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## **McNeil Station Joint Ownership Operating Committee Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the McNeil station Joint Ownership Operating Committee convened at 12:07 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025. Present; Darren Springer, BED, Munir Kasti, BED, Ken Nolan, VPPSA, Betsy Lesnikoski, BED, Ying Liu, BED, Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, BED, and Pike Porter, Public. On Teams, Chris Cole, GMP, and James Gibbons, BED. Others Present: Colleen Rouille, BED.

### **1. Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **2. Review of Joint Owner Operating Committee Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024.**

There were no changes to the minutes. M. Kasti, BED, moved a motion to approve the Joint Owner meeting minutes for December 2, 2024; D. Springer, BED, seconded the motion and it was approved by K. Nolan, VPPSA, and all members present.

### **3. Public Forum**

Pike Porter was present from the public. He asked a question about why the Co2 generated at McNeil in 2024 was more than the previous sixteen year while also producing less energy. D. Springer responded by saying that the plant is more efficient at higher levels of production. In certain cases, when there is a maintenance issue where it is not able to produce at full output but at a reduced output, this would lead to greater emissions per MWH. This would be typical at the reduced load and is most likely why the Co2 numbers were higher. Most of the plant operation is at an efficient level the majority of the time.

### **4. Summary of Operating and Generating Reports for November and December 2024 and January 2025.**

M. Kasti, BED, summarized the operating reports for the months of November and December 2024, and January 2025. In November 2024, McNeil produced 17,096 net MWH for a capacity factor of 47.49 percent. The plant operated for 62.03% of the total hours in November. There was 537 MCF of gas burned in the McNeil boiler during the month of November. There were no reductions and limitations in November. This month at McNeil they conducted routine, preventative and non-preventative maintenance. There were also some capital improvements done. McNeil is continuing to build fuel supply. In the month of December 2024, McNeil produced 31,662 net MWH for a capacity factor of 85.11 percent. The plant operated for 88.81 percent of the total hours in December. There was 637 MCF gas burned in the McNeil boiler during the month of December. There were two reductions and limitations that included a tube leak and disc screen. This month at McNeil, we conducted some routine preventative maintenance and some capital improvements. A new Associate Engineer was hired this month.

In the month of January 2025, McNeil produced 32,680 net MWH for a capacity factor of 85.8 percent. The plant operated for 85.8 percent of the total hours in January. There was 601.8 MCF gas burned in the McNeil boiler during the month of January. There were no reductions and limitations this month. This month at McNeil, we conducted some routine preventative and corrective maintenance and continued with some capital improvements. A new Yard Worker and Working Crew Leader Generation Maintenance was hired in January.

## **5. Plant Status Operating and Maintenance Concerns**

M. Kasti, BED, updated the Joint Owners saying that the McNeil outage is scheduled for March 29 through April 22, 2025. McNeil is operating at a limited capacity of 35-36 MWH because of issues we need to address during overhaul. This includes the cooling tower gear box that keeps tripping with vibration.

## **6. Fuel Procurement Update.**

B. Lesnikoski, BED, updated the Joint Owners by saying that McNeil that McNeil had a great winter run. A combination of cold weather and good energy prices allowed us to put some incentives in place. McNeil was able to bring in plenty of wood to keep the plant running. The conditions in the field were perfect. It was cold and people were on long duration jobs. Last week at the plant we brought in almost 12,000 tons of wood. The inventory currently is at 16,000 tons at both sites. This is enough to continue with five trains for the next couple of weeks until outage. With spring conditions coming soon, this will slow down but McNeil has several suppliers that have spring sites that are on state roads or dry soil that will enable deliveries through the outage to build wood for a summer run.

## **7. Financial Review.**

Y. Liu, BED, said that she would be reviewing the McNeil January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date budget. The total operating expenses on the calendar year-to-date budget through January 31, 2025 were \$3,064,102. This was \$324,989 over budget. Fuel expense had an un-favorable variance of \$452,361. Steam expense was 47,082 also over budget. This was due to the plant generating more in the month of January which made McNeil incur more expenses. We will continue to monitor the budget for the fiscal and calendar years.

## **8. McNeil Operating Statement.**

Y. Liu, BED, presented the McNeil operating statement with McNeil revenue and expense for fiscal year to date through January 31, 2025. Also included is the calendar year-to-date through January 31, 2025. In the January 31, 2025, fiscal year 2025-to-date numbers, the total generation megawatt hours were 137,170 compared to January 31, 2024, fiscal year 2024-to-date total generation megawatt hours of 117,350. The station generated 19,820 more megawatt hours in fiscal year 2025 compared to fiscal year 2024. In the January 31, 2025, fiscal year 2025-to-date numbers, the total revenue was \$14,482,814 compared to \$11,123,936 in the January 31, 2024, fiscal year 2024-to-date numbers. Revenue in fiscal year 2025 was up by \$3,358,878. The total fuel expenses were \$9,928,815 in the January 31, 2025, fiscal year 2025-to-date numbers compared to \$8,771,738 in the January 31, 2024, fiscal year 2024-to-date number. The fuel expense was up by \$1,157,077 in fiscal year 2025. The higher fuel expense was driven by the higher generation in the current fiscal year. The total other expenses including depreciation was \$6,687,999 in the January 31, 2025, fiscal year 2025-to-date number compared to \$6,513,375 in the January 31, 2024, fiscal year 2024-to-date number. The net loss in the January 31, 2025, fiscal year 2025-to-date number was (\$2,134,000) compared to a net loss of (\$4,161,178) in the January 31, 2024, fiscal year 2024-to-date number. The net loss decreased by (\$2,027,177) in fiscal year 2025 compared to fiscal

year 2024.

In the January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date numbers, McNeil generated 32,680 megawatt hours compared to 29,848 megawatt hours in the January 31, 2024, calendar year-to-date number. The total revenue in the January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date number was \$4,882,272 compared to \$3,167,692 in the January 31, 2024, calendar year-to-date number. The revenue was \$1,714,579 more in calendar year 2025. In the January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date numbers, the total fuel expense was \$2,230,979 compared to \$2,194,987 calendar year-to-date January 31, 2024, number. In the January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date numbers, the total other expenses were \$978,516 compared to \$982,018 in the January 31, 2024, calendar year-to-date number. The January 31, 2025, calendar year-to-date net income was \$1,672,777 compared to a net loss of (\$9,222) in the January 31, 2024, calendar year-to-date number. The increased energy revenue in calendar year 2025 was the driver of this gain. Y. Liu, BED, wanted to point out that there was a change made to the operating statement. The change was made to the revenue expense. A note was added to provide an explanation. The estimate to the revenue expense statement is prepared for the Joint Owners meeting for informational purposes only. Burlington Electric does not prepare a standalone McNeil income statement. Each Joint Owner records its own share of McNeil revenue and expense. For anyone who would like to know the operating results should refer to each Joint Owners income statement. K. Nolan, VPPSA, asked about the why there was a drop in fuel expense when incentives were put in to get wood but the wood costs in January were \$5.00 per ton less. B. Lesnikoski, BED, said there were incentives, but the overall pricing was less than last year because of diesel prices going down. Base price is set based on diesel prices. McNeil is still below the budgeted fuel price that was in the current budget.

#### **9. BED – G.M. Update.**

D. Springer, BED, updated the Joint Owners by saying that he appreciated the effort at McNeil during the strong winter run both on the wood procurement side and the operational side. The financials tell the story of a positive outlook so far this year. He noted that local in state generation is a plus right now with the changing political climate and tariffs.

#### **10. Other Business.**

There was no other business.

#### **11. Schedule for Next Meeting.**


The next Joint Owner meeting is scheduled at the McNeil farmhouse on Monday June 16, 2025, at noon.

#### **12. Adjourn.**

M. Kasti, BED, moved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

D. Springer, BED, seconded the motion and it was approved by K. Nolan, VPPSA.

Respectfully Submitted,



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