

# BOARD INFORMATION PACKET



**Board of Public Utilities  
Kansas City, Kansas**

**Regular Meeting of**

**June 18, 2024**



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## Regular Session

June 18, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

\_\_\_\_ Mary L. Gonzales, At Large, Position 1  
\_\_\_\_ Tom Groneman, District 2  
\_\_\_\_ David Haley, At Large, Position 2  
\_\_\_\_ Stevie A. Wakes, Sr., District 1  
\_\_\_\_ Rose Mulvany Henry, At Large, Position 3  
\_\_\_\_ Brett Parker, District 3

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of June 5, 2024

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- i. Update on Bids for Quindaro & Kaw Sites
- ii. GIS Project Update
- iii. Miscellaneous Comments

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VIII. Board Comments

IX. Adjourn



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Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Donald Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Dustin Miller, Director of Applications; Andrew Coffelt, NERC Compliance Officer; Steve Hargis, Supervisor Water Operations; Nicholas Moreno, Communications Coordinator; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

Mr. Groneman called the Board meeting to order at 6:04 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the visitor comments section, those who attended in person, wishing to speak, should use the sign-up sheet at the entry and provide their name and address. In addition, there would be a public comments section after the General Manager/Staff Reports. During this section, the public could comment on the items presented in the General Manager/Staff Reports section that evening. Both visitor and public comments were limited to three minutes and should be addressed to the Board. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press \*9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the visitor and public comment sections. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules are breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Mr. Groneman introduced himself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

**Item #3 – Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

**Item #4– Approval of the Minutes of the Work Session of May 15, 2024:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Work Session of May 15, 2024, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

**Item #5– Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of May 15, 2024:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of May 15, 2024, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

**Item #6– Visitors Comments**

There were no visitors wishing to speak.

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

- i. *April 2024 Financials & Approval of previously presented Financials:* Ms. Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation reviewing the financials for April 2024 with the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. Austin responded to questions and comments from the Board.

A motion was made to approve the April 2024 Financials as presented by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024, January 2024, February 2024 and March 2024 as previously presented by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

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- ii. *Electric Operations – May Storm Events:* Mr. Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations, provided an overview on the storm events in May. It included an update on how staff responded, their restoration priorities and processes, and how the community was impacted. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Mr. McNew and Mr. Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer, responded to questions and comments from the Board.

- iii. *Resolution #5301 – Low Income Rebate Program:* Ms. Austin presented Resolution #5301, a resolution that would extend the previously established BPU Low Income Rebate Program from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (See attached resolution.)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #5301, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

- iv. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson noted that BPU Administrative offices would be closed on the next scheduled Board meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>, and suggested moving the meeting up by one day.

A motion was made to hold the next Board meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Haley, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Johnson wished Mr. Parker a Happy Birthday.

**Item #8– Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Mr. Groneman asked if there were any visitors who wished to address the Board on the agenda items presented.

There were no visitors wishing to speak.

**Item #9– Board Comments**

Ms. Gonzales thanked staff for their presentations and for their hard work during the storms.

Ms. Mulvany Henry had no comments.



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Mr. Parker also thanked staff for their presentations, work during the storm events and the updates that were provided during the storm restoration process.

Mr. Wakes echoed previous Board comments.

Mr. Haley also thanked staff for their presentations and their work during the storm. He also wished Mr. Parker a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Groneman expressed thanks for the evenings presentations and said he was proud to see the work BPU employees did for the community during the storm outages. He wished Mr. Parker a Happy Birthday.

**Item #10– Executive Session**

Ms. Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel proposed a motion for adoption as followed:

“I move that after taking a five minutes break the Board go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential matters related to security systems so as not to justify the integrity of the security practices and procedures intended to protect the information system of a public body or agency; as justified under the security measures exception in the Kansas Open Meeting Act; and that, William Johnson, General Manager, Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel, Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer, Darrin McNew, Executive Director of Electric Operations, Donald Stahl, Executive Director of Electric Production and Andrew Coffelt, NERC Compliance Officer, be present to participate in the discussion, all others to be dismissed from the room and electronic and telephonic transmissions to cease, and that we reconvene in Open Session returning to both electronic and telephonic broadcasting at 7:28 PM to either take action in an open session or to adjourn .”

A motion was made to move into Executive Session, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

At 7:28 PM the meeting returned to Open Session.

Mr. Haley inquired about the status of the Kaw and Quindaro Power Plants.

Mr. Johnson provided any update and said he would have additional information available at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**Item 11 – Adjourn**

At 7:29 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Secretary

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President

# April 2024 Financial Results

## June 5, 2024

# Financial Results

## 2024 Billed kWh (YTD Apr)

Electric	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD
Residential	175,276,741	182,011,214
Commercial	310,550,445	310,065,792
Industrial	163,728,601	170,423,082
	649,555,787	662,500,088
		-2.0%

Residential and Industrial classes down 4% below 2023 levels

Residential – Down 4%    Commercial – Up <.5%    Industrial – Down 4%

# Financial Results

## 2024 Billed CCF's (YTD Apr)

Water	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD
Residential	1,088,295	1,082,282
Commercial	821,608	762,534
Industrial	585,140	581,843
	2,495,043	2,426,659
		2.8%

All Customer classes were up over 2023 levels

Residential – Up .5%      Commercial – Up 8%      Industrial – Up .5%

# Financial Results

## Revenues – April 2024

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April		Budget 2024 April	(CY) 2024 April
Electric	\$ 20.579	\$ 22.711		\$ 23.336	\$ 20.579
Water	4.280	3.810		4.403	4.280
Combined	\$ 24.859	\$ 26.521		\$ 27.739	\$ 24.859
					-10.4%

\*\* Dollars in millions

### Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

- Electric – Down 12%
- Water – Down 3%
- Combined – Down 10%

# Financial Results

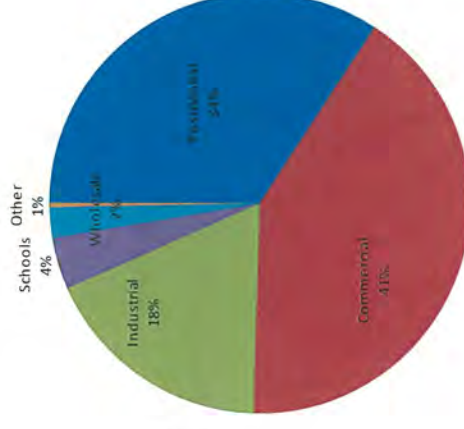
## Revenues – 2024 YTD

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
Electric	\$ 98.772	\$ 102.055	\$ 100.787	\$ 98.772
Water	17.583	16.257	17.570	17.583
Combined	\$ 116.355	\$ 118.312	\$ 118.357	\$ 116.355
		-1.7%		-1.7%

\*\*Dollars in millions

Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual for 2024

<u>Electric:</u>	Down 2%	<u>Water:</u>	Up <1%
Residential	(\$ 2.6M)	Residential	(\$230K)
Commercial	\$ 1.0M	Commercial	\$390K
Industrial	(\$ 1.3M)	Industrial	\$ 27K
Schools	\$ 25K	Wholesale	(\$ 95K)
Wholesale	(\$ 2.4M)		



Recognized 4 months of 6 of the 2023 ERC Over Recovery of the ERC - \$2,725,019



# Financial Results

## Operating Expenses – April 2024

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April	Budget 2024 April	(CY) 2024 April
Electric	\$ 21.427	\$ 21.350	\$ 16.887	\$ 21.427
Water	3.028	3.143	3.467	3.028
Combined	\$ 24.455	\$ 24.493	\$ 20.354	\$ 24.455
				-0.2%
				20.1%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

Electric – Up 27%  
Water – Down 13%



# Financial Results

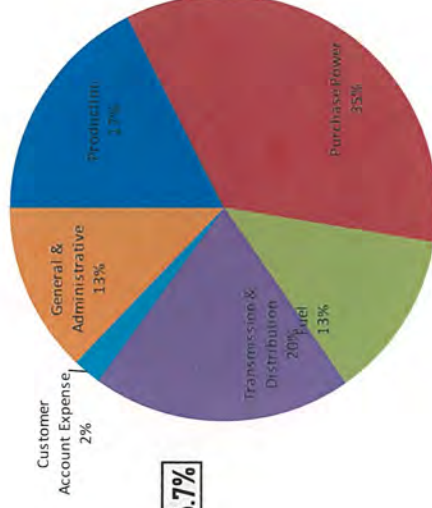
## Operating Expenses – 2024 YTD

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
Electric	\$ 82.693	\$ 82.047	\$ 75.318	\$ 82.693
Water	12.684	12.432	14.083	12.684
Combined	\$ 95.377	\$ 94.479	\$ 89.401	\$ 95.377
				6.7%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

- Electric – Up 10%
- Water - Down 10%
- Combined – Up 7%



# Financial Results

## Operating Expenses – 2024 YTD less Depreciation

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
Electric	\$ 70.647	\$ 70.311	\$ 63.693	\$ 70.647
Water	9.867	9.635	11.321	9.867
Combined	\$ 80.514	\$ 79.946	\$ 75.014	\$ 80.514
			0.7%	7.3%

\*\* Dollars in millions

### Electric:

Purchased Power	\$8.9M
Fuel	\$850K
Production	(\$230K)
T&D	(\$770K)
G&A	(\$1.7M)

### Water:

Production	(\$400K)
T&D	(\$546K)
G&A	(\$470K)

Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual 2024

# Financial Results

## Change in Net Position – April 2024

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April	Budget 2024 April	(CY) 2024 April
Electric	\$ (4.456)	\$ (2.533)	\$ 2.797	\$ (4.456)
Water	1.139	0.201	0.486	1.139
Combined	\$ (3.317)	\$ (2.332)	\$ 3.283	\$ (3.317)



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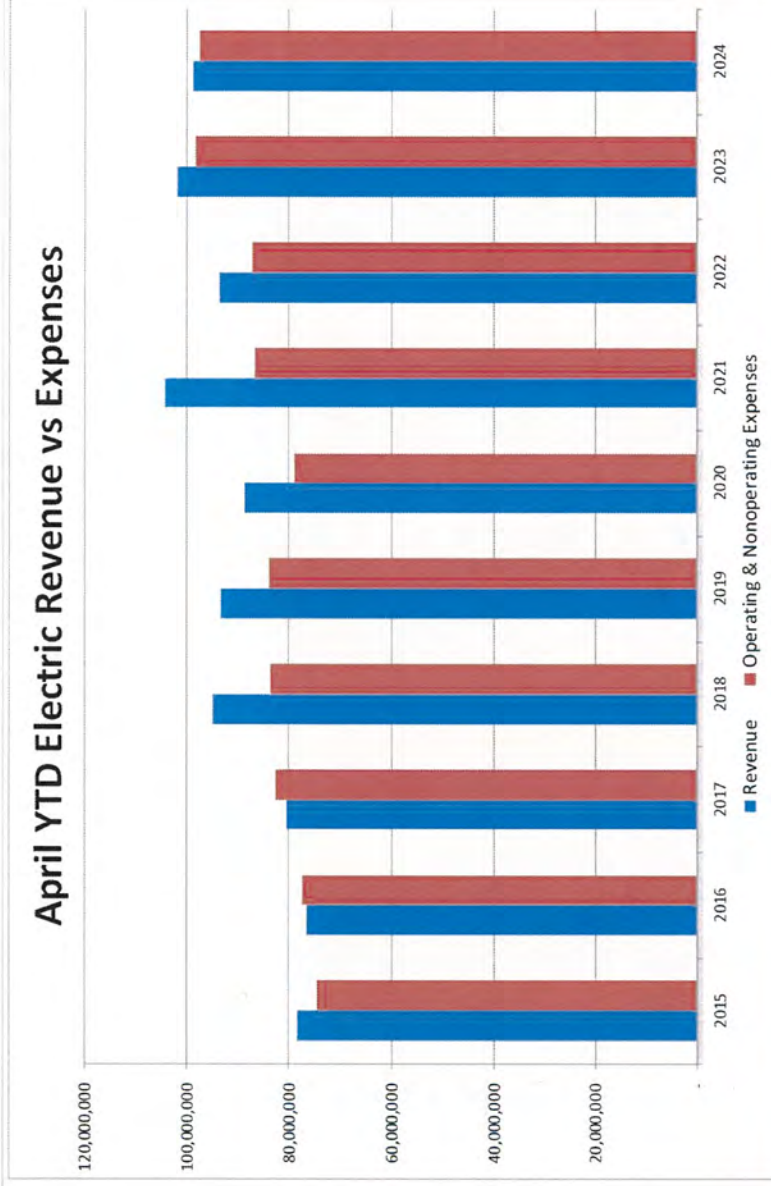
## Change in Net Position – 2024 YTD

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
Electric	\$ 1.195	\$ 3.703	\$ 10.047	\$ 1.195
Water	4,143	1,956	1,471	4,143
Combined	\$ 5,338	\$ 5,659	\$ 11,518	\$ 5,338



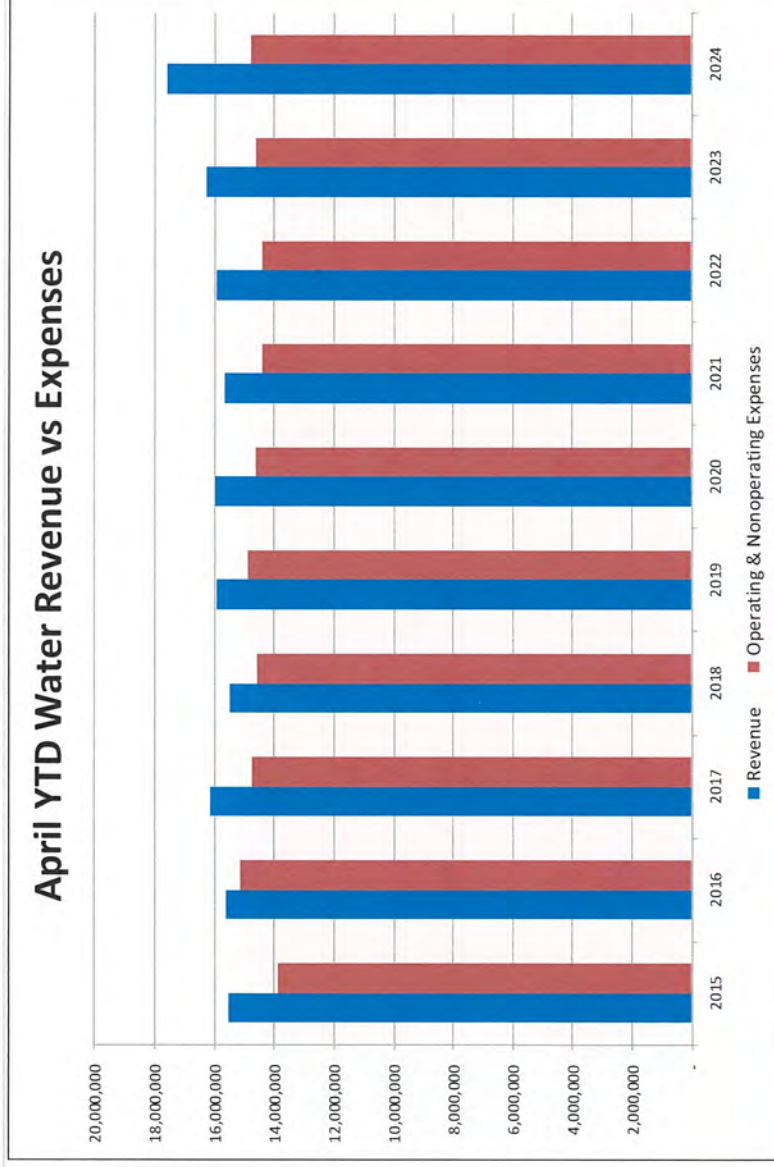
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# Financial Results – 10 Year Trend

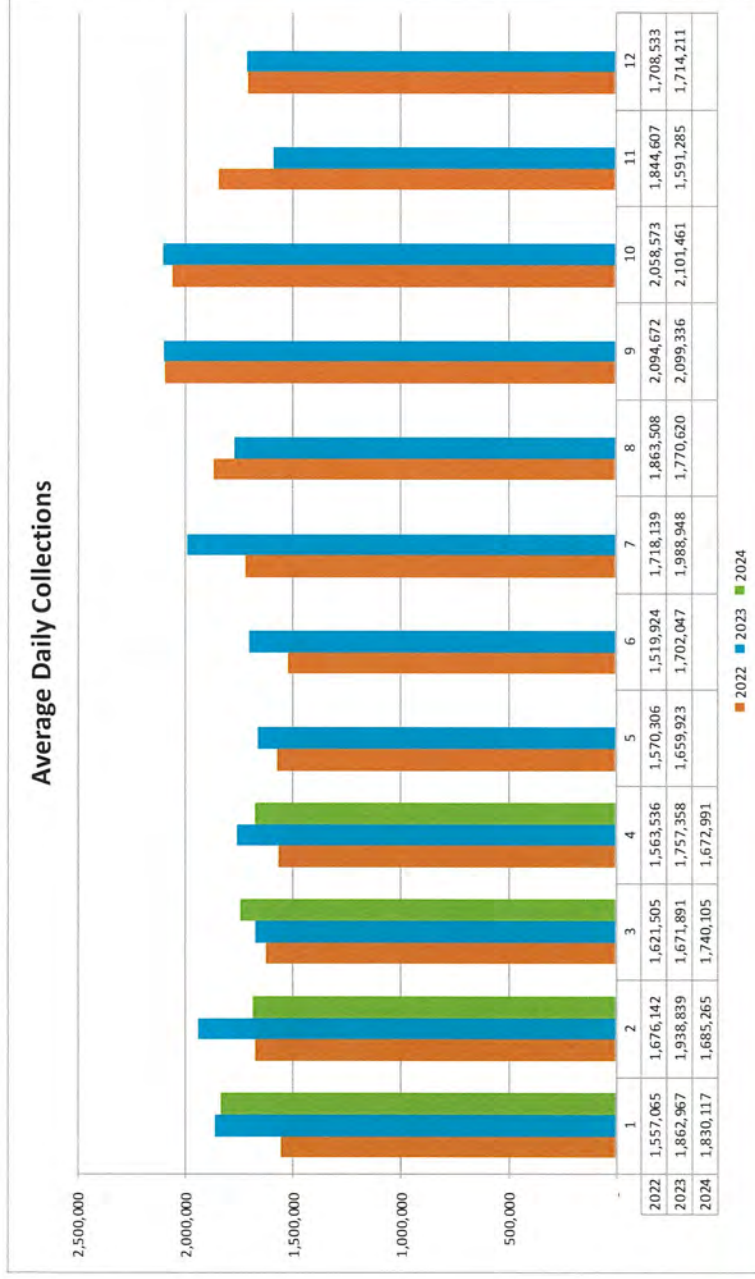




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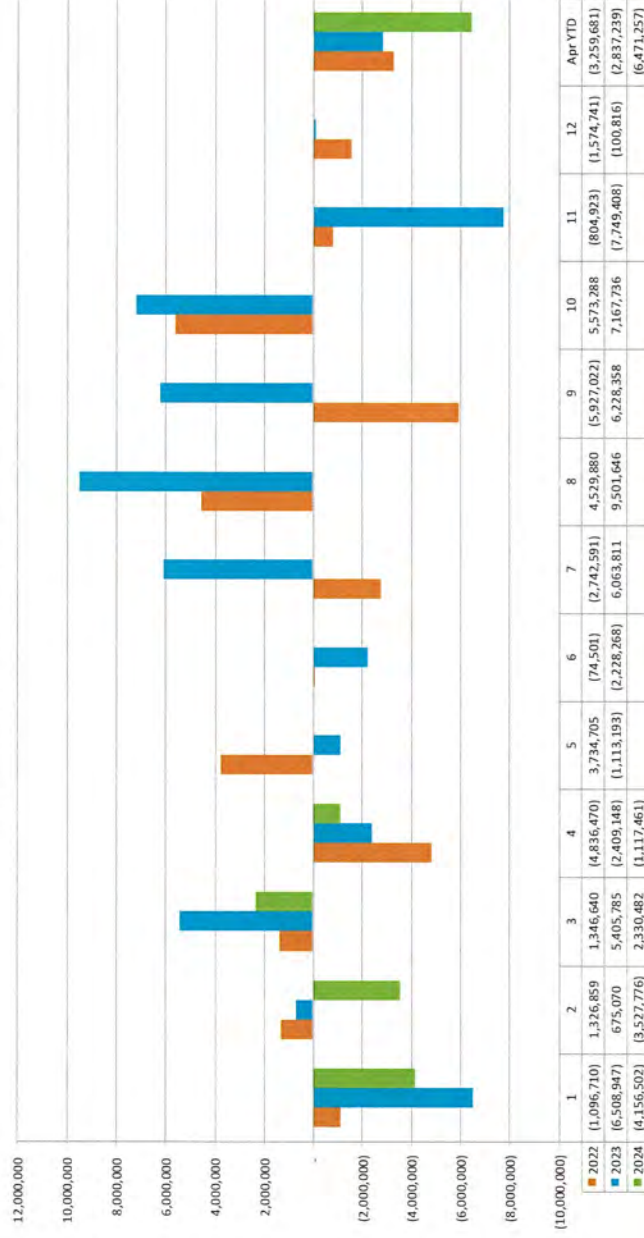


# Financial Results



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Historical Monthly Cash Comparison





# Financial Results

## Cash Position

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April	2024 March
Combined (E&W)	40.81	40.85	51.62
Days Cash-on-Hand	81	62	83

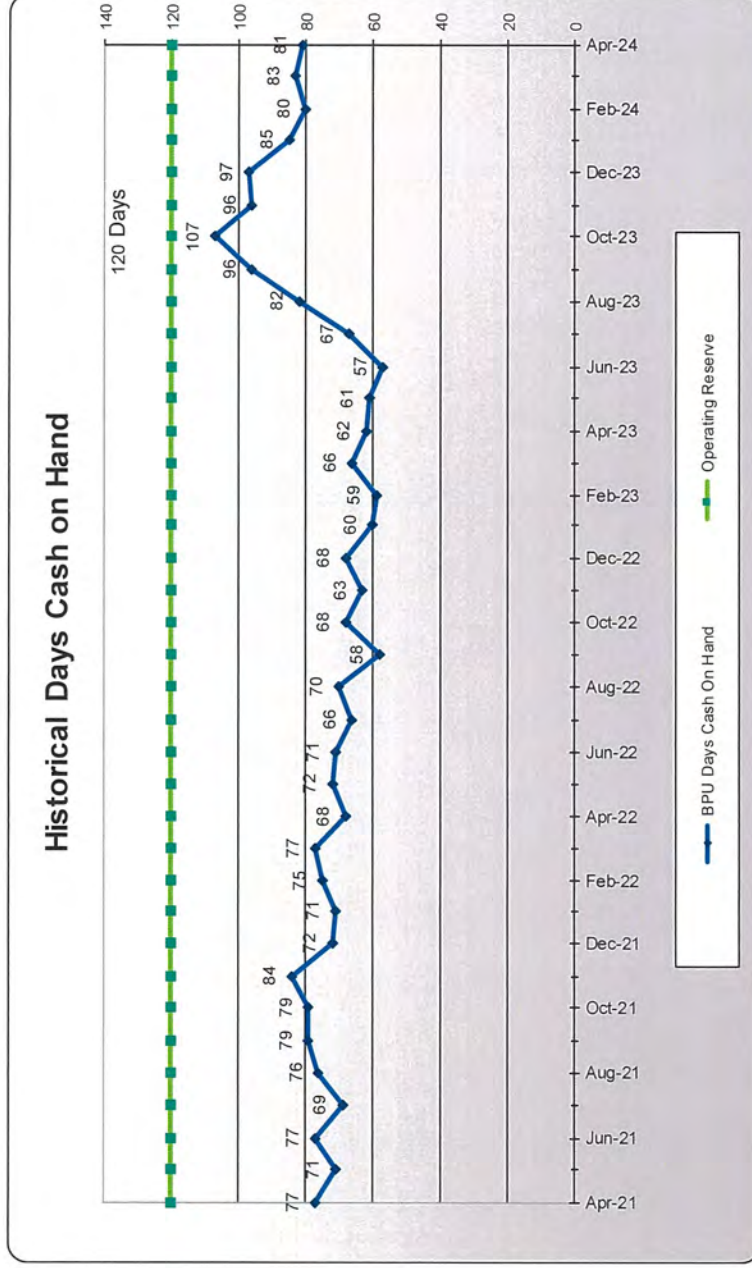
1 Day = Approximately \$600K-\$625K  
(Based on 12 month rolling average of expenses)

## Balance Sheet: Notables

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April
Fuel Inventory	13.693	11.244

\*\* Dollars in millions

# Financial Results



# Financial Results

## Capital Spending

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD
Electric	6.24	6.37
Water	3.83	2.91
Common	0.95	1.02
<b>Total YTD Capital</b>	<b>\$ 11.02</b>	<b>\$ 10.30</b>

2024 Budget	Remaining
\$ 35.58	
26.38	
5.13	
<b>\$ 67.09</b>	<b>84%</b>

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Major projects in 2024:

- Annual Overhead Construction - \$485K
- Annual Underground Construction - \$415K
- Distribution Pole Inspection - \$900K
- Underground Transformers - \$890K
- 98<sup>th</sup> St OH Feeder Relocation - \$608K
- Water Distribution - \$2.0M
- Water Production - \$288K

# Financial Results

## Debt Coverage

### Debt Coverage with PILOT

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April
Electric	2.45	2.72
Water	2.86	2.20
Combined	2.63	2.82

Financial Guideline Target  
2.0 times with PILOT

### Debt Coverage w/o PILOT

	(CY) 2024 April	(PY) 2023 April
Electric	1.74	2.00
Water	2.25	1.72
Combined	1.91	2.10

Financial Guideline Target  
1.6 times without PILOT



# Kansas City Board of Public Utilities

May 2024 Storm Events

- Storm Event Overview
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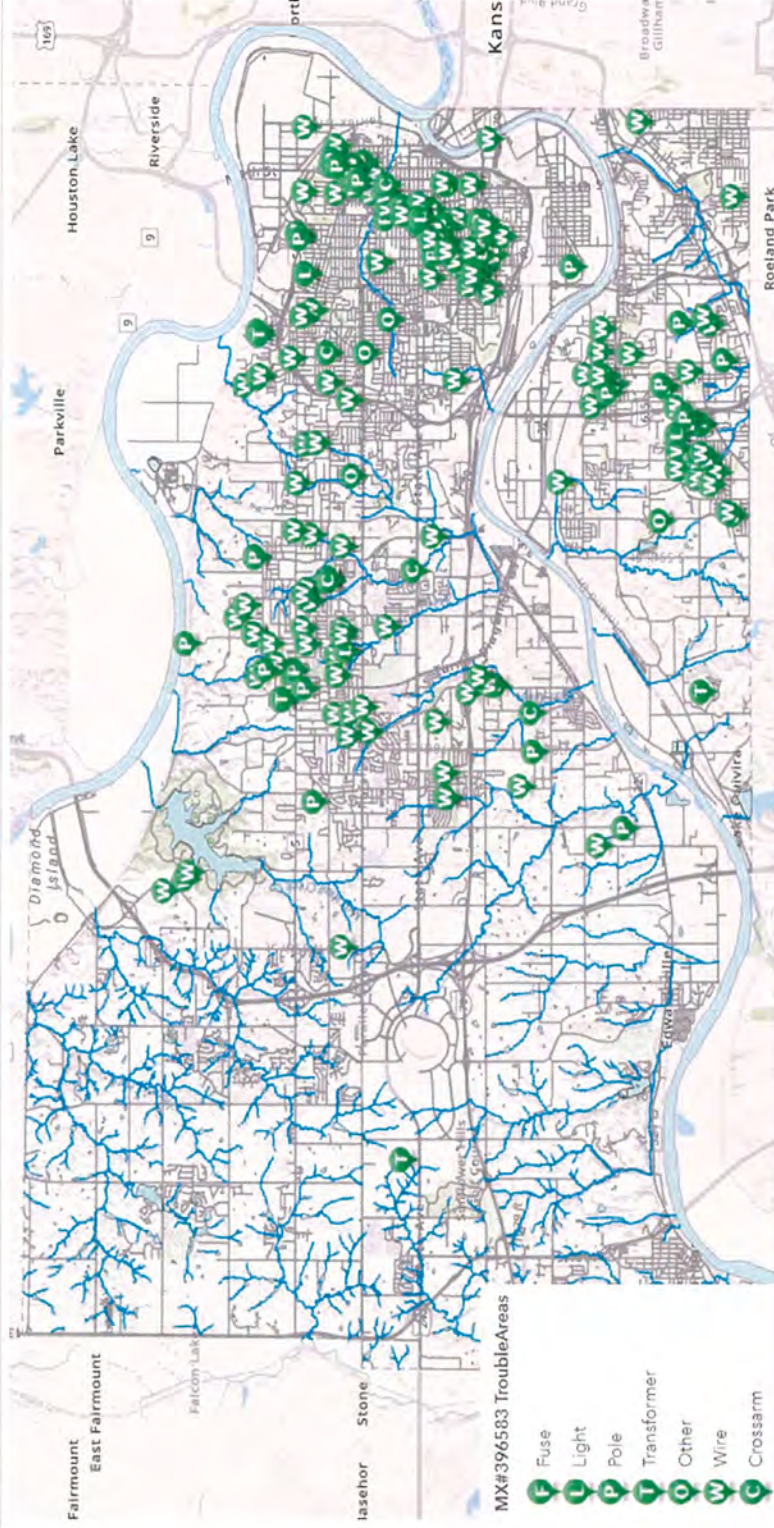
## Storm Event Overview

- Kansas City experienced severe weather events on May 19, 2024 and May 25, 2024 which resulted in some customers being without electrical service for an extended period of time
- The most significant of these events was the May 19<sup>th</sup> storm which affected as many as 12,000 customers



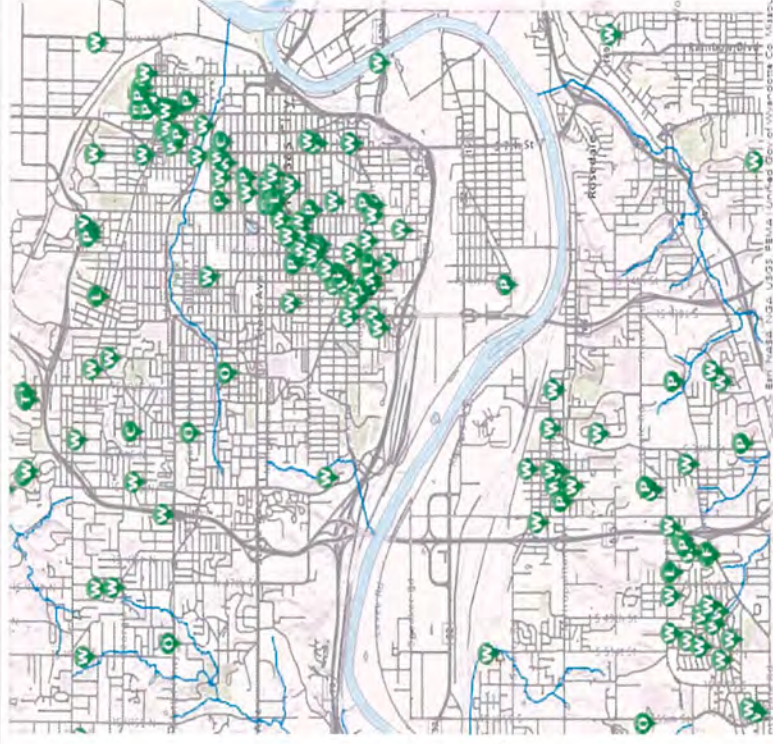


# May 19<sup>th</sup> Storm Map





# May 19<sup>th</sup> Storm Map

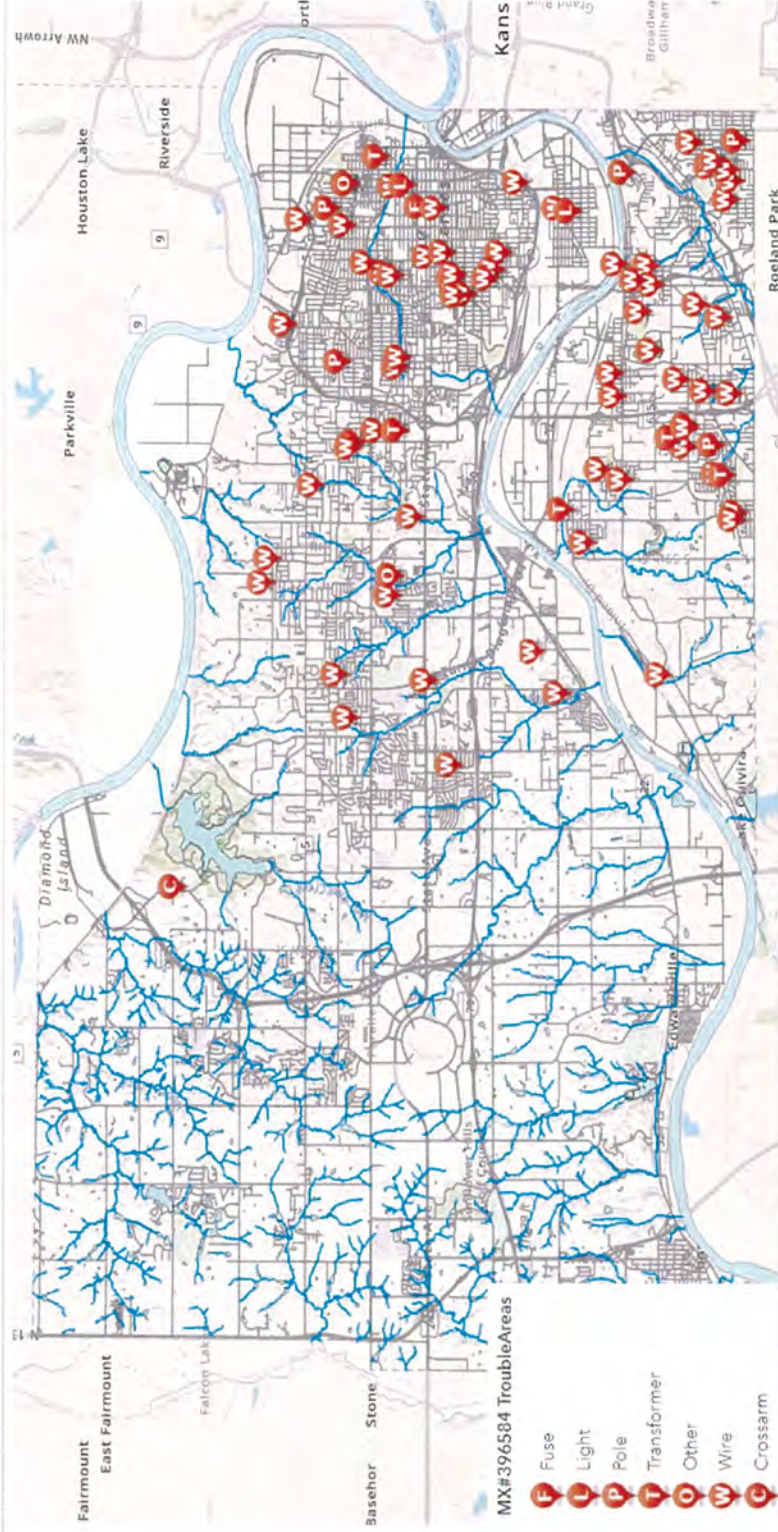


MX#396583 TroubleAreas

- F Fuse
- L Light
- P Pole
- T Transformer
- O Other
- W Wire
- C Crossarm



# May 25<sup>th</sup> Storm Map

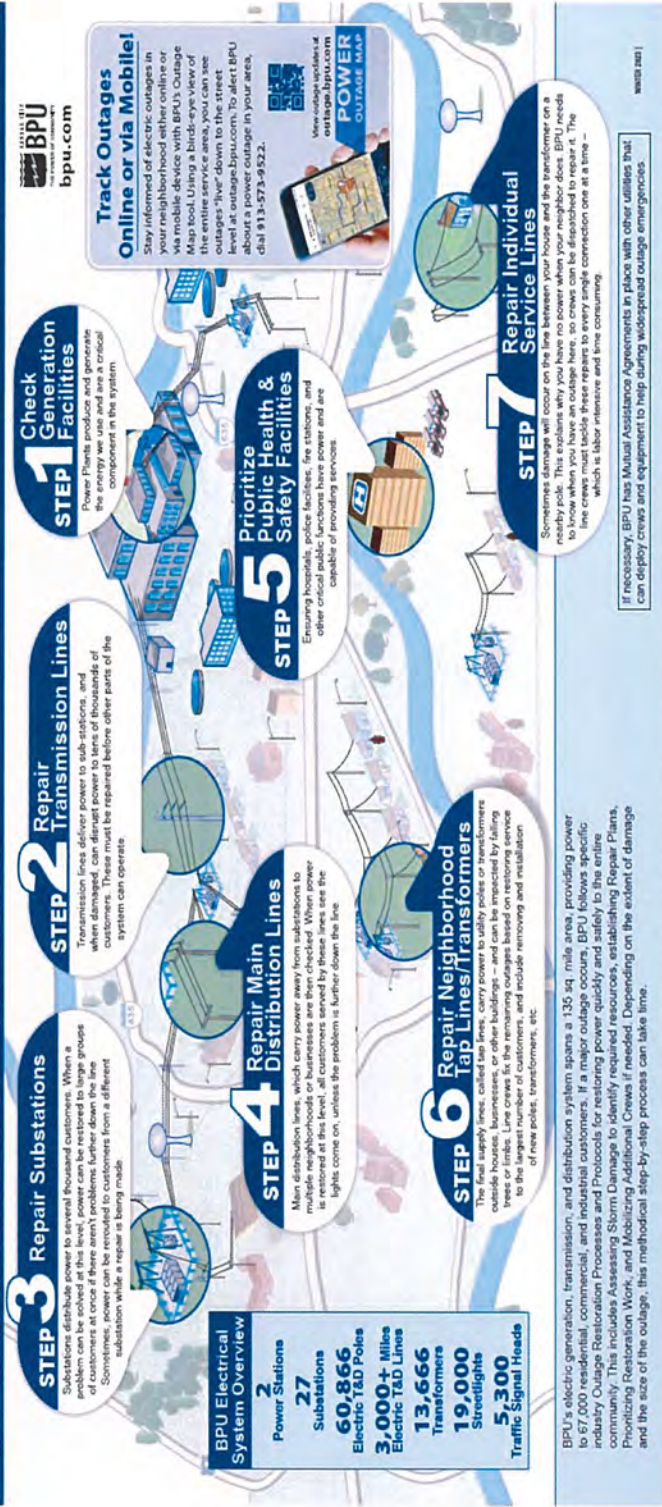




# System Restoration Procedure

## Power Outage Restoration Protocols

BPU works year-round to maintain a dependable and reliable electric system, but when extreme weather hits power outages can occur. The illustration below shows how power is restored after a major outage, and the step-by-step process that BPU must follow first to identify the extent of the problems and then work to fix them.



# Restoration Priorities

- Hospitals and medical facilities
- Water treatment plants, waste water plants, and pumping stations
- Public safety - emergency response centers, 911 call center
- Emergency shelters
- Nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Customers with medical issues
- Wire down reports and emergency calls





# BPU Storm Response Team

- **Electric Operations Department**
  - ESDC
  - Superintendents
  - Line Crews
  - Light Meter
  - Carpenters
  - Traffic Signal
  - Substation
- **Energy Control Center**
- **Communications Coordinator**
- **Customer Service**
  - Storeroom
  - Fleet Maintenance
  - Engineering
  - Mapping and GIS
  - Claims Coordinator
  - Fleet Maintenance
  - Office Records





# Mutual Aid

- KMU Mutual Aid Program
  - McPherson BPU
  - City of Ottawa, Kansas
- Capital Electric line crews
- Asplundh Tree Expert crews
- Wright Tree Service crews



# Storm Damage



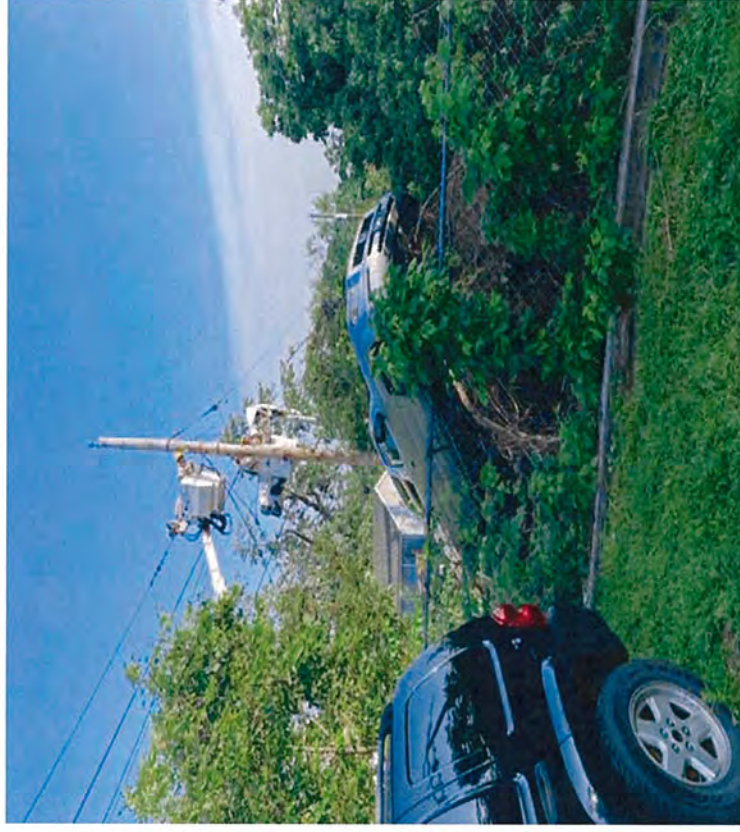


# Storm Damage





# Storm Damage



# Questions?



## **RESOLUTION NO. 5301**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOW INCOME REBATE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the elected Board previously established The Low Income BPU Rebate Program to assist the elderly and the disabled with the increased rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected Board recognized that efficiencies and consistency would be gained by utilizing the Unified Government Low Income Senior and Disabled Rebate Program requirements and screening; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected Board wishes to provide additional funding and a budgetary cap in the amount of \$150,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected Board wishes to provide a monthly electric rebate credit of \$5 per month to electric only customers, a monthly water credit of \$2.50 a month to water only customers, or a combined electric rebate and water rebate credit of \$7 per month from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for eligible BPU account holders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:**

That the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities hereby establishes a low-income rebate program to assist the elderly and disabled with the rate increase. BPU will accept all BPU Customers that are recipients of the Unified Government Low Income Senior and Disabled Rebate Program for the applicable time period. An initial funding and budgetary cap in the amount of \$150,000 is hereby set for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. A monthly electric rebate credit of \$5 per month to electric only customers, a monthly water credit of \$2.50 a month to water only customers, or a combined electric rebate and water rebate credit of \$7 per month from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 will be provided to eligible BPU account holders for the full rebate cycle or until the cap of \$150,000 is reached.

Only one credit will be applied per month and credits shall only be applied to residential accounts where the account holder is a resident.

The General Manager is directed and authorized to establish and update additional rules and policies as necessary to carry out the program objectives.

**ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Board of Public Utilities of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2024**

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

By:

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Thomas Groneman, President

ATTEST:

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Stevie Wakes Sr., Secretary

Approved as to form:

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BPU Legal Counsel

