MEAN Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

Unapproved Minutes
Power Supply Committee Meeting
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd, Kearney, NE, 68845
August 19, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. (CT)

The Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) Power Supply Committee met on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 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 in print and online in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper and website on August 4, 2026. 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, Chair Goulette announced the location in the meeting room of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act that was available for public inspection.

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

1. Will Dowis – Gunnison, CO
2. Tom Goulette – West Point, NE
3. Bill Hinton – Kimball, NE
4. Duane Hoffman – Oxford, NE
5. Chris Rodman – Wall Lake, IA
6. Adam Suppes – Delta, CO
7. Randy Woldt – Wisner, NE

Absent: Pat Davison – Imperial, NE; James DePue – Wray, CO; Matt Langhorst – Glenwood Springs, CO

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
The minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting were previously distributed and included as Attachment A in 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, November 18, 2026, at the Younes Conference Center South, located at 416 W Talmadge Rd. in Kearney, Nebraska. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting may be held virtually.

2026 Winter Season Load and Capability Report

Jason Rosenkranz, Director of Wholesale Electric Operations, presented the 2026 Winter Season Load and Capability Report which reflects contracted and required capacity across the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), and West regions. In SPP-East, MEAN is projected to meet the 2026 Winter Resource Adequacy requirement with a small surplus. In the MISO region, the requirement has been met; absent significant load growth, no additional resource needs are anticipated over the next several years.

An overview of MEAN's resource adequacy needs in the West including SPP-West and the Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) regions was reviewed together. With no significant changes in load, MEAN is projected to meet the 2026 winter resource adequacy requirements with a small surplus through 2030. Because these markets are still forming, there is some uncertainty in those regions.

MEAN is actively evaluating short-term and longer-term resource additions in SPP-East and the West to meet anticipated future demand.

Consent Resolution

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

MEAN POWER SUPPLY COMMITTEE 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 May 20, 2026 meeting are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 W Talmadge Rd. Kearney, Nebraska. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting may be held virtually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the Committee recommends the MEAN Board of Directors approve the 2026 Winter Season Load and Capability Report.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN UPDATE

Aaryan Naik, Resource Development Program Manager, presented a brief background and process overview of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), including a summary of current modeling activities and preliminary energy results, and details of an upcoming IRP workshop.

The IRP is a long-term planning document that identifies how MEAN will meet its future electric resource needs, by evaluating both supply-side (generation, purchases) and demand-side (energy efficiency, conservation) options. Submission of an IRP is required by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) every five years. MEAN's IRP is due for submission on July 1, 2027.

IRP development is on schedule, currently in Phase II: Economic Modeling. Preliminary modeling results for MEAN's long term energy positions in MISO, SPP-East, SPP-West, and Markets + were presented.

The draft IRP will be released on April 7, 2027, and the MEAN Power Supply Committee will hold an IRP workshop the following week (April 14, 2027) to discuss modeling results, input from stakeholders, and prepare for a recommendation to the board in May. A public comment period will be provided during the workshop.

RESOURCE PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Jason Rosenkranz, Director of Wholesale Electric Operations, and Aaryan Naik, Resource Development Program Manager

<u>Raceway Solar & Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)</u>

Sandhills Raceway Solar project is a planned 7 MW solar farm located near Fort Morgan, Colorado. In early August, Sandhills notified MEAN that interconnection costs identified through the System Impact Study exceeded the amounts specified in the executed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and requested negotiation of an equitable cost distribution. MEAN intends to counter-offer with a revised PPA price that incorporates the equitable cost distribution of the interconnection costs exceeding the PPA threshold. Staff noted that cost overruns are not unusual and may recur as MEAN continues to develop resources, and interconnection costs continue to evolve.

A 2.5 MW, 2-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), is also proposed at the Fort Morgan Raceway Solar site, to be dispatched by MEAN for energy arbitrage purposes. As a pilot project, it would provide MEAN with valuable experience operating energy storage systems. Staff noted favorable pricing for the asset; charging and discharging interconnection, terms, and engineering specifications remain under development.

In full buildout, the site is envisioned as a utility-scale solar farm with integrated battery storage. The original design called for DC charging directly from the co-located solar system; however, Sandhills now proposes that the battery charge primarily from the Fort Morgan distribution system

via AC. The revised interconnection approach requires further evaluation as it is not viable as proposed from a charging standpoint.

