## **NOVEMBER 2025**



#### THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT**

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

















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

## General Manager's Report

As we head into the colder months, reliability and readiness remain at the forefront of everything we do. I'm proud to share that in November, our power plant remained online with zero unplanned interruptions, ensuring steady, dependable energy for both our community and the Southwest Power Pool. That kind of consistency comes from preparation, investment, and the dedication of our teams.

On the water side, we took a major step forward in proactive system protection. Our SmartBall inspection covered 7.3 miles of large transmission mains, helping us identify small leaks early and prevent future outages. This is the kind of behind-the-scenes work that keeps our system reliable and safeguards water service for families across Wyandotte County.

We also strengthened our emergency preparedness with a joint drill alongside the KCK Fire Department at the Nearman Water Treatment Plant. Training together ensures both teams are ready to respond quickly and safely should an incident ever occur.

November was also a month where our commitment to people and community shined. We met with youth outside the Police Athletic League to share career paths and professional development opportunities at BPU. because investing in the next generation is part of investing in the community we serve. Our employees demonstrated that same spirit of service by collecting nearly 2,000 food items, 150 coats, and \$500 in just five days to support local nonprofits.

Finally, our Mission, Values, and Strategy roadshow continued across the utility, giving employees a chance to hear directly from the executive team about our long-term direction and our shared commitment to community, people, safety, and the environment.

As we close out the year, I'm grateful for the heart and hard work our employees bring every day, and for the continued trust of the community we are honored to serve.





## **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



## Reliability

Nearman Creek Power Plant remained online throughout November, ensuring uninterrupted power for our community and the Southwest Power Pool.



BPU Supervisor Jeremiah Waldeck joined local youth at the Police Athletic League to share pathways to careers, training, and professional development.









street lights repaired throughout November.

year-to-date

## Water Systems & Operations

Steve Green

Executive Director | Water Operations





BPU and KCK Fire completed a joint emergency drill at the Nearman Water Treatment Plant to strengthen readiness and coordination of the response.

6,980+
fire hydrant inspections conducted for 100% completion.



### **LEAK DETECTION**

Proactive SmartBall inspection was conducted on 7.3 miles of water mains, identifying small leaks early and helping prevent outages and protect system reliability.

2300+

service work orders completed year-to-date.



West Basin Project

fully restored and back in service.



## **Community Engagement**



## The Power of Community

Employees across the utility rallied together and, in just five days, collected nearly 2,000 food items, 150 coats, and \$500 to support Avenue of Life and the Salvation Army.



100+

volunteer hours in November



## Organizational WINS

Water Operations Project Engineer,
Aaron Moore, was recognized as
an awardee of Kansas's 2025
NextGen Under 30 in Science,
Technology, and Engineering.
NextGen Under 30 is a program
that recognizes and celebrates
young professionals, innovators,
and leaders in Kansas under 30.
Winners are selected for their
contributions across categories
such as science, engineering,
education, and healthcare.







#### SAFETY

Crews in water operations celebrate 100+ days of zero incidents and their commitment to safe operations.



# 450+ hours of employee training completed.

## **Purpose**

The BPU Executive Team rolled out BPU's new Mission, Values, and Strategy through a company-wide roadshow highlighting our commitment to community, people, safety, and the environment.



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