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City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Study Session  
September 24, 2025  
3:00 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:00 p.m. in the third-floor conference room (LT1) of the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Devin Hampton; Anita Gallagher; William Bridges (arrived 4:15)

**Tacoma Power: Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Audit Report**

Jennie Wike, Principal Power Audit and Compliance Analyst, shared that the Western Energy Coordinating Council (WECC) performs an audit of Tacoma Power's Reliability and Compliance unit every three years. The purpose is to confirm compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) standards. Regulators from WECC, NERC, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) participated. The audit took place July 28 through August 7 and involved 55 Power staff, and 250 files were submitted for audit. Areas audited were physical security protections, energy operation response, cyber security program, facility interconnections, system model validation, and system protection settings. The audit was clear with no findings made.

**Legislative Agenda**

Board Member Bridges recused himself from this item. Logan Bahr, Community and Government Relations Manager, and Lauren Adler, Federal Relations Manager, provided the information in this presentation. Legislative policies codify Board direction on a variety of issues and are internal facing. No major changes are proposed. The legislative agenda includes legislative outcomes TPU staff will pursue and are external facing. Proposed federal agenda items include supply chain issues, low-income assistance, infrastructure financing tools, BPA competitiveness, pole attachment authority, PFAS liability, Howard Hanson Dam, and exploring infrastructure funding opportunities. Proposed state agenda items include carbon reduction, clean energy infrastructure, low-income assistance, water infrastructure funding, and rail infrastructure investments. This item will go before the Council and Board at a joint study session on October 28 and will come before Board for consideration on November 5.

### **Tacoma Power: Clean Energy Implementation Plan**

Ahlmahz Negash, Principal Data Analyst, shared that the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) is a requirement stemming from the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). Key components required in the CEIP include specific interim targets for energy efficiency, demand response, and renewable energy; a public stakeholder process; identification of named communities; community benefit indicators; and alignment with the integrated resource plan/clean energy action plan. Ms. Negash expanded on each of these targets. Graphical representations of affordability, reliability, and direct customer benefit were detailed. In summary, for the 2026-2029 planning period, Tacoma Power is exceeding clean energy targets; meeting energy efficiency targets, and on track to meet demand response targets. Tacoma Power's actions focus on improving quality of public stake holder experiences in the planning process, increasing targeted programs for renters, and systematically evaluating planned programs and infrastructure investments for impact on named communities.

### **Tacoma Rail: Annie Track Rehabilitation Project**

Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster, and Dan McCabe, Rail CIO/CFO, provided the information in this presentation. The factors that determined the project scope were: age and conditions of various track components; routine maintenance and impact to operations; tonnage, customers, business growth and demands; and safety or potential operational improvements. The funding and budget for this tracks rehabilitation project were detailed. The final project cost was \$3.05M. The presentation was concluded with an overview of safety improvements and how GIS is used for asset management purposes.

### **Board/Director Comments/Updates**

Chair O'Loughlin reported on the last GPFC meeting attended wherein the Civil Service Board made recommendations about classified employees.

Board Members Bridges and Claus-McGahan made positive remarks about their tour of the Energy Control Center.

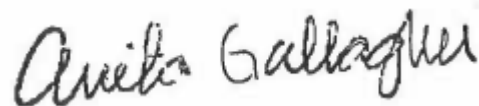
### **Adjournment**

The study session was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary