



Commission Members Present: Steve Daniels, Joe King, Jeff Liverman, Bob Schasse, Fred Shanks, Jim Turpin, and Bob Vaughan

Commission Members Absent: Phillip Smith

Staff Present: Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Barbara Dameron, Barry Dunkley, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Jim Harr, Jennifer Holley, Jim Kendrick, Nate Lewis and Clarke Whitfield

Others Present: Dr. Gary Miller, Danville City Council

Call to Order & Announcements

Chairman Vaughan opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion / Business Items

Minutes of August 22, 2011 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of August 22, 2011.

There were none. Mr. Liverman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Schasse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements: Michael Adkins reviewed the July 2011 financial statements.

Mr. Adkins then addressed questions from the Commissioners.

Home\$ave Program Costs and Benefits Overview: Nate Lewis introduced Jim Herndon, Senior Program Manager for Nexant who presented information on the Home\$ave program's design and economic impact.

Mr. Herndon explained that the goal of the program was to maximize energy savings and raise awareness of energy efficiency. Mr. Herndon discussed market barriers, program cost components and the available rebates.

Mr. Herndon explained that the program would also offer upstream rebates for CFL bulbs whereas the stores would receive a rebate from Danville Utilities as incentive for selling the bulbs at a lower cost.

Mr. Schasse asked why energy audits were not part of the rebate program. Mr. Herndon responded that although home energy audits can be very useful in identifying energy efficiency opportunities, offering energy audits within the Home\$ave program was ruled out in the initial program design due to the program's objective to be as cost-effective as possible. Mr. Herndon explained that from the Utilities' perspective, an energy audit is relatively expensive to administer and when considering return on investment, there is no guarantee that the homeowner will make the suggested changes from the audit. Mr. Lewis noted that offering energy audits would be explored in the future as a possibility.

Funding for homeowners' energy efficiency efforts was discussed. A suggestion was made to bring Earl Reynolds from Community Development to a future meeting.

Communications

Communications from City Manager: There were none.

Communications from Utilities Staff: Jim Harr answered a question raised at the August meeting by explaining the construction on Westover drive was a sewer repair done by the Public Works Department. Mr. Harr also said that Phase X of the Gas Pipeline Replacement project was complete.

Nate Lewis said the commercial energy efficiency program named Custom\$ave had been launched.

Jason Grey said that the Telecommunication Department was working on the 2012 Innovation Award Application.

Jennifer Holley said that Fiscal Services had started on next year's budget.

Ken Ashworth updated the Commissioners on projects in the Power and Light Department.

Carolyn Evans explained that the Utility Bills would have a different look. Included in the changes was replacement of the City Seal with the Danville Utilities logo.

Communications from Commissioners: Mr. Shanks stated that he thought it was a good presentation.

Mr. Schasse asked about the Fiber to the Home project in the Averitt area. Jason Grey said that construction would start in a few weeks.

Director's Report: Jim Kendrick spoke on AMP's board meeting.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2011. There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by Patti OKeefe
Secretary to the DUC

October 24, 2010
Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission