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Committee Minutes

To: NCPA Executive Committee
From: Trisha Zimmer – Assistant Secretary
Subject: March 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Jerry Serventi called the meeting to order at 8:12 am, at NCPA, 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA.

Executive Committee Members present were Chair Jerry Serventi, Suds Jain, Jenelle Osborne, Pauline Roccucci, Bo Sheppard, and David Hagele. Catalina Sanchez arrived at 8:35am. Suds Jain attended via teleconference. A quorum of the Committee was established. Also in attendance were General Manager Randy Howard, General Counsel Jane Luckhardt, Assistant General Manager of Generation Services, Michael DeBortoli and Assistant Secretary Trisha Zimmer.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Serventi asked if any members of the public were present who would like to address the Committee on the agenda items. No members of the public were present.

- 2. Approval of Minutes** – *Approve minutes of the February 23, 2023, Regular Executive Committee Meeting.*

MOTION: A motion was made by Pauline Roccucci, and seconded by Jenelle Osborne to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Regular Executive Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a majority on a roll call vote of those Members present as follows:

	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
David Hagele	Y		
Suds Jain	Y		
Jenelle Osborne	Y		
Pauline Roccucci	Y		
Chair Jerry Serventi	Y		
Catalina Sanchez			X
Bo Sheppard	Y		

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. General Manager Report – update and monthly report

General Manager Randy Howard reported:

- Reported that the Hydro facility is running almost around the clock to move water. This facility is generating plenty of revenue and is operating well.
- The Geothermal plant outage is being extended in order to inspect the strainer baskets in Unit 1 following the strainer basket damage discovered prior in Unit 4. All other units are running well.
- Recently attended the APPA Legislative Rally. Several meaningful discussions and good outcomes have followed.
- Attended a Lompoc Utility Commission meeting on March 13th to discuss current energy market conditions as the City is facing a significant rate increase.
- The UD Retreat was held on March 8-10. Staff and the UDs had several in depth discussions regarding NCPA's resource mix and what it looks like going forward, potential new projects, risk management improvements, among other topics.
- Randy stated that he would like to start scheduling in-person meetings with each of the members. Some of the main topics to discuss will include market volatility and how it is not getting any better, planning for resources in members' communities, and increasing resiliency and reliability.

4. General Counsel Report – update and monthly report

General Counsel Jane Luckhardt reported:

- Discussed the Stakeholder Transmission Asset Review (STAR) process. This is an effort to reduce transmission costs. STAR process was put in place approximately five years ago as part of the FERC TO process. CPUC staff has requested the CPUC replace the FERC structure with a CPUC process and has requested CPUC adoption of Resolution 5252 to create the program. R -5252 is on the CPUC's agenda as initially drafted. NCPA submitted comments supporting the Resolution.
- There is considerable concern growing related to the CAISO interconnection project integration process. The CAISO has been overwhelmed with the amount of projects coming online. The current "cluster process is a 3-year process and will be the last of its kind. The proposed process will just take on projects that the CPUC says are needed. That would exclude NCPA projects because they are not in the CPUC's "plan".

5. Retiree Medical – Monty Hanks joined the meeting a provided a summary of NCPA's retiree medical benefits and the cost implications of expanding those benefits.

Medicare Part B covers outpatient care and other doctors' services. Premiums are determined by Social Security Administration and is deducted from the retiree's Social Security check. Retirees must be enrolled in Part A and B coverage to maintain PERS health coverage. Retirees are now arguing that Part B should be paid by the Agency. Medicare Part B reimbursement through PERS is considered a supplemental plan. Any changes to the benefits requires Commission approval.

Monty presented and discussed the medical contributions and PERS Plans and those rates for active employees under 65 and retirees over 65. NCPA has public records requests from a number of retirees stating that the original intent was to cover Part B. Staff has found no records indicating this is true. In Monty's research of this issue, he has discovered that the majority of NCPA members do not pay (reimburse) for Medicare Part B. This was recently addressed at the City of Roseville and they approved a resolution stating this would not be covered.

The Executive Committee would like to consider the information provided and discuss further at the next Executive Committee meeting in April.

- 6. *Generation Goals*** – Michael DeBortoli, Assistant General Manager of Generation Services, provided a presentation of his current goals in his role as AGM. He also discussed in detail the current list of Generation Services projects and their status as well as a list of brainstorming transmission lines concepts.

The following Closed Session item was deferred to the Commission Meeting. Therefore, General Counsel did not take the Executive Committee into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- 7. *Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – Potential Litigation***, two (2) cases.
No discussion

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Serventi adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 9:35 am.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary