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KEPCo Conducts Strategic Planning Session



Mr. Kush Patel, E3, discusses the KEPCo strategic plan with Scott Whittington, KEPCo President, and Marcus Harris, EVP & CEO.

Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (E3) was retained by KEPCo to provide an outside perspective in the development of a strategic plan for 2016. At KEPCo's July Board of Trustees meeting, Kush Patel, Senior Managing Consultant at E3, discussed and evaluated with the Board a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis, among other analyses, as part of the strategic evaluation of KEPCo. As a result of the analyses performed, a document was developed by E3 that sets forth a strategic

plan for KEPCo to meet its goals of providing power supply to its Members in a reliable, low cost and low risk manner. "With on-going concerns about the EPA's Clean Power Plan, various other regulations, new technological innovations, and other dynamic issues in the industry, this strategic plan is structured to outline broad KEPCo goals in line with KEPCo's Vision and Mission statements, to provide a flexible framework for incorporating current and future options and measures to meet our goals", said Marcus Harris, KEPCo EVP & CEO.

KEPCo Solar Update

KEPCo's one megawatt solar facility, located in Benton, KS, has been given the name, Prairie Sky Solar, to reflect the beauty of the prairie the array will reside upon and the abundance of solar irradiance at the location.

ElectriComm Inc. has been selected as the contractor for the project. Purchase orders have been placed for the majority of the equipment and construction is scheduled to commence in September, with an anticipated in-service date of December 2016.

KEPCo Files Lien Accommodation

In August, KEPCo filed a Lien Accommodation with Rural Utilities Service to secure New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (NCREBs) financing through CFC. The NCREBs financing will enable KEPCo to finance the Prairie Sky Solar project at less than one percent interest for 30 years.

KEPCo Attends SPP Legislative Conference

Phil Wages, KEPCo's Director - Member Services, Government Affairs, and Business Development, attended the three-day Southwest Power Pool Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The presenters at the conference included numerous industry leaders, such as Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Energy Subcommittee; Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY), Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee; Representative Jerry McNerney (D-CA), Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee; Jim Matheson, CEO, NRECA; John Cassady, VP of Legislative Affairs, NRECA; John Godfrey, Sr. Government Affairs Director, APPA; Rob Gramlich, Sr. VP, Government and Public Affairs, American Wind Energy Association; Steve Kitteredge, VP of Government and Public Affairs, Electric Power Supply Association; Kathy Steckelberg, VP, Government Relations, Edison Electric Institute; Dr. Kenneth Friedman, Senior Policy Advisor, US Department of Energy; and Charlie Cook, Cook Political Report. Attorneys Tom Lorenzen, Bill Bumpers, and James Hoecker were on a panel that discussed the Clean Power Plan and the courts. "This is the second annual legislative conference the SPP has hosted and the conference is already one of the most informative and educational conferences a utility professional can attend", said Wages.

Upon the conclusion of the conference, Wayne Penrod (Sunflower), Clare Gustin (Sunflower) Mike Morley (Midwest Energy), and Phil Wages made calls on the Kansas congressional delegation to discuss industry issues.



From left to right: Wayne Penrod (Sunflower); Clare Gustin (Sunflower); Mike Morley (Midwest Energy); and Phil Wages (KEPCo) at the SPP Legislative Conference.

KEPCo Files Integrated Resource Plan

In August, KEPCo submitted to the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Every five years, KEPCo is required to submit an IRP to WAPA. The IRP includes extensive data, such as; identify and compare all practicable energy efficiency and energy supply resources; action plan with timing established by KEPCo; a description of efforts to minimize adverse environmental effects of new resource acquisitions; public participation to comment on the IRP; conduct a load forecast; and a measurement strategy for options identified in the IRP to determine whether objectives are being met.

The main portion of the IRP was completed by Burns & McDonnell, which is a Resource Planning Study that examines long range power supply options, that encompasses the years 2016 to 2045.

KEPCo Hosts Legislative Meet and Greet

In June, KEPCo hosted a legislative “Meet and Greet” for a total of 18 incumbents and candidates seeking public office in the Kansas legislature. This event was scheduled in connection with the 2016 Co-op’s Vote campaign.

The meeting began with Marcus Harris providing remarks regarding KEPCo and Phil Wages discussing KEPCo’s solar project with the attendees. The remarks were followed by each incumbent and candidate expressing their individual campaign platforms, and the meeting concluded with social time among the candidates, KEPCo staff, and invited guests.



Senator Vicki Schmidt



Phil Wages and Representative Annie Kuether



Dr. Brenda Dietrich



Marcus Harris

KEPCo Completes Load Forecasts



Jill Taggart

KEPCo Director of Forecasting and Planning, Jill Taggart, in conjunction with Shari Hilliard, completed Member Load Forecasts for Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative and Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative. Power Cost Projections were also completed for Radiant Electric, LJEC, DS&O Electric, and Caney Valley Electric.

KEPCo's Member cooperatives are on a four-year rotation for the completion of Load Forecasts, unless the Member requests a Load Forecast be completed in the interim. Load Forecasts and Power Cost Projections are often used in conjunction with Construction Work Plans and loan applications.