Beatrice Gas Plant Opportunity This proposed facility, located near Beatrice, Nebraska, is a 120-200 MW project utilizing a combustion turbine or a Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) unit. The project is being promoted through the Southeast Nebraska Energy Alliance (SNEA) as an opportunity for smaller utilities to partner in a shared generation facility under a life-of-unit off-take agreement structure.

Staff reviewed the initial Interlocal Agreement and provided feedback proposing that the agreement framework be restructured to separate the interlocal governance provisions from a distinct financial commitment agreement. MEAN is awaiting the next draft from SNEA to determine whether SNEA is receptive to that approach.

Sidney Solar Project near Sidney, Nebraska Phase 1 (40 MW) carries a targeted Commercial Operation Date (COD) of May 31, 2028, with a Generator Interconnection Agreement in hand. Phase 2 (20 MW) is under a Western Interconnection arrangement but does not yet have an Interconnection Agreement in place. The project remains contingent on the R-Line, which is currently limited to 8.5 MW non-summer capacity. A recent permitting injunction on the R-Line has introduced uncertainty to the May 31, 2028 COD. Sandhills Energy is actively evaluating two paths forward: removing the R-Line contingency altogether or increasing the 8.5 MW limit independent of the R-Line.

BEHIND-THE-METER GENERATION CAPACITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM*
Aaryan Naik, Resource Development Program Manager, presented the BTMG Capacity Incentive Program, covering program goals, timeline, project expectations, ranking criteria, rate and term structure, and the resolution authorizing implementation.

The program is designed to provide MEAN member communities with the opportunity to develop local generation assets, offer financial incentives for projects delivering dependable capacity, support MEAN's ability to meet future resource adequacy needs, and align community-level investments with MEAN's long-term system strategy.

Project eligibility requirements were reviewed, including but not limited to the following: resources must be owned and operated by the member community and located on the local distribution system; and participants must be signed under the modernized Service Schedule M (SSM) Agreement.

Member communities were encouraged to review the Request for Proposal (RFP) timeline, which includes key milestones covering a pre-bid meeting, proposal submissions, evaluation, and anticipated project selection. Submission of a non-binding notice of intent to bid was strongly recommended to ensure communities receive updates and important communications throughout the process. Interested communities were also encouraged to use the narrative section of the RFP to provide information they believe would strengthen their proposal's consideration during evaluation.

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

MEAN POWER SUPPLY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska ("MEAN") Power Supply Committee recommends the development of local, Participant-owned electric generation resources "behind the meter" within Participant communities that have executed the Amended and Restated Total Power Requirements Power Purchase Agreement ("Modernized SSM") with MEAN, to support reliability, resiliency, cost management, and local economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Power Supply Committee recommends the establishment of a Behind-the-Meter Generation Capacity Incentive Program (the "Program") under which Modernized SSM Participants may submit proposals in response to a solicitation or request for proposals ("RFP") and, if selected, may commit behind-the-meter generation capacity in exchange for an incentive rate ("Capacity Commitment Demand Incentive Rate") for a term of years, subject to final Program Terms and Conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Power Supply Committee recommends that authority be delegated to the Executive Director and staff to develop the Program parameters, issue RFPs, evaluate and select qualifying proposals, and take other actions necessary to implement the Program consistent with a final Board Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MEAN Power Supply Committee that the Committee recommends that the resolution attached and appended hereto be adopted by the MEAN Board of Directors.

RENEWABLE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION POLICY MODIFICATION*

Kyle Kaldahl, Financial Manager, presented proposed changes to the Renewable Distributed Generation Policy as previously distributed and included as Attachment B of the meeting packet. The primary change would raise the threshold capacity size that is used to determine which end-use customer-owned renewable generating resources' excess energy will be treated as a MEAN resource. The current threshold of 25 kW is proposed to be increased to 100 kW. For MEAN Energy Charge purposes, this would essentially raise the MEAN net metering threshold from 25 kW to 100 kW, eliminating the MEAN Standard Avoided Cost Rate Credit currently applied to excess energy from systems greater than 25 kW and equal to or less than 100 kW.

Motion: Adam Suppes moved to approve the following resolution. Randy Woldt 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 Board of Directors approve the modifications to the Renewable Distributed Generation Policy as presented.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Prepared by:
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Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

Submitted by:
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