

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
January 18, 2016  
Durango, Colorado

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee of the Whole of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. was held Monday, January 18, 2016, in the headquarters building in Durango, Colorado. President Rendon called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., with the following Directors present:

Joe Wheeling	Kohler McInnis	Karen Barger
Davin Montoya	Jeffrey Berman	Michael Rendon
Britt Bassett	Jack Turner	J. Robert Formwalt
Mark Garcia	Tom Compton	Bob Lynch

Excused Absence:

None

Also present were:

Mike Dreyspring, Chief Executive Officer  
Barry Spear, Attorney  
Dennis Svanes, Chief Financial Officer  
Ron Meier, Manager of Engineering  
Justin Talbot, Manager of Operations  
Dan Harms, Manager of Rates, Technology, and Energy Policy  
Indiana Reed, Marketing & Communications Consultant  
Charis Charistopoulos, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS** (from sign in sheet): The following guests were present:

Betsy Romere

**1. DIRECTORPOINT TRAINING** – DirectorPoint Training Director, Ellen Glasgow presented and advised Directors on the use of the DirectorPoint Application.

**2. CYBER-SECURITY UPDATE** – Network Administrator, Drew Timmerman presented an overview of the LPEA computer network, general security issues and how they are mitigated. Discussion ensued on the topics of internal and external threats, protective measures, data back-up and contingency plans and defenses in place such as: firewalls, payment management and reception, risk management and mitigation, security intrusion detection, monitoring and vulnerability assessments, encryption and password management tools.

**Motion:** Motion by Director Berman to go into Executive Session to discuss vulnerability issues and security. Motion seconded, and carried unanimously. The Board of Directors went into Executive Session from 10:29 AM to 10:50 AM.

**3. MEMBER SURVEY DRAFT DISCUSSION** – CEO Dreyspring explained the purpose and methodology of the survey. Donna Graves presented the survey and took questions from the Board of Directors. The Board gave direction for minor re-wording and an additional answer choice to one of the questions. The survey was revised as directed and the final draft will be presented at the regular Board meeting, Wednesday January 20, 2016.

**4. TOU RATE TARIFF DISCUSSION** – Harms discussed the agreement reached with Tri-State which makes possible a graduated discount on off-peak energy rates through the end of May 2018, at which point rates will be adjusted accordingly. The temporary discount will help off-set the increase for ETS members whose off –peak rates increased earlier this year. TOU off-peak hours will remain the same. Harms recommends approval at the January 20, 2016 Board meeting of dropping the off-peak energy rate from 6.5 cents to 5.9 cents in order to disperse the \$200,000.00 discount across the entire rate class effective March 1, 2016.

**5. REVIEW OF RATE POLICY 214** – Director Turner recalled a request made that Attorney Spear make redline suggestions to Policy 214, II-C that incorporate the Strategic Plan into rate setting policy. Spear discussed the policy and took questions from the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of transparency, 30 day public notice, a one or two-step resolution policy, and the timing of Tri-State rate announcement. The Board gave direction for Spear to bring back redline suggestions based on discussion, for consideration by the Directors at the January 20, 2016 Board meeting. The Board gave direction for Dan Harms to prepare timeline recommendations and options for discussion at the January 20, 2016.

**DISCUSSION OF REVISED DIRECTOR EXPENSE REPORT WITH 990 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** – Directors discussed the revised report and gave direction for the Executive Assistant to make agreed upon edits which included a revision of the sign-in form, and return to Directors for approval following the lunch break. There was unanimous consent to adopt the newly revised expense form and sign-in sheet.

**FASTTRACK COMMUNICATIONS REPORT** – CEO Dreyspring stated that the FTC Board meeting is January 19, 2016.

**WESTERN UNITED REPORT** – Director Formwalt reported and took questions on the Western United report included in the Board packet.

**4CORE REPORT** – Director Turner reported and took questions on 4CORE.

**TRI-STATE REPORT** – Director Wheeling reported and took questions about Tri-State.

There being no further business, the LPEA Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at

2:40 PM.

Recorded by: Charis Christopoulos

Approved by:

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Michael Rendon, President

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Jeff Berman, Secretary