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MINUTES City of Tacoma Public Utility Board Study Session February 12, 2014 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Nelson called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:34 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Dave Nelson, Mark Patterson, Woody Jones, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski

Columbia River Treaty

Director Gaines provided historical background and overview of the Columbia River Treaty with Canada. The treaty doesn't have an end date; however there is a provision to allow either nation to end most of the power provisions in 2014 with 10 years notice. Current flood control operating procedures will end in 2024 independent of the treaty decision. Ted Coates, Power Superintendent, addressed how the Columbia River Treaty impacts TPU. Clark Mather, Sr. Governmental Affairs Manager, detailed where TPU is in the advocacy process and working with the federal government.

Miscellaneous

Power Superintendent Coates provided an update on Local 483 labor negotiations.

Director Gaines provided an update on the Charter Review effort.

Tacoma Power: Tour of Power Dispatch Operations

Harley Johnson, Power Division Supervisor, stated that T&D system operations maintain the reliability of Tacoma Power's generation and transmission and distribution in real time 24 hours a day. It controls high-voltage switching and electrical clearances and maintains compliance with national and regional reliability standards. Assets controlled by the Energy Control Center were detailed. The Board toured the power dispatch center at the Energy Control Center and observed operations. The Board then received an update on physical and cyber security programs at Tacoma Power.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned 5:52 at p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Approyed:

David S. Nelson, Chair

Approved:

Bryan Flint, Secretary