

# AUGUST 2025



KANSAS CITY  
**BPU**

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Prepared for:  
**Board of Directors,**  
**Kansas City Board of Public Utilities**



# General Manager's Report

Each month, I am reminded that our strength as a utility is grounded in our people, in how we show up for each other and for the community we serve.

In August, our crews continued to respond with urgency and professionalism; whether that meant restoring power near a local school or preparing our systems to support General Motors' next-generation production line. Our Water Operations teams completed fire hydrant inspections and repairs, advanced major water main replacement projects, and continued their stretch of safe operations at Nearman Water Treatment Plant, **now 650 days without a recordable incident.**

But this month's progress went beyond the job site. We trained more than 2,100 hours across the organization, welcomed nine new hires, and helped frontline supervisors build stronger communication and leadership skills through our partnership with Kansas Municipal Utilities. We celebrated promotions, paid forward more than 50 hours of volunteerism, and joined forces with IBEW Local 53 to collect food for local food pantries.

We stood shoulder to shoulder with our community at National Night Out Against Crime, connecting with our neighbors, customers, law enforcement partners, and first responders, all aligned in keeping Wyandotte County safe and strong.

This report reflects what is possible when we work with purpose and lead with people first. I'm proud of every team member who helped deliver these results and I am grateful for the trust our community places in us every day.



**Jeremy Ash**

General Manager





# Electric Systems & Operations



**Darrin McNew**

Executive Director | Electric Operations



**Jerin Purtee**

Interim Chief Operating Officer  
Executive Director | Electric Supply

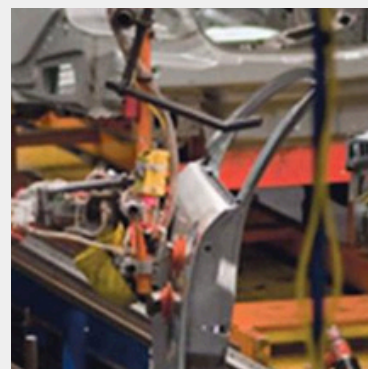
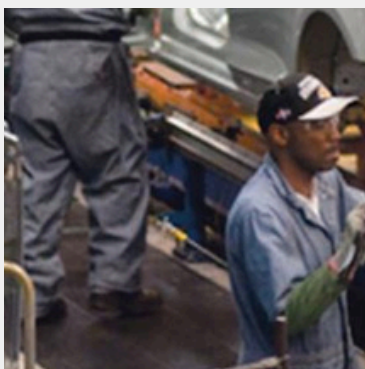
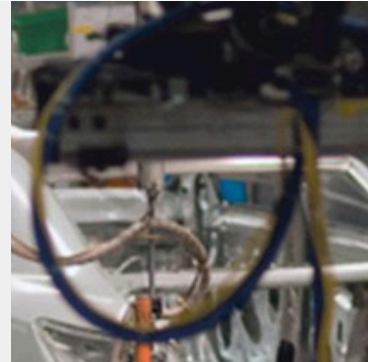
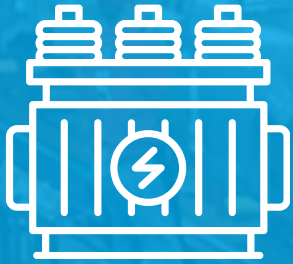


**Don Stahl**

Executive Director | Electric Generation



↑ A 100-year-old tree took down nine utility poles near 57th Street, between I-70 and State Line Road, leaving a school and nearby residents without power for a full day as BPU crews worked to restore service.



**160+**

New service requests fulfilled by Electrical Engineering



As **General Motors** retools for its next-generation production line, BPU crews are wrapping up a major relay upgrade and transformer maintenance project to power their future operations. ↑



# Water Systems & Operations

**Steve Green**

Executive Director | Water Operations



↑ Year-to-date, BPU crews have replaced nearly 80 fire hydrants, 11 in August alone.



## ← FRONT-LINE TRAINING

BPU partnered with Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) to train frontline supervisors in communication, conflict resolution, and leadership. These skills strengthen BPU teams and ensure safer job sites, better service, and more reliable operations for customers across Wyandotte County.

**SAFETY**  
**650 days**



accident-free at the  
Nearman Water Treatment Plant



**Water**   
**Services**

40 water services  
repaired; 8 water  
services replaced.

**3.2 miles**

Northeast water  
main project in  
progress:  
5% completion ↓



**6,990**  
completed  
fire hydrant  
inspections.



# Community Engagement



**5,000+** 

Wyandotte County residents connected with payment support and energy-saving resources at the Back-to-School Fair.

**200+**



neighbors reached during the National Night Out Against Crime, hosted by local law enforcement agencies.



**Energy Programs**  
**\$3,675**

of energy efficiency rebates in August.

**50+**

BPU employee volunteer hours captured in August.





# Organizational WINS



## In Your Words

*“I don’t know the best means to share this, but I want to commend BPU and their workers who just finished restoring power to our neighborhood after a car crashed into and took down two poles earlier today. They were here way sooner than I expected and got us back online before things got too uncomfortable. We greatly appreciate the effort.”* -Michael D.



Pictured from left to right are: Andrew Ferris, Kristi Parker, Leigh Mulholland, Abbey Frye, Pam Stark, Jerin Purtee, and Jeremy Ash.

## Spreading the Love to Fight Hunger, Together

BPU’s Executive Team joined the IBEW Local 53 Women’s Committee for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peanut Butter Drive, donating more than 150 jars themselves to the cause. In total, the drive far surpassed its goal, ensuring local food pantries are stocked to serve those in need.



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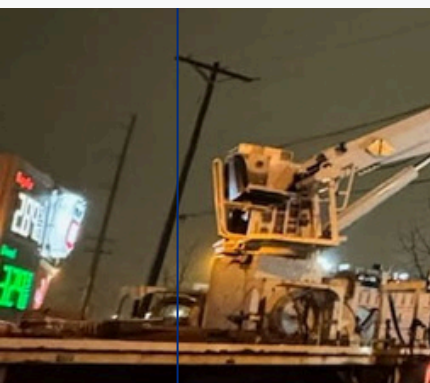
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long lines*