



The following questions have been posed by Commissioners prior to the scheduled Board Meeting on September 2 2025. Staff responses are included below and are sorted by Agenda topic.

**Resolution No. 2516 – Authorization to extend with revised terms and conditions a Power Purchase Agreement with Seneca Sustainable Energy LLC and option to resell at near “market neutral” levels. (LAWSON)**

**How much power generation does Seneca cover for EWEB, by percent?**

***RESPONSE:** None at this time. The Seneca Sustainable Energy project is not dedicated to load giving EWEB the option to use it for emerging economic opportunities, including local retail load growth, or wholesale opportunities.*

**What is the cost per megawatt hour for our current contract with Seneca? Are they on par with our other energy contracts like IP or BPA?**

***RESPONSE:** The prices in the existing contract were negotiated in 2011 when wholesale market prices were significantly higher. The extension will be “market neutral” based on today’s forward market forecasts, which is significantly less than what was negotiated in 2011.*

**General Manager Recruitment Process (WILLIAMS)**

**Extremely nitpicky, but what is the rationale of removing "customer owned" from Utility?**

***RESPONSE:** In general, it is better to use language referring to EWEB as a “municipal utility” because that is the more precise term that emphasizes the organization’s specific ownership structure and mission. While "customer-owned utility" is technically accurate, it can be a broader, less informative term.*

**Update: Rate Design Attributes and Considerations (Fixed vs. Variable Charges) (LAWSON/RUE)**

**Not needed for a formal response back, but what is being asked of us at this meeting in response to the rate design topic? What I am seeing is a refresher of the work already accomplished and a released COSA. Are we still awaiting other work to be accomplished, like a DSPA or Community Surveys? Is this a rate increase proposal chart needing approval or review by the board?**

***RESPONSE:** Commissioners will be asked for guidance and to reaffirm more alignment between fixed and variable costs as identified in the Rate Design Plan. Specifically, what is the Board’s appetite to increase fixed charges on electric utility bills?*

**Consent Calendar**

**CONTRACTS**

**Corrpro Companies, Inc. - for a Transmission Main Corrosion Survey \$461,000 based on a Formal Request for Proposals (RFP). (KELLEY/MASTERS)**

**Why do two of the bids have N/A for price and ranking? It seems odd to go to all the trouble of responding, but then not quoting the work.**

**RESPONSE:** *The RFP for the corrosion survey used a Qualifications Based Solicitation (QBS) process that required us to initially determine a competitive range on qualifications without pricing. The two selected proposers had significantly higher scores than the other two proposers. As a result, we requested pricing only from the selected proposers to move forward in the process.*

**Day Wireless - for the use of a cooperative contract to purchase an Avtec Radio Dispatch Console \$270,000.**  
**(KELLEY/MILOVICH)**

**Why do we believe that the 5-year-old bid process from another state yields the best result? Are the prices locked in at 2020 prices through this form of cooperative contract? Is this the same technology others are using locally? Given that this system is already 5 years old, is there a risk that our local partners will want to switch to another system soon?**

**RESPONSE:**

**Pricing:** *Day Wireless confirmed their pricing which is based on pre-negotiated contract rates of the NASPO Contract. The price was locked for the first year of the contract and any adjustments are requested through and approved by the contracting authority (State of Washington in this case). The current price is in line with the last contract that expired in 2021.*

**Compatibility/Reliability:** *Each agency can use technology they prefer as long as it works with the overall communications system. The Avtec equipment will operate on the system regardless of what other agencies are using and has proven reliability. EWEB's current MIP5000 product line reached end of life after 20+ years of operation and we expect a similar life span for this new equipment. Spare parts will also be included in the deployment. The entire system will be installed, optimized, and tested by certified radio frequency technicians from Day Wireless's Salem office. As one of the largest wireless service providers in the Western United States, Day Wireless is uniquely qualified to manage the full scope of this project, including system design, configuration, and installation.*