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**MINUTES OF THE  
BOUNTIFUL LIGHT & POWER COMMISSION AND  
BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL POWER COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28, 2026 - 8:00 a.m.**

**Those in Attendance**

**Power Commission**

Susan Becker, Chairwoman  
Richard Higginson, City Council Rep.  
David Irvine, Commissioner  
Mathews Myers, Commissioner

**Council Power Committee**

Kate Bradshaw, Mayor  
Dan Bell, Councilman  
Richard Higginson, Councilman

**Other City Officials**

Gary Hill, City Manager  
Tyson Beck, City Recorder  
Beth Child, Councilwoman

**Power Department**

Allen Johnson, Director  
Alan Farnes, Generation Supt.  
Dave Farnes, Safety Director  
Tyrone Hansen, Accountant  
Jess Pearce, Supt. of Operations  
Luke Veigel, Engineer  
Nancy Lawrence, Recording Secretary  
Taylor Kirk, Dispatcher

**Other Attendees**

Jeff Thorpe, Power Comm. Candidate  
Jamie Titensor, Power Comm. Candidate  
Gary Davis, Citizen

**WELCOME**

Chairwoman Becker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The prayer was offered by Councilman Bell. The Chairwoman then turned the meeting over to Mayor Bradshaw.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mayor Bradshaw thanked the Power Department for hosting the meeting and welcomed two new Power Commission candidates, Jeff Thorpe and Jamie Titensor. Councilman Higginson welcomed those in attendance and expressed appreciation for the staff and all they do. Mr. Hansen introduced the Budget Presentation by reviewing the major roles and critical functions of the Power Department which includes Safety for everyone who interacts with BCLP's electrical systems, buying and generating electricity at economical prices, and delivering long-term reliable power to all customers. Operations of the Power Plant were reviewed.

Mr. Hansen stated that the proposed budget for fiscal Year 2027 is balanced at \$43,080,097 and includes increases effective July 1, 2026 as follows: 4% rate increase, 4% Feed-in-Tariff rate increase, Solar Net Metering buy-back rate reduced to \$0.065, and an increase in the annual Pole Attachment fee from \$15 to \$16. The Department provides electrical power to approximately 17,400 total customers in Bountiful City and is staffed by Substation Technicians, Tree Crews, Metering Technicians, Line Crews, Engineer and Power Planners, and Office Staff. BCLP's

1 electrical system includes 6 substations, 42 miles of 46KV transmission lines, 90 miles of 15KV  
2 overhead distribution lines, 135 miles of 15KV underground lines, and 75 miles of street light  
3 circuits.

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5 Fiscal Year Priorities include (1) upgrade feeder #573; (2) replacement and upgrade Echo Hydro's  
6 control system; (3) relocate transmission and distribution lines for the UDOT I-15 expansion  
7 project (to be reimbursed by UDOT); (4) continue replacing insulators on the Echo Hydro  
8 transmission line; and (5) acquire power resources to stabilize the cost of power and increase  
9 green and carbon-free resources. Four on-call personnel (with 30-minute response time) are  
10 included in staffing (manager, lineman, sub-tech, and mechanic). The Department currently uses  
11 the following resources: Colorado River Storage Project, Intermountain Power Project, a natural  
12 gas-fired power plant, hydroelectric projects at Echo and Pineview, Red Mesa and Steel solar  
13 projects, and contracts from industry suppliers.

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15 Mr. Pearce reported that BCLP has had no "lost time accidents" over the past 8 years and received  
16 awards from the Intermountain Power Superintendents Association and the American Public  
17 Power Association, a national organization recognizing this remarkable achievement. He  
18 attributed this to continual and consistent training with a strong focus on safety and the use of  
19 personal protective equipment. The 5-year average system reliability rate is .9999985%. He  
20 reviewed the 10-year pole replacement average and statistics. The number of poles that need to  
21 be replaced at this current rate will take 20 years. He reviewed transformer maintenance,  
22 underground system maintenance and the tree trimming program. All of these areas must have  
23 current levels of budget support, and some with accelerated focus to preserve the reliability of the  
24 electrical system.

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26 Of additional concern are factors related to the Supply Chain. Although lead times have improved  
27 from the recent five years, there is still a concern regarding lead time. This is especially true for  
28 transformers and switch cans. An additional concern is the increased prices for some supplies –  
29 wire prices have increased 60% plus, since 2021. Mr. Veigel reviewed Capital Expenditures  
30 totaling \$4,139,097 in the proposed budget, which included:

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32 UDOT I-15 project, \$804,097 (which will be reimbursed by UDOT)  
33 UDOT 400 North 500 West, \$130,000 (to be reimbursed)  
34 UDOT 500 South 500 West, \$550,000 (reimbursed)  
35 M&E Vehicles at \$655,000, Feeder #573 upgrade, \$700,000  
36 Echo Hydro upgrade at \$1,375,000

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38 He also noted that the proposed increase in pole attachment fees (from \$15 to \$16 annually) will  
39 support additional maintenance and pole replacement costs.

