

MINUTES OF THE LAKE POWELL PIPELINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a public meeting of the Lake Powell Pipeline Management Committee held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Kanab, Utah.

Committee Members present: Jim Lemmon (Utah Division of Water Resources), Dennis Strong (Utah Division of Water Resources), Mike Noel (Kane County Water Conservation District) and Ronald Thompson (Washington County Water Conservancy District).

Also present: Brian Liming (MWH), Eric Millis (Utah Division of Water Resources), Barbara Hjelle (Washington County Water Conservancy District), Dirk Clayson (Kane County Water Conservancy District/Kane County Commissioner), LeAnn Skrzynski (Citizens for Dixie's Future), Joel Williams (Utah Division of Water Resources) and Tina Esplin (Washington County Water Conservancy District Secretary).

Welcome —Dennis Strong welcomed those present and conducted the meeting.

Approval of March 21, 2013 Minutes—**Ron Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2013, Mike Noel seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

Status of Permitting Process—Brian Liming reported on the status of the Lake Powell pipeline (LPP) project permitting process:

- The Draft Plan of Development was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for review and comment
- Comments on the Draft Plan of Development were received from BLM in June
- Water Needs Assessment (WNA) updates are ongoing, incorporating the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) 2012 population projections, taking into account a 25% reduction of water use by 2025, which was changed from 2050, climate change projections by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) using data we have, water use supply and demand data by the Utah Division of Water Resources (UDWR) staff and MWH staff, looking at agricultural conversation data and projections, Virgin River model updates prepared by UDWR staff, and water demand and supply curve adjustments made by the UDWR in conjunction with the MWH staff.
- UDWR, BOR and MWH are working together to complete remaining modeling and data analyses for use in updating the WNA
- Results of climate change modeling being used to modify LPP depletion schedule for USBR CRSS modeling of Lake Powell levels and Glen Canyon dam releases, water quality changes and power generation changes

Dennis Strong stated, "That is all well and good, but the whole purpose of the compact was to develop the water supply, and generation is identified in the compact as a supplemental purpose; and so I guess this is the process that we have to do, but it has always been anticipated that there

would be changes in the releases and in the power generation.” Brian Liming said, “We just have to quantify that.”

- Final study reports will incorporate these analyses
- Draft Class III Cultural Resources Study Report was filed with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and distributed as a non-public document to archaeologists with federal and state agencies and Indian tribes and nations for their review and comment
- Meetings held with BLM and National Park Service (NPS) to discuss impact mitigation measures
- Hopi Indian Tribe ethnographic studies are ongoing
- Upcoming meetings with reviewing agencies and Indian tribes/nations on draft HPMP
- Preliminary Draft of Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) is now being prepared and
 - Includes introduction, Purpose and Need, Proposed Action and Alternatives, Pre-Filing Consultation Summary, and Draft Environmental Analysis chapters
 - Includes impact analysis results for 22 resources covered in study reports and applicant proposed mitigation measures for impacts on resources
 - Appendices including draft HPMP, draft Biological Assessment, draft Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Monitoring Plan, draft Recreation Resources Management Plan, and 1:24,000 Scale Maps
- Preliminary Draft of the PLP is the first draft of the Exhibit E in the License Application, and Exhibit E will be used by FERC to prepare the draft EIS after filing
- Preliminary Draft PLP will be provided to the federal cooperating agencies (BLM, NPS and BOR) for review, comment and concurrence with UDWR proposed mitigation measures and environmental protection
- Review comments will be incorporated into the PLP
- PLP will be filed with FERC for agency, tribal and public review
- Final Study Reports will be completed incorporating all the comments made on the Draft Study Reports and filed with FERC when the PLP is filed
- Review and comment period for the PLP is 90 days
- Comments received on the PLP will be addressed during preparation of the Licensing Application
- License Application to be filed with FERC a minimum of 150 days after filing the PLP under the FERC Integrated Licensing Process (ILP)
- License Application filing with FERC now projected to be summer of 2014
- UDWR has prepared a draft Right-of-Way (ROW) application and draft Plan of Development for the LPP project dedicated electrical transmission lines to be filed with BLM
- Similar ROW applications and supporting documents are being prepared for filing by UDWR with NPS and Utah SITLA for LPP project dedicated electrical transmission lines

Mike Noel asked, “In the utility corridor established by Congress, is the transmission line involved in that?” Brian Liming said, “That utility corridor allows for a transmission line as well, but we don’t have transmission lines going along that particular corridor for the project, we just cross that corridor and connect to existing transmission lines that are already in that

corridor.” LeAnn Skrzynski asked, “When do you plan on filing your Preliminary Licensing Proposal?” Brian Liming said, “We cannot pin down the exact date because we are still waiting to wrap up some of these analyses that the UDWR and MWH are working.”

Financial Report—Eric Millis presented a Memorandum showing the amounts MWH has billed the Division as follows:

Total at last report	\$24,735,574	90.4%
March 2013	\$ 139,034	0.5%
April 2013	\$ 65,829	0.2%
May 2013	\$ 94,954	0.4%
June 2013	\$ 176,740	0.7%
July 2013	\$ 136,676	0.5%
TOTAL:	\$25,348,807	92.7% of the \$27.352M contract

Eric Millis said the staff has reviewed each billing for accuracy and made payment. **Ron Thompson made a motion that the Management Committee ratify the payments, Jim Lemmon seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

Next Meeting—Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2014 at Washington County Water Conservancy District’s office in St. George at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment—**Ron Thompson moved to adjourn, Mike Noel seconded the motion and all voted aye.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary