



**AMENDED MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

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**Item #4– Approval of Regular Session Minutes of February 1, 2023**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of February 1, 2023, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and unanimously carried.

**Item #5– Public Comments**

Mr. David Smith, 400 Troup Ave., stated that after the last Board Meeting he understood more about the BPU charges and UG charges.

He was listening to the Work Session earlier and the idea of committees sounded great depending on what we decided to come up with. He would be more than honored to be on a committee.

Mr. Smith said that people needed to get out more in the community because people on the Board probably don't live like a lot of people do in this community, finance-wise and housing-wise.

Tscher Mank of Wyandotte County, said that at the last meeting they did talk about the differences in the charges between BPU and the UG. There were access charges on the bill for \$42 but they don't have access to another company. She could not see any reason for the charges to be on there.

She looked at the BPU budget and the expenditures are way less than what we're bringing in. She said the people that are getting overcharged have the smart meters and she checked into it and went to their website and called them and they told her there were faults in them and they could overcharge people. She asked that we please check the bills for December and January because the bills almost doubled.

She said we told her to stay after the meeting but she wanted to set up a meeting in the daytime.

Ms. Mulvany Henry asked Ms. Mank if on the BPU charges did she know what specifically the fees were for. She had mentioned access charges.

Ms. Mank said there were electric access fees for around \$22 and water access fees for around \$20.



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Are we assisting the community and what are those agencies hearing and he wants to have conversations with the Board about deposits and things like that and make some adjustments.

Ms. Lisa Walker Yeager, Wyandotte County, said they've been dealing with PILOT tax so they put that in front. She thanked Mr. Johnson for attending the meeting with Community Conscious Network. Not only are the fees astronomical but you can only get assistance once a year. You have a high summer bill and a high winter bill and if you have health issues you need assistance more than once a year. If you're in the hospital you don't want to worry about your power being shut off.

When we have meetings with the not for profits she wonders how much money they are getting in to how much they are giving out. If you're getting \$2 million but only giving out \$500,000, that's not beneficial. Another problem in Wyandotte County is that with Catholic Charities every Monday you can only call between 8 and 9 a.m. It's designed not to allow people to get in. She suggested to Mr. Johnson that when he talked to the Board Members they should have one company schedule on Monday, one on Tuesday and another on Wednesday.

Ms. Mulvany Henry asked if she was referring to assistance from agencies or BPU.

Ms. Yeager said it was the assistance agencies and that BPU did a very good job of returning your call, she's never had a problem with that, it's that the BPU policy is to just assist the one time a year.

Ms. Susan Stevens from 4018 Silver KCK 66106 said she was really enthused. She is with Community Conscious Action Network and thanked us for moving forward on that.

**Item #6– BPU Utility Assistance Program – Todd Jordan w/ United Way**

Mr. Todd Jordan, Vice President, Community Impact & Executive Director of United Way of Greater Kansas City gave a presentation of BPU and United Way Utility Assistance Programs. (See attached Power Point).

Mr. Jordan answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that if houses aren't properly insulated the bills could be higher so a lot of factors are involved.

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**Item #7– General Manager / Staff Reports**

- i. *December 2022 Financials:* Ms. Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed the Preliminary December 2022 Financials with the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)
- ii. *KMEA Board Appointments:* Mr. Johnson said just like Western Fuels, KMEA also asks in their bylaws to get Board approval. Mr. Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer, asked for approval from the Board for Resolution # 5283 appointing Jeremy as Director # 1, Jerin Purtee as Director # 2 for Jerin Purtee and Bill Johnson as Alternate. Mr. Ash said at some point when they get Nearman more organized they would bring Glen Brendel, Executive Director Electric Production, into the appointments. Motion was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Gonzales. The motion unanimously carried.
- iii. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson informed the Board that Thursday, February 16, at 4:00 p.m. the U.G. has called a Special Executive Session to talk about the applicants that applied for the County Administrator position. If there is anything that comes out of that meeting and he is able to follow up, he certainly will.

He also reported that at the end of February, Executive Assistant, Jenny Burley-Krenzer would be retiring. She started as a temporary employee in the Marketing Department at 700 Minnesota Ave. in 2001. In 2002 she got on at the Service Center Garage as a Garage Clerk. After a short stint there she bid on and transferred into the Economic Development Secretary and then to Administrative Assistant. In 2008 she became Executive Assistant to General Manager Don Gray.

In 2013 she was the first recipient of the Everyday Hero Employee Recognition Award.

Mr. Johnson said she was an avid animal person and had lived in Key West, Florida. She has a bubbly personality, knows where things go and how things are and is helpful and an inspiration. She handles customer calls and then follows up to the Board. Mr. Johnson said when he first moved into the General Manger position she helped him get acclimated. He pointed out that she eats weird food and always customizes her order.





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Mr. Haley – no

Mr. Milan – yes

Ms. Mulvany Henry – yes

Mr. Bryant - yes

The motion carried.

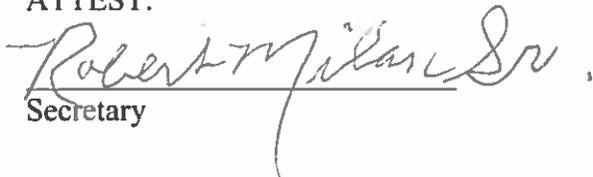
Mr. Haley, who was attending via Zoom, did not participate in the Executive Session, but remained on the line.

At 7:52 P.M. the meeting returned to Open Session.

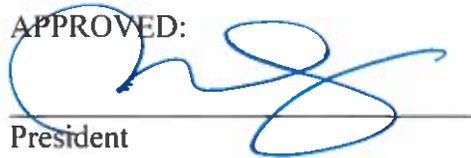
**Item #10 – Adjourn**

At 7:53 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Milan and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
President





# BPU and United Way Utility Assistance Programs

Todd Jordan, PhD

Vice President, Community Impact & Executive Director, 211

United Way of Greater Kansas City



# Introduction

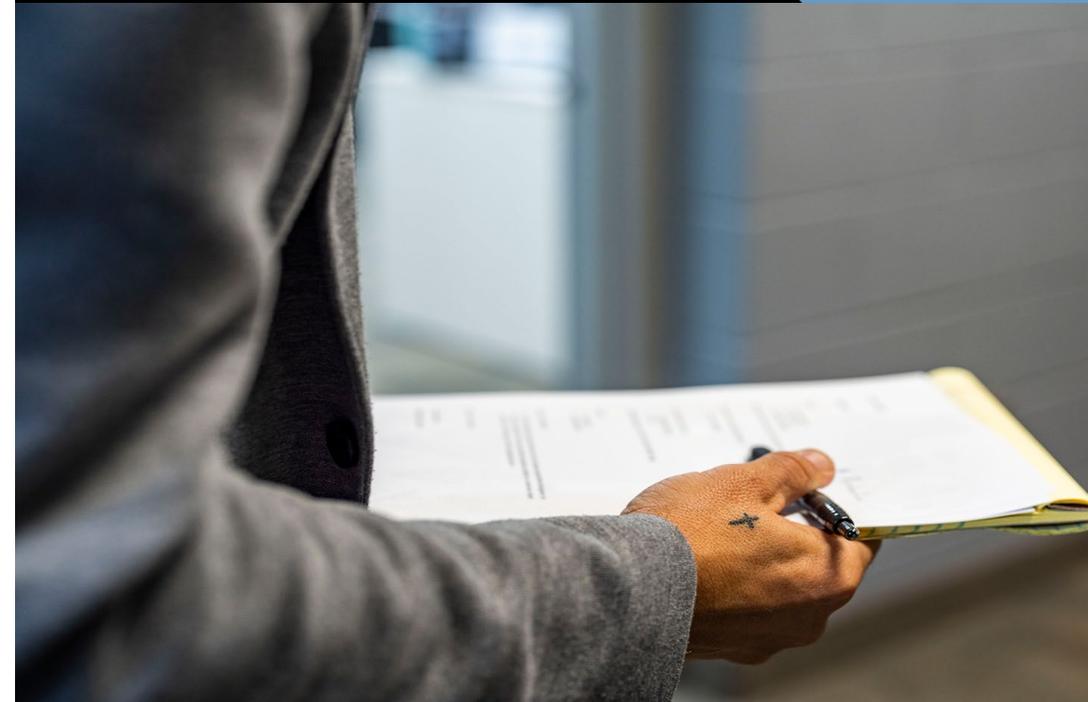
Thank you!

- Employee giving
- Corporate Contribution (Utility Assistance)
- Hardship Program

Tonight's Focus: Update on Utility Assistance and Hardship Assistance Programs

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# Utility Assistance Program

- Funded via Corporate Contribution from BPU board set to match employee United Way campaign up to \$105,000
- Allowable Expenditures: all utilities except phone, internet service, and media
- No deposits, connections or reconnection fees
- Participant must be 150% of federal poverty level for past 30 days
- Must be Wyandotte County resident
- Assistance cannot exceed \$500
- Client is eligible for assistance once every 12 months
- All assistance is tracked in MAACLink



# Utility Assistance Program

- United Way administers the program and supports 8 partner agencies:
  - Avenue of Life
  - Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
  - Cross-Lines Community Outreach
  - El Centro
  - Economic Opportunity Foundation
  - Metro Lutheran Ministries
  - Salvation Army – KCK Citadel and Harbor Light Village
  - Vaughn-Trent Community Services



# Utility Assistance Program

- Program Results:
  - The program has provided more than \$1.5 million dollars in assistance to Wyandotte County Residents
  - 9,544 assistance payments
  - Since 2020, average amount of assistance is \$265.66
  - Expiration of COVID related relief has significantly impacted ability of agencies to provide relief to households
  - High-demand for the program because of economic condition of Wyandotte County



# Hardship Assistance Program

- Program Overview:
  - \$95,000 is held by BPU to pay commitments on customer accounts
  - United Way divides money into monthly allocations based on levels of demand from previous years
  - United Way operates the program including a part-time, bilingual, program manager
  - \$5,000 held for customers with excellent payment history
  - Fills essential role in emergency assistance for the community because it is not income-based



# Hardship Assistance Program

- Participant Eligibility Requirements:
  - Applicant has received six months of continuous BPU service
  - Applicant has experienced one of the following qualifying hardships: Health Emergency, Change in Employment or Income Status, Change in Family Composition or Marital Status, Unforeseen Documented Expenses
  - Must be able to provide documentation regarding qualifying hardships



# Hardship Assistance Program

- Allowable Expenditures: BPU water and light utility services
- No deposits, connections, or reconnection fees
- Customer must provide paperwork demonstrating hardship along with copy of BPU bill and photo ID
- Assistance cannot exceed \$500
- Customer is only eligible for assistance once every 12 months
- All assistance is tracked using MAACLink



# Hardship Assistance Program

- Program Results:
  - Through January of 2023 the program has provided \$775,285.40 in assistance
  - 2,509 assistance payments
  - Average payment is \$309 and roughly 300 households are served per year
  - January of 2023: Assisted 45 households with \$14,390.61
- Historically, the most common reason for hardship tends to be health issues (especially ones that impact employment), last couple of years has posed unique economic challenges to households



# 2023 Funding for Utility Assistance

- Thank you for the support!
  - 211 Call Center has seen increased demand and request for utility assistance is the top request
  - Year over year requests for help are higher
  - Additional money will support both the utility assistance program and the hardship assistance program
    - Utility Assistance Available for Customers = \$337,250
    - Hardship Assistance Available for Customers = \$95,000
    - Total Assistance Amount: \$432,250

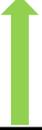


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# **December 2022 Preliminary Financial Results**

## **February 15, 2023**

## 2022 Billed kWh (YTD Jan - Dec)

Electric	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	
Residential	602,404,017	598,542,538	 All customer classes usage was above 2021 levels
Commercial	1,001,706,441	958,610,707	
Industrial	539,367,635	467,110,055	
	<b>2,143,478,093</b>	<b>2,024,263,300</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

Residential – Up 1%    Commercial – Up 4.5%    Industrial – Up 15.5%

## 2022 Billed CCF's (YTD Jan - Dec)

Water	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	
Residential	3,518,427	3,521,083	Residential water usage down slightly. Commercial and Industrial are above 2021 levels.
Commercial	2,720,876	2,564,196	
Industrial	1,905,310	1,772,596	
	<b>8,144,613</b>	<b>7,857,875</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

Residential – Down < 1%

Commercial – Up 6%

Industrial - Up 7.5%

## Revenues – December 2022

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December		Budget 2022 December	(CY) 2022 December	
Electric	\$ 27.841	\$ 35.053		\$ 21.390	\$ 27.841	↑
Water	3.713	3.496		4.151	3.713	↓
Combined	\$ 31.554	\$ 38.549	-18.1%	\$ 25.541	\$ 31.554	23.5% ↑

### *Actual Compared to 2022 Budget*

- Electric – Up 30%
- Water – Down 11%
- Combined – 23%

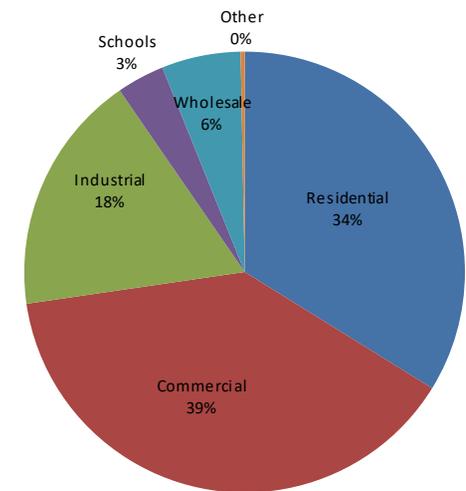
## Revenues – 2022 YTD

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 319.787	\$ 296.125	↑	\$ 277.447	\$ 319.787	↑
Water	52.824	50.927		52.325	52.824	
Combined	\$ 372.611	\$ 347.052	↑ 7.4%	\$ 329.772	\$ 372.611	↑ 13.0%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual for 2022

<u>Electric:</u>	<i>Up 15%</i>	<u>Water:</u>	<i>Up 1%</i>
Residential	\$ 5.0M	Residential	\$273K
Commercial	\$16.6M	Commercial	\$451K
Industrial	\$ 5.9M	Industrial	\$ ( 1K)
Schools	\$ 1.0M	Wholesale	\$ 1K
Wholesale	\$11.4M		



## Operating Expenses – December 2022

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December		Budget 2022 December	(CY) 2022 December	
Electric	\$ 1.222	\$ 32.355		\$ 17.476	\$ 1.222	
Water	1.622	3.548		3.172	1.622	
Combined	\$ 2.844	\$ 35.903	-92.1%	\$ 20.648	\$ 2.844	-86.2%

### *Actual Compared to 2022 Budget*

Electric – Down 93%

Water - Down 49%

Recognized Under Recovery of ERC for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter - \$14.8M

Recognized Reduction of Pension Expense – GASB 68 - \$6.3M

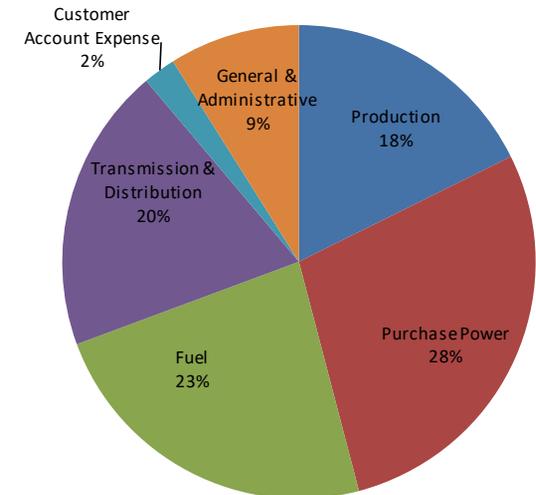
## Operating Expenses – 2022 YTD (Total)

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 230.922	\$ 222.335		\$ 208.510	\$ 230.922	
Water	35.676	36.275		38.905	35.676	
Combined	\$ 266.598	\$ 258.610	↑ 3.1%	\$ 247.415	\$ 266.598	↑ 7.8%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Actual Compared to 2022 Budget

- Electric - Up 11%
- Water - Down 8%
- Combined – Up 8%



## Operating Expenses – 2022 YTD less Depreciation

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 197.981	\$ 191.649		\$ 176.851	\$ 197.981	
Water	27.364	27.904		30.479	27.364	
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 225.345</b>	<b>\$ 219.553</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>\$ 207.330</b>	<b>\$ 225.345</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

\*\*Dollars in millions

Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual 2022

### Electric:

Purchased Power	\$21.7M
Fuel	\$23.2M
Production	\$289K
T&D	(\$3.5M)
G&A	(\$7.7M)

### Water:

Production	(\$1.3M)
T&D	(\$ 40K)
G&A	(\$1.8M)

## Change in Net Position – December 2022

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December	Budget 2022 December	(CY) 2022 December
Electric	\$ 22.708	\$ (0.857)	\$ 0.188	\$ 22.708
Water	1.641	(0.561)	0.504	1.641
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 24.349</b>	<b>\$ (1.418)</b>	<b>\$ 0.692</b>	<b>\$ 24.349</b>



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December Combined Change in Net Position – Positive \$24.3M

## Change in Net Position – 2022 YTD

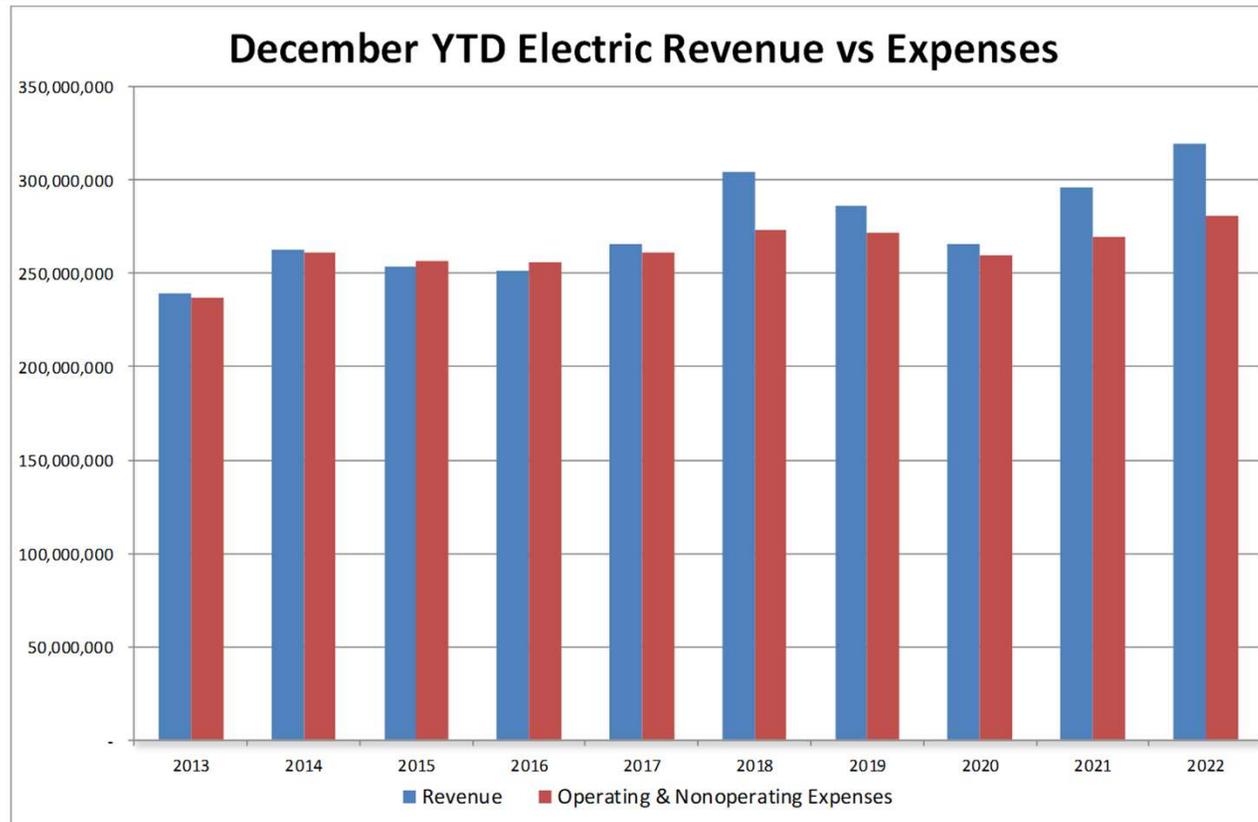
	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD
Electric	\$ 38.640	\$ 26.766	\$ 21.486	\$ 38.640
Water	11.313	7.959	6.697	11.313
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 49.953</b>	<b>\$ 34.725</b>	<b>\$ 28.183</b>	<b>\$ 49.953</b>



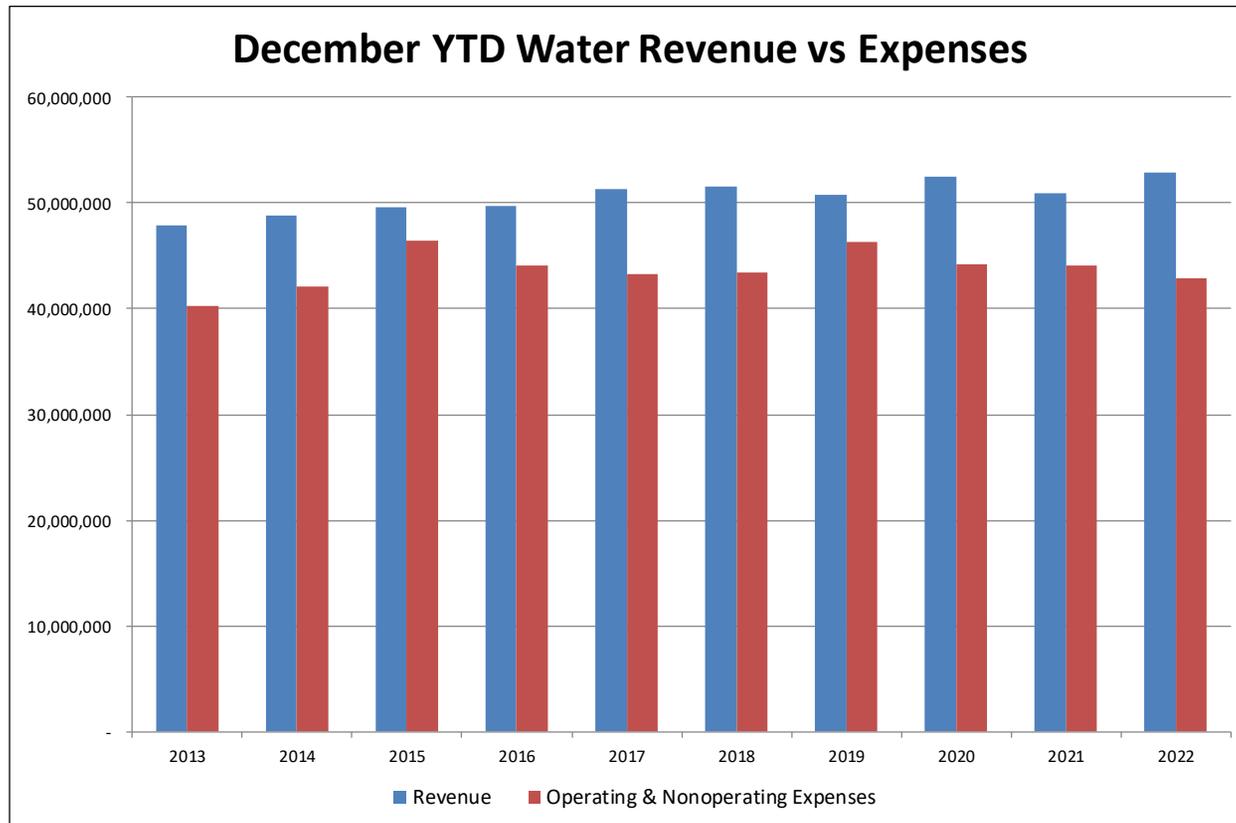
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YTD Combined Change in Net Position – Positive \$49.9M

# Financial Results – 10 Year Trend

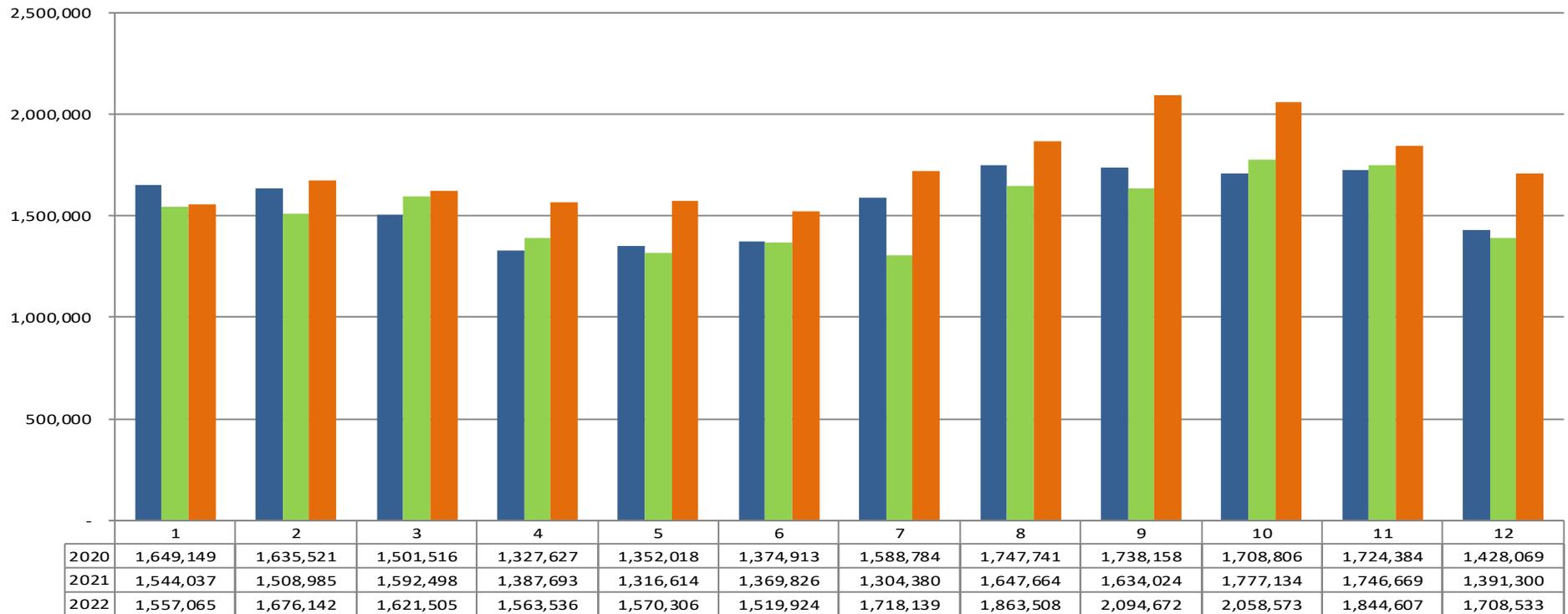


# Financial Results – 10 Year Trend



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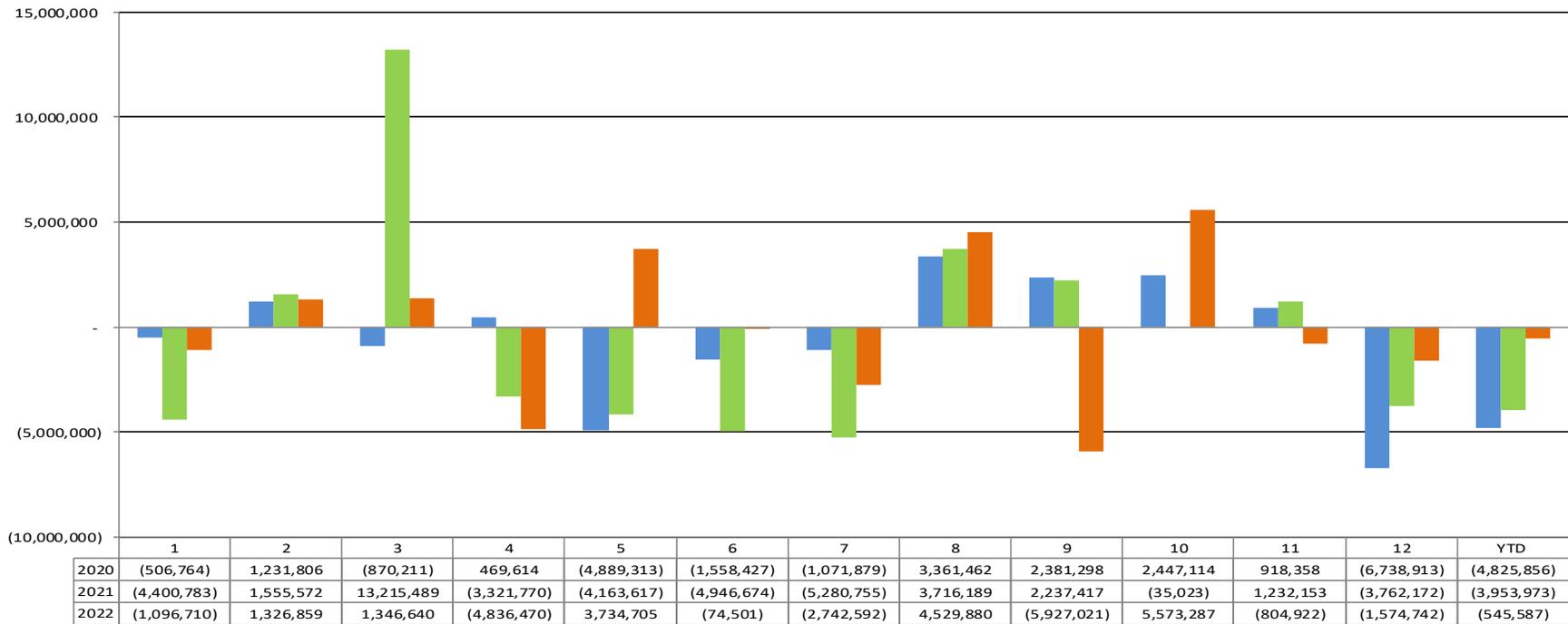
**Average Daily Collections**



■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022

# Financial Results

### Historical Monthly Cash Comparison



■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022

## Cash Position

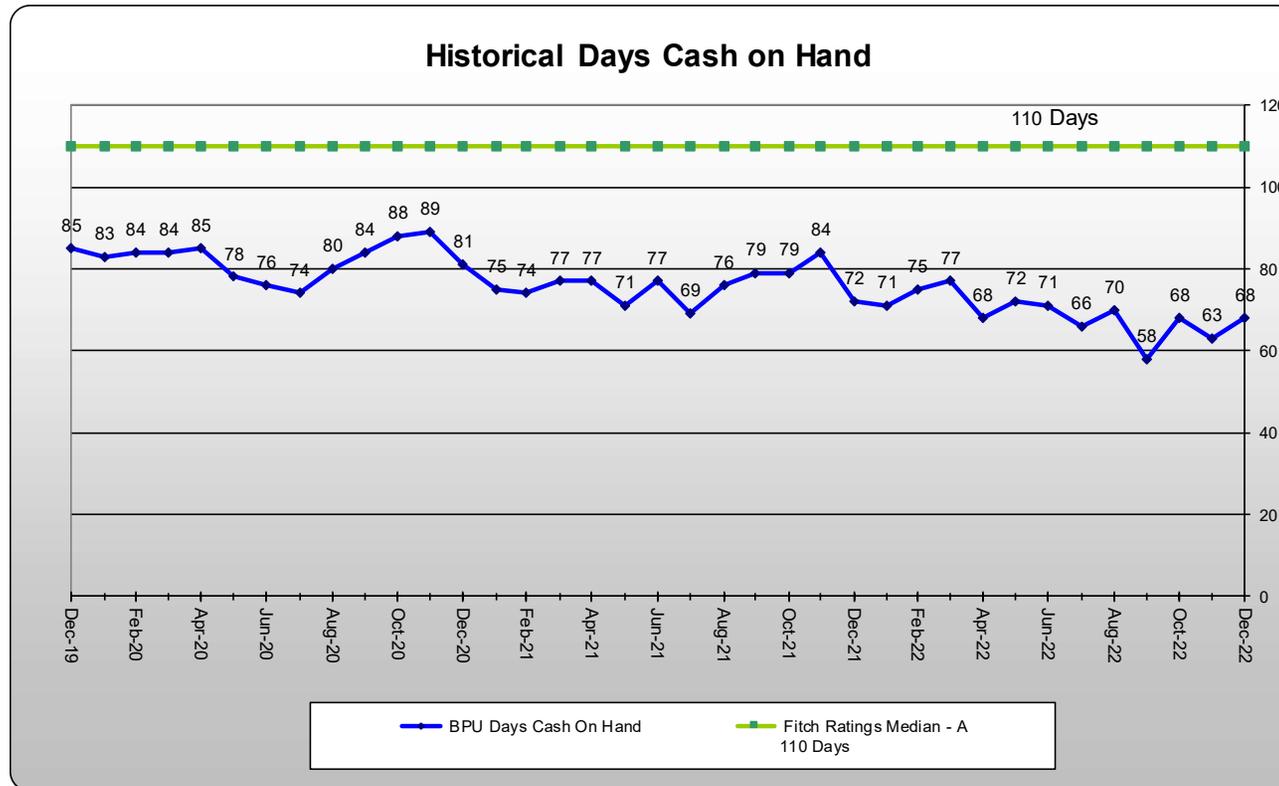
	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December	2022 November
Combined (E&W) Days Cash-on-Hand	\$ 44.56 68	\$ 44.09 72	\$ 44.80 63

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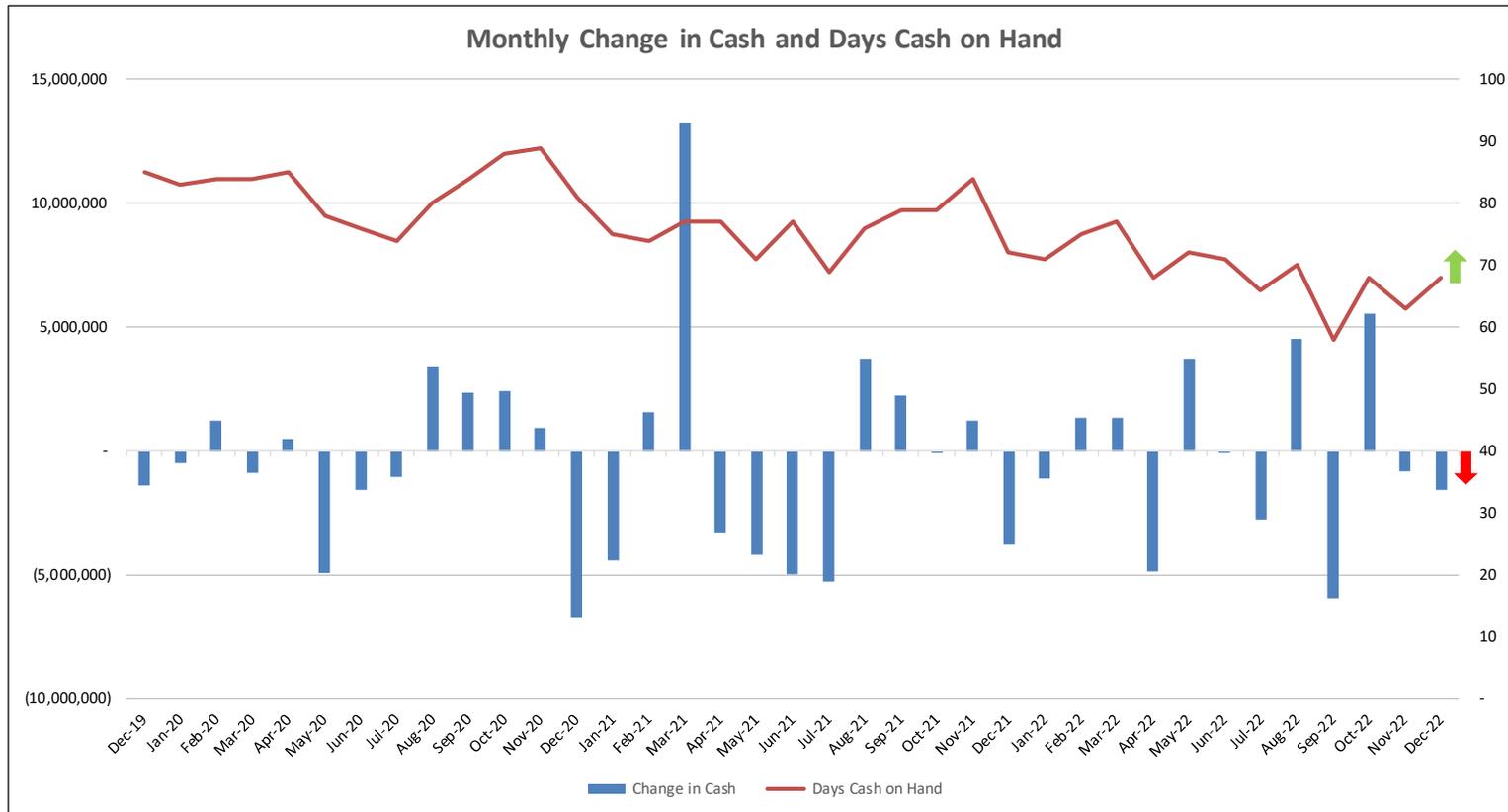
**1 Day = Approximately \$700K-\$750K**  
(Based on 12 month rolling average of expenses)

Were able to increase cash level due to reduction of expenses over a rolling 12 months even though we lost cash.

# Financial Results



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## Balance Sheet: Notables

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December
Fuel Inventory	\$ 8.982	\$ 4.493
Bond Dollars 2016C (Elec T&D)	\$ 0.716	\$ 0.709
Bond Dollars 2020A (Elec)	\$ 0.805	\$ 7.814

\*\*Dollars in millions

## Capital Spending

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	2022 Budget	
Electric	\$ 22.61	\$ 23.86	\$ 28.09	
Water	13.40	9.51	22.28	
Common	4.07	4.04	5.85	
<b>Total YTD Capital</b>	<b>\$ 40.07</b>	<b>\$ 37.41</b>	<b>\$ 56.22</b>	<b>Remaining 29%</b>

Major projects in 2022:

\*\*Dollars in millions

- Dogwood Capital Costs - \$1.5M
- Fisher UG Feeders - \$3.3M
- Distribution Pole Inspection - \$2.6M
- Annual Underground - \$2.9M
- Annual Overhead - \$1.6M
- Argentine 7 MG Tank Replacement - \$4.6M
- Water Transmission Imp. - \$1.9M
- Dist. Valve & System Imp. - \$2.5M

## Debt Coverage

### Debt Coverage with PILOT

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December
Electric	2.75	2.34
Water	2.16	1.94
Combined	2.86	2.45

### Debt Coverage w/o PILOT

	(CY) 2022 December	(PY) 2021 December
Electric	2.05	1.75
Water	1.69	1.49
Combined	2.15	1.85

Financial Guideline Target 1.6 to 2.1 times with PILOT