

***Board of Directors Meeting  
Piedmont Municipal Power Agency***

***September 21, 2023  
Greer, South Carolina***

**VOTING  
DIRECTORS  
PRESENT:**

Blake Stone	Abbeville
Tom Brooks *	Clinton
Andy Sevic	Easley
Donnie Hardin	Gaffney
Mike Richard	Greer
John Young	Laurens
Tim Baker	Newberry
Jimmy Bagley	Rock Hill
Joe Nichols *	Union
Kevin Bronson *	Westminster

**OTHERS:**

Tim Hall	Abbeville
Ronnie Roth	Clinton
Eric Goodwin	Easley
Steve Bratton	Gaffney
Marc Regier	Greer
Keith Wood	Laurens
Foster Senn	Newberry
David Vehaun *	Rock Hill
Lance Davis *	Union
Brian Ramey	Westminster
Joel Ledbetter	PMPA
Tracy Quinn	PMPA
Lynn Price	PMPA
JulieAnne London	PMPA
Scotty Griffin	PMPA
Will Blanton	PMPA
Kenny Bradley	PMPA
Mike Frazier	PMPA
Dennis Cameron	PMPA
Gary Brunault *	GDS Associates, Inc.
Rion Foley	Burr Forman

\* Virtual Attendance

**Call to Order**

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order, and Mr. Bagley gave the invocation.

**Oath of Office**

Mrs. Quinn, Office Manager/Executive Secretary, who is also a Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Mr. Eric Goodwin, who has been appointed Alternate Director from Easley, and Mr. Steve Bratton, who has been appointed Alternate Director from Gaffney (copy of resolutions attached).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hardin, to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2023, as submitted.  
Motion approved.

## **Financial Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Sevic, seconded by Mr. Bagley, to accept as submitted the Financial Report for August 2023.  
Motion approved.

## **Reports**

### Engineering

The standard engineering reports for August were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Frazier reviewed the August reports.

Mr. Frazier advised the Board that the PMPA staff had a kick-off meeting with Sargent & Lundy regarding the Catawba Valuation and would continue to meet every other week.

Mr. Frazier informed the Board that PMPA had twelve junction boxes that would be used for a fiber project that had been terminated. These boxes are no longer needed and are available to the Members on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Catawba

The Catawba and McGuire report was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Cameon advised the Board that Unit 3 at the Vogtle Nuclear Plant in Georgia went into commercial operation on July 31. Unit 4 is expected to be in commercial operation by the end of the year or the end of the first quarter of 2024. When completed, it will be 4,000 MW nuclear on-site, the US's largest clean energy generating facility.

Mr. Cameron also advised the Board about Palisades Nuclear Plant, which was previously owned by Entergy. In 2022 the plant was shut down, and the operating licenses were transferred to Holtec for decommissioning. Due to the climate change debate and the pressures to move away from fossil fuel electric generation, Holtec has decided to re-start and operate the plant. Holtec has signed a long-term purchase power agreement with Wolverine Power to sell 2/3 of the power to them and 1/3 to Hoosier Energy. The State of Michigan is contributing funds to help restart the plant, and Holtec has applied for a loan with the DOE.

Mr. Cameron stated that NCMPPA has completed their agreement with Central Cooperative to sell 150 MW with a long-term purchase power agreement.

### Legislative

Mr. Griffin advised the Board of current legislative issues including the Southern States Energy Board and Speaker Murrell Smith's Ad Hoc Committee to focus on utility modernization and economic development. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Ledbetter are scheduled to meet with the Speaker's staff in October to see what the committee plans to propose.

Management

Mr. Ledbetter advised the Board that Mr. Griffin's last day with PMPA would be October 31.

Mr. Ledbetter recognized Mrs. Quinn for celebrating 35 years with PMPA.

Mr. Ledbetter stated that the 2024 G&A Budget discussions with each Member would start the week of October 9.

Mr. Ledbetter also advised the Board that he attended the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) meeting held in Greenville earlier in the week. He stated that this is a non-profit interstate compact formed in 1960. The main topics were economic development and generation.

Mr. Ledbetter stated there were discussions about Speaker Murrell Smith's Ad Hoc Committee when he attended the SSEB meeting. Various ideas concerning pending legislation were discussed, but there is nothing in writing yet.

Mr. Baker asked that Mr. Griffin share the Speaker's Ad Hoc Committee information with SCAMPS.

Mr. Ledbetter presented a draft of the agenda for the Planning Meeting and asked the Board if any additional items needed to be included.

Mr. Ledbetter reminded the Board that if anyone was interested in a tour of Catawba for their Board or Council, contact him or Mr. Cameron.

Mayor Senn stated that Mr. Ledbetter had been to Newberry and spoke to the City Council about right sizing and spoke to the public during the meeting. He said the Council appreciated seeing representation and learned a lot.

**December Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Sevic, seconded by Mr. Young, to change the December meeting from Thursday, December 21, to Tuesday, December 19. Motion approved.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Bagley, seconded by Mr. Sevic, to enter Executive Session. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Hardin, seconded by Mr. Bagley, to exit Executive Session. Motion approved.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Participant Discussion and Other Business**

Mr. Baker reminded the Board that Public Power Week is the first week in October.

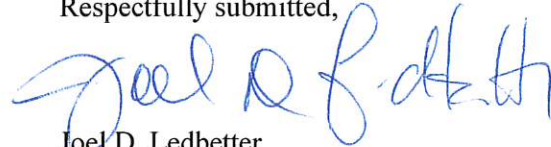
**Recognition of Scotty  
Griffin**

Mr. Stone presented Mr. Griffin with a proclamation for his years of service at PMPA (copy attached).

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joel D. Ledbetter  
General Manager  
Secretary