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41 Mr. Hansen reported the following current energy sources: CRSP, 25% (previously 40%) down  
42 due to drought conditions; Hydro, 3%; Plant, 9%; IPP 0%; and Solar, 10%. Bar charts were used  
43 to compare load vs resources and energy requirements, showing a breakdown of future energy  
44 needs. Commencing May 2026, energy will be acquired via the Energy Day Ahead Market  
45 method (EDAM). This change is the result of PacifiCorp joining the California ISO, which  
46 UAMPS has to follow by default. There was a lengthy discussion on how this will impact BCLP

1 and scheduling issues related to Resource Sufficiency and Transmission billing, based on  
2 Pacificorp's peak. Both of these items will complicate a clear, accurate budget figure for projected  
3 energy costs. The status of Lake Powell, which currently provides 25% of our energy, is critically  
4 lower than we have experienced in the past. Charts and diagrams were used to reflect past and  
5 projected outcomes of this resource. It was also noted that environmental issues will impact the  
6 amount of water that can be used for energy. BCLP also has 5-year PX purchases, some of which  
7 will expire prior to the five years. Mr. Hansen then reviewed a summary of resource costs and  
8 electric metered sales for FY 2026.

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10 Other factors related to budget preparation were solar rates, an update on IPP, the San Juan  
11 resource and future power options using natural gas, solar with batteries, and a geothermal plant.

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13 Mr. Johnson pointed out that the proposed budget for Power Costs is at \$23,205,533, up  
14 \$2,819,501. This includes the proposed 4% rate increase and the potential subsidy of \$1.5 M  
15 which can be pulled from Retained Earnings if needed. This would still leave enough reserves to  
16 cover the minimum reserve requirement. The budget also includes a 4% rate increase, a 4% Feed-  
17 in-tariff rate increase, and a reduction in Net Metering buy back rate, from \$0.07 to \$0.065.

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19 Operating Revenue is at \$38,342,032, up \$2,293,989 with a projected increase in Electric Metered  
20 Sales and an increase in Air Products income. Operating Expenses from Personnel Services,  
21 Hydro Transmission, Substation costs, the Echo Hydro and Operations and Maintenance all  
22 reflect an anticipated increase, as well as Net Operating Transfers showing a Net Operating  
23 Transfer at \$601,495.

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25 Mr. Hansen stated staff recommends approval of a Proposed balanced budget for FY 2027 at  
26 \$43,080,097. Discussion focused on how the increase in anticipated costs be managed with  
27 specific attention to rate increases and the impact on BCLP customers. It was pointed out that  
28 by using reserves to make up some of the difference between income and expenses, we risk  
29 depleting reserves beyond our ability to re-build them, suggesting cautious use of retained  
30 earnings vs rate increases. In recognition of the current year anticipated increase in expenses, the  
31 suggestion was made that the rate increase be increased to 5% rather than 4%. Effective education  
32 for citizens should be put in place, which recognizes that the customer-owned utility provides a  
33 benefit to citizens via the transfer of income to the General Fund. It was also noted that the current  
34 costs and quality of service remain superior when compared to other providers.

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36 Commissioner Irvine made a motion of the proposed 4% rate increase be increased to 5%.  
37 Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Commissioners Irvine and Myers voted "aye" and  
38 Councilman Higginson and Commissioner Becker voted "nay". The motion failed for lack of a  
39 majority.

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41 Councilman Higginson then made a motion to accept the staff recommendation of a proposed FY  
42 2027 \$43,080,097 balanced budget, which includes a 4% rate increase effective July 1, 2026; 4%  
43 Feed-in-Tariff rate increase; Solar Net Metering buy back rate reduced to \$0.065; and Annual  
44 Pole attachment fee increase from \$15 to \$16. Commissioner Irvine seconded the motion.  
45 Commissioners Becker, Irvine, and Myers and Councilman Higginson voted "aye".

1 Mayor Bradshaw motioned to support the recommendation of the Power Commission by being  
2 mindful of taking the least increases that we need. Councilman Bell seconded the motion. Mayor  
3 Bradshaw, Councilman Bell, and Councilman Higginson voted “aye”. The Budget Presentation  
4 to the Power Commission and the BCLP Power Committee concluded at 10:30 a.m. and the Power  
5 Committee was adjourned.

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7 **MINUTES – March 24, 2026**  
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9 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Commissioner  
10 Myers seconded the motion. Commissioners Becker, Irvine, Knight and Myers and Councilman  
11 Higginson voted “aye”.

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13 **BUDGET REPORT – YEAR TO DATE 8- MONTH PERIOD**  
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15 Mr. Hansen presented the Budget Report in the written form for the YTD 8-Month period ending  
16 February 28, 2026. Total Revenues year-to-date were \$26,310,472, above its HAB by  
17 \$1,033,342. Major items above their HABs included: Electric Metered Sales at \$661,653 above  
18 the HAB by 3.0%. Air Products at \$127,955, was above its HAB with an average load factor of  
19 69.6%. Sundry Revenues was above its HAB at \$316,056, which included a \$302,000 IPA refund,  
20 and Interest Income on Investments was above its HAB at \$255,134 with a February allocation  
21 of \$69,000. Contribution in aid to Construction was below its HAB at \$(390,152) which included  
22 \$500,000 budgeted for Renaissance.

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24 Total Operating Expenses Year to Date were \$22,539,596, below its HAB by \$461,749. Major  
25 items below or (above) their HABs include Power Cost Expense at \$(630,107) above its HAB;  
26 Transmission Expense was above its HAB at \$(17,325); Hydro Transmission Expense was below  
27 its HAB at \$351,178; Distribution Expense at \$163,884 was below its HAB; Street Light Expense  
28 at \$150,499 was below its HAB.

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30 Total Capital Expenditure’s YTD were \$4,342,164 and included: \$570,000 for Pineview,  
31 \$350,000 for Vehicles, \$25,000 for Feeder #273; \$379,000 for Feeder 573; and \$2.9 million for  
32 the Northwest Substation.

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34 Total Labor and Benefits Expense YTD was \$3,879,149. As of 14 February  
35 2026 (the last pay period paid in the YTD period) 62.7% or \$4,124,852 of the TL&B could have  
36 been spent and the actual TL&B expense was \$245,702 below that target.

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38 The Net Margin YTD was (\$571,288), expected due to the capital costs budgeted for this year.  
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40 Total Cash and Cash Equivalents were a net \$27,963,239 at month end, down \$(770,640) from  
41 \$28,733,879 at 30 June 2025, and \$10,674,239 above the \$17,289,000 total reserved cash  
42 requirement. Major sources and (uses) of cash at month end compared to fiscal year-end 2025  
43 included: \$(571,288) net margin YTD; \$1,932,284 decrease in total accounts receivable; \$(9,638)  
44 increase in total inventories; and \$(1,410,027) decrease in total accounts payable. \$(151,357)  
45 decrease in accrued benefits and payroll; \$(234,509) increase in net fixed assets; and \$(366,014)  
46 decrease in other equity (excluding the net margin) – Includes the July EMS.

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2 Councilman Higginson made a motion to approve the Budget Report as presented in written form.  
3 Commissioner Irvine seconded the motion. Commissioners Becker, Irvine, and Myers and  
4 Councilman Higginson voted “aye”.

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6 **NW SUBSTATION “TESTING APPROVAL BY ELECTRICAL**  
7 **RELIABILITY SERVICES”**

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9 Mr. Farnes reviewed that one of the last steps with the completion of the new Northwest  
10 Substation is the Testing and Commissioning of the new equipment and controls. He anticipates  
11 this will take place in June. We received two proposals and it is staff recommendation to approve  
12 the proposal from Electrical Reliability Services for \$74,925.

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14 Councilman Higginson made a motion to recommend the approval of the proposal from Electrical  
15 Reliability Services in the amount of \$74,925. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion.  
16 Commissioners Becker, Irvine, and Myers and Councilman Higginson voted “aye”.

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18 **S&C PMH-9 PAD MOUNTED SWITCHGEAR FROM IRBY**

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20 Mr. Veigel explained to the Commission that there is a need to purchase a S&C PMH-9  
21 underground pad mounted switchgear. This Pad Mounted Switchgear will be used at the rebuilt  
22 Northwest Substation. It is a single source item and is only available from one vendor and has a  
23 45–55-week delivery. It is staff recommendation to purchase the Pad Mounted switchgear from  
24 Irby for the sum of \$27,380. This switchgear will be placed into inventory until it is installed on  
25 the system.

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27 Commissioner Myers made a motion to recommend this purchase to the City Council.  
28 Commissioner Irvine seconded the motion. Commissioners Becker, Irvine, and Myers and  
29 Councilman Higginson voted “aye”.

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31 *The following items were included in the packet, but not discussed in the meeting.*

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33 **POWER SYSTEM OPERATION REPORT**

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35 a. February 2026 Resource Report  
36 b. March 2026 Lost Time/Safety Reports  
37 c. March 2026 Public Relation Reports  
38 d. February 2026 Outage Reports

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40 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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42 None.

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44 **NEXT MEETING**

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46 The next meeting will be held on May 26, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

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**ADJOURN**

Councilman Higginson made a motion at 10:35 to adjourn this meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Commissioners Becker, Irvine and Myers and Councilman Higginson voting “aye”.



Susan Becker, Chairman