

The Owatonna Public Utilities Commission met in special session in the Commission Room. Present were Commissioners Ihrke, Simon, Schreiner, Stansberry, and Cosens. Also present were General Manager Fritsch; Director, Financial & Administrative Services Fondell; Director, Customer Service, Generation & Substations Green; Director, Gas, Water, Energy Management & External Relations Warehime; and Executive/HR Assistant Schmoll.

Commissioner Ihrke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Economic Development Incentive Rate Policy

General Manager Fritsch presented a draft Economic Development Incentive Rate policy to the Commission for their review. He explained the policy is designed to improve the overall cost competitiveness of large industrial customers and serve as an economic incentive to entice large customers to locate in Owatonna. Director, Gas, Water, Energy Management External Relations Warehime explained the policy will virtualize the demand for a large customer who has several meters on a contiguous property. It will be issued through a credit placed on their bill the following month. The policy will affect customers who have a 5,000,000 kW or more load per month. Currently we have one customer who could take advantage of this rate. General Manager Fritsch noted other options for economic development will also be looked at in the future. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Cosens moved to approve the Economic Development Incentive Rate policy effective December 1, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Stansberry seconded the motion. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion passed. Commissioner Simon abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Stansberry moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schreiner seconded the motion. All Commissioners voting Aye the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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