



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Office of the City Administrator
Westminster, South Carolina

August 15, 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

Downtown Streetscape Project

Bids for Phase I of the Westminster Downtown Streetscape Project was published on Friday, August 13. Bids will be due on September 22, 2025. The solicitation can be found at: www.westminstersc.org/departments/administration/#bids.

An anticipated schedule for the project is:

- August 15, 2025 Publish Request for Proposals for construction
- August 28, 2025 Non-Mandatory Prebid meeting
- September 22, 2025 Construction bids are due
- October 14, 2025 City Council consideration of bid award
- October 28, 2025 Contract documents signed (SC Dept. of Commerce must approve all bids before contract execution. City Council may award the project concurrently)
- Early November 2025 Construction start

This Week in Rec: An Update from Recreation Director Herb Poole

- The Football Apple Bowl is scheduled for this coming Saturday, August 16, at Owens Stadium. The Westminster 8u Warriors will play the Pendleton Bulldogs and the 10u and 12u Warriors will take on the Walhalla Razorbacks. Regular season football schedules are on the Westminster Recreation Department Facebook page.
- Soccer, baseball, softball, and volleyball practices have begun.
- Saturday, August 16, we will pick up donated dry food boxes, produce boxes, and bread. The monthly donation boxes are courtesy of Community Tree 1. We will distribute to Westminster families.

Horton Outdoor Recreational Area

AMW General Contractors will construct the concession stand/picnic shelter building. The construction scheduled start date is August 18, 2025 with a completion date mid-November 2025.

Field construction crews continued to work on field components. Topsoil for the fields continues to be hauled onto and spread across the site. The field lighting and irrigation subcontractors have begun the installation of their respective components. Installation of the scoreboards has started along with bleacher seating. There was a substantial amount of rain this week that hampered progress.

Coopers Mill Phase II

HDH has completed the sewer main and service connections. HDH Construction is the water contractor as well.

SCIIP Sewer Improvements Phase I

Tugaloo/McClam have completed the Spring St. sewer crossing and site work. Spring Street has reopened. Contractors are pressure testing the lines before moving on to Crooked Street.

SCIIP Sewer Improvements Phase II

LW was awarded SCIIP Sewer Improvements Phase II and will begin work in the next two weeks.

Heirloom Farms

Water services are being moved to the new water main on Seed Farm Road. Sewer is complete.

2025 Municipal Election Information

Oconee County Voter Registration and Elections Office has provided the City with information regarding the municipal election scheduled for Tuesday, November 4. The filing period is from August 4-15, 2025. Full election details from Oconee County are attached.

For the Special Election to fill the unexpired term for the City Council seat vacated by Audrey Reese, the Oconee County Voter Registration and Elections Office provided the following:

- Candidate Filing Opens - Friday, August 29 @ Noon
 - Candidate Filing Closes - Monday, September 8 @ Noon*
- (*Please note the office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day)

The Special Election will be added to the November 2025 Election.

Westminster Planning Commission

The Westminster Planning Commission will meet Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00pm at Westminster City Hall. The agenda is attached.

OJRSA

The OJRSA Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee met Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The agenda is attached. At the meeting representatives from Seneca, Walhalla, Oconee County and Westminster agreed to conduct workshops/information sessions with the respective City Councils to solicit feedback on the reconstitution process. These representatives plan to report back the outcomes of the workshops/information sessions. The meeting may be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiOJKM4GP60>.

The OJRSA Operations and Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 8:30 am at OJRSA.

PMPA

The PMPA Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 21, 2025 at PMPA. The agenda is attached.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm Westminster Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

August 20, 2025 at 8:30 am OJRSA Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA

August 21, 2025 at 10:00 am PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA

August 26, 2025 at 9:00 am OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at OJRSA

September 1, 2025 City Offices Closed to Observe Labor Day

September 8, 2025 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA

September 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department

September 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm Westminster Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall

City Council Meeting Schedule:

January 14, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
February 11, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
March 11, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
April 8, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
April 29, 2025	4:00 PM		Budget Workshop
May 13, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
June 17, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
July 8, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
August 12, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
September 9, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
October 14, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
November 18, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
December 9, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Special Events Calendar

South Carolina Apple Festival- September 5-6, 2025 on Main Street Westminster

The South Carolina Apple Festival Committee Hosts the Westminster Apple Festival on Main Street.

South Carolina Bigfoot Festival- October 10-11, 2025 on Main Street Westminster

The South Carolina Bigfoot Festival Committee Hosts the Westminster Bigfoot Festival on Main Street.

Boo on Main!- October 31, 2025 on Main Street Westminster

The City's annual Boo on Main! Features a festival style trunk or treat for Westminster Children on Halloween Night.

Westminster Arbor Day Celebration – December 5, 2025 time and place TBD.

Westminster Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting- December 5, 2025 on Main Street and Retreat Street Park

AGENDA
PLANNING COMMISSION
City of Westminster

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00PM

Regular Meeting

Westminster City Hall

100 E. Windsor St,

Westminster, SC 29693

Westminster Planning Commission

August 18, 2025 Meeting

6:00pm- City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Quorum
4. Comments from Staff
 - Next Planning Commission Meeting: September 15, 2025.
 - Training Scheduled for September 30, 2025 at 6:00pm.
 - Misc./Other

Routine Business

5. Consideration of Minutes from June 16, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting.

New Business

6. **Public Hearing for ORDINANCE 10-18-2025-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130.45 OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 151.055 OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.**
7. **Consideration of ORDINANCE 10-18-2025-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130.45 OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 151.055 OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.**

At the June 17, 2025 City Council Meeting, Council directed staff to draft an ordinance allowing limited use of firearms in City Limits to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and subsequently be brought before City Council for consideration.

The proposed ordinance amends both the City's firearms regulation (Section 130.45) and the Zoning Ordinance (Section 151.055) to specifically address firearm discharging and hunting in the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District.

Two sections of City Ordinances would be amended by this proposed ordinance. Section 130.45 would provide exceptions to the blanket ban of the discharge of firearms, including exceptions for Law Enforcement, ceremonial blank rounds ("blanks"), and other similar items. Staff is asking the planning commission on feedback specifically regarding amendments to Section 151, listed as "Section 3: Amendments to Zoning Ordinance."

Key proposed zoning-related changes include:

- Rural Residential (RR) would allow for hunting and discharge of firearms on parcels 25 Acres or more. SC State law allows for lawful use of firearms for defense of person or property.

- All hunting activities must comply with South Carolina state laws and SCDNR regulations, including licensing and the specific restrictions on deer hunting near residences in S.C. Code Ann. § 50-11-355.
- Discharge of a firearm may not occur less than 100 yards from a property line.

Chief of Police Fred Miller will be present to provide additional context and answer questions from a law-enforcement perspective.

City Staff is seeking feedback on the ordinance and recommendations from the Planning Commission to present to City Council.

Old Business

None.

8. Adjourn

City of Westminster
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
June 16, 2025 6:00 pm
Westminster City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. In attendance were Sandra Powell, Charles Morgan, and Lacey Moore.

Staff:

Assistant City Administrator, Regan Osbon
City Clerk, Kiley Carter
City Attorney, Keith Denny

Call to Order

Sandra Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation and Pledge

Sandra Powell led the planning commission in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification of Quorum

Kiley Carter certified a quorum.

Comments from Staff

Mr. Osbon introduced City Attorney Keith Denny to the planning commission and stated that he will be giving a presentation on the annexation ordinance later in the meeting.

Mr. Osbon also spoke about the training that is required yearly by state law for this commission. He asked the commission when and where they would like to have this training. All agreed upon City Hall and Mr. Osbon said this training would likely be in September or October. He did state that it will likely be during the day. This training will be in addition to the regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Osbon confirmed that the next planning commission meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025 if anything comes up. There is currently nothing for this agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Moore, the motion to approve the May 19, 2025, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

New Business

Consideration of Zoning Amendment 2025-01 to rezone an unaddressed parcel (TMS # 530-16-13-018) on Lucky Street from R-20 (Residential-20) RMF (Residential Multi-Family).

Mrs. Powell opened up the public hearing for this property.

Holly and Nathan Douglas spoke about this property. There was discussion about the plans and drawings that were submitted and included in the agenda packet.

The public hearing was closed with the planning commission all in favor.

There was some discussion among the commission about the plans submitted for this project.

Mr. Osbon stated that staff did recommend approval of this rezoning.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Powell the **motion to rezone an unaddressed parcel (TMS # 530-16-13-018) on Lucky Street from R-20 (Residential-20) RMF (Residential Multi-Family)**, passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Powell	Second	Yes
Lewis		Absent
Brucke		Absent
Moore		Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

Old Business

Special Presentation by City Attorney Keith Denny Regarding the City of Westminster Annexation Ordinance

Members of the Planning Commission requested a presentation from City Attorney Keith Denny on the Annexation Ordinance.

Mr. Osbon recapped the tabled annexations from the last meeting to reconsider after Mr. Denny’s presentation.

Mr. Denny spoke about the current annexation ordinance passed by City Council. Mr. Denny provided a copy of the ordinance that is attached. He confirmed that since this ordinance does exist, that this commission must follow the statute of the ordinance. He spoke about how it must be interrupted by this commission. Mr. Denny explained the mechanism of this ordinance and how it is aimed at growth for the City. He went through the language of the ordinance and explained, in legal terms, that the word “shall” is a directive, order, or requirement. The word “may” is more of an interpretation. He stated that it is ultimately up to council whether to annex a property in or not.

There were questions from the commission about how someone else may interpret this ordinance. Keith Denny stated that once an annexation is triggered, an annexation covenant is provided to that customer with all the legalities explained. We are not responsible for how someone interprets this on their own. Mr. Denny also stated that this ordinance is not overly convoluted or overly ambiguous in its own terms.

Mr. Denny stated that this ordinance and any annexations should be considered in the best interest of the citizens