

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
of Jefferson County**

**December 8, 2014**

**CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) MEETING  
MINUTES**

The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) of the Public Utility District No.1 of Jefferson County meeting was called to order by President James Dow at 1:30 p.m. in the District Four Corners office, Port Townsend, Washington.

Members of the Citizen Advisory Board present were:

From District 1: James Dow  
Peter Lauritzen  
From District 2: Paula Anderson  
Bill Kaune  
Owen Mulkey  
From District 3: Stan Nealey

**Minutes**

MOTION: B y Paula Anderson, Second by Stan Nealey, carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2014 and November 10, 2014 meetings.

**Agenda**

The Agenda, to address a smart meter presentation and shut off notices, was approved as submitted.

**Jefferson PUD Power Shut-off Issues**

Stan Nealey, Paula Anderson and Eugene Brandon have met as a sub-committee, as well as with JPUD staff, to discuss the District's policies and experience regarding power shut off. Several questions and issues have emerged. Regarding more assistance for low income customers reducing shut off, it appeared that, as many customers continue inattention, are unable to manage affairs or determine party responsible for payment, or fail to arrange payments during absences or relocation, few low-income customers might benefit. While additional notices, calls and establishing late fees might help a few, it was noted that most would not benefit. A troublesome area was seen in that notification by customers or by the previously electricity provider of those with medical conditions or disabilities warranting assistance is lacking. It is suggested that, in the current upgrading of the billing system, possible highlighting of past-due charges be considered.

**Smart Meter Use**

Peter Lauritzen and Bill Kaune presented a report of their Smart Meter Task Force outlining what smart meters are, some benefits and hazards, and recommendations. JPUD currently has 4,200 Itron water meters and 19,000 electric meters inherited from Puget Sound Energy. While JPUD owns the meters, Landis+Gyr, a designer and manufacturer of metering products, systems and services, owns the Cellnet AMR (automatic meter reading), capable of one-way radio transmission of readout to a neighborhood-based collector which then transmits to a regional collector with daily reading. Some Itron meters, with a monthly readout, are used in newly developed areas.

Some benefit to use of smart meters include conservation verification via daily reading and outage notification as well as regulation and forecasting of loads. Health hazards may include electromagnetic radiation; however, research has not confirmed. Comparisons of electromagnetic radiation sources, such as usage of cell phones, microwave ovens, power lines, radio and television signals, etc. was given with smart meters seemingly emitting low levels in comparison.

Regarding cost and ownership, Landis+Gyr currently charges \$2 per meter per month equaling approximately \$.5 million per year on a current ten-year contract. JPUD would prefer to own the

system, at some time.

Recommendations from the Task Force include providing information on replacement.

It was determined that the report and recommendations will be reviewed at the January 12, 2015 CAB meeting for presentation at the subsequent JPUD Regular Meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Citizen Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by President James Dow at 3:21 p.m.



James Dow, President



Stan Nealey, Vice-President