribner, Nebraska Status

The City of Scribner, Nebraska continues to consider and evaluate whether to transition to total requirements power supply or retain a Marketing Agreement similar to what they have today.

Leased Capacity Units

Staff provided a status update on the registration of municipal generation in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) footprint. Units and operators have responded well.

As solar and generation expansion projects are getting installed, Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) has implemented standards that caught many MEAN and NPPD wholesale customers off guard. MEAN is working with engineering firms and NPPD to identify interim solutions. Discussion ensued.

Extension of Jeffrey Hydropower Addendum

MEAN submitted a proposal for 20MW of capacity and energy from the Jeffrey hydropower units and currently provides Market Participant Services to Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (CNPPID) during the transition from MEAN's temporary offtake that started July 1, 2024. Following

two rounds of CNPPID pricing negotiations with MEAN and two other finalists, MEAN was not the successful bidder. The decision came in past the SPP Market Participant change deadlines so MEAN will provide Market Participant services until March 31, 2025 (the anticipated transition date to the new off taker, at CNPPID's cost.

Kilgore Wind Project

An update on a 53MW Wind Farm located near Valentine, Nebraska that was approved by the MEAN Board of Directors in May of 2024 was presented. The project is on pause until interconnection study results are received. If the results come in as expected, MEAN will look at submitting a transmission request in June to identify costs associated with the resource.

Solar Projects

Staff provided an update regarding the status of the solar generating projects located in MEAN Participant communities, a facility near Sidney, Nebraska, an opportunity in Eastern Nebraska, and MEAN Contracted and Sandhills Community solar projects. As reported in November, a recent SPP study identified output restriction from the delay in the NPPD R-Line Transmission Project. MEAN signed an exclusivity agreement in December for potential offtake from a planned 40MW project in eastern Nebraska between Lincoln and Omaha.

OPERATIONS UPDATES

Presenter: Jeff Lindsay, Electric Operations Manager

A summary of MEAN Load Locational Marginal Prices (LMPS) for December, look ahead pricing for February, WECC: Mid_C, Palo Verde, and Natural Gas forward curve pricing, a winter season update, and an update on SPP WEIS operating reserves was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

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