# MAY 2025

# THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

#### **Community Impact Report**







KANSAS CITY



This report summarizes the outcomes, investments, and services that directly benefit Wyandotte County residents.





## General Manager's Report

As we head into the summer season, I want to thank our team for their continued focus on safety, reliability, and service to our community. The work outlined in these pages reflects more than activity – it reflects a team committed to protecting our neighbors, strengthening essential infrastructure, and investing in the future of Wyandotte County.

Our commitment to a culture of safety remains front and center with ongoing training and resources to keep our employees and community safe. Simultaneously, major progress on capital projects – including our EPA-funded water main replacements and power plant improvements – show our resolve in building a resilient system that serves our customers now and into the future.

Finally, I'm proud of the momentum behind our employee volunteerism and community engagement efforts. From internships to neighborhood meetings, we are investing in people as much as infrastructure – because both are essential to the power of public service and to **The Power of Community**.

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Jeremy Ash

General Manager

## Electric Operations



→ BPU Light Up Navajo team working in partnership with crews from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

# Four summer interns onboarded.



#### A ✓ Kansas City Kansas School District Over 100 students

impacted by *a-day-in-the-life* of **BPU electric and water crews**.

Barnyard Babies & Touch-a-Truck 5,000+ community member touchpoints.

## Water **Operations**



Mayor Tyrone Garner joins BPU staff to proclaim May 4-10 as National Drinking Water Week in Wyandotte County.

# Two summer interns onboarded.



EPA grant for Area R replacement project.







#### Piper School District 65 students

impacted with presentation from BPU about water resources and treatment.



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# Community Engagement

BPU is renewing our commitment to meaningful engagement through a refreshed strategy that strengthens our connection with local agencies, area schools, customers, and partners. By listening more closely and collaborating more intentionally, we're rebuilding trust, improving service, and delivering on the needs specific to our community.

Summer Youth Program \$100,000+ awarded to community

awarded to community organizations.

## Energy Programs Six Home Audits

conducted for BPU residential customers.

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## **Community Presentations**

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seven About BPU forums to area agencies, including one in Spanish.



200+ student touchpoints

## Volunteerism **2** Over 100 hours

contributed across Wyandotte County.



Electric Control Center delivers 18 years of safe operations.

### BPU Employee **Nick** Lysaught

earns **national certification** in system reliability.

## Organizational Updates

#### Improving How You Reach Us



BPU's Information Technology and Customer Care teams are launching a new phone system to make it easier and faster for you to get the help you need. Once in place, our new Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system will reduce call wait times, improve call routing, and offer support in Spanish and Hmong – making our care team more accessible for **everyone in the community**.

#### Investing in Reliable Power

Work is underway to bring one of our key combustion turbines at the Nearman Creek Power Plant back online. Experts have serviced the turbine to improve long-term performance in generating power for our customers.

#### **BPU Employee**

## Katrina McCuiston

promoted to Manager, Customer Care

#### **NEW HIRES**

Human Resources onboarded

**11 employees** 7 of which are interns.

#### Nearman Water Treatment Plant

celebrates 25-year anniversary and 560+ days



of safe operations.

General Electric (GE) Verona's FieldCore Team disassembles
Combustion Turbine 4 (CT4) for servicing and long-term performance.

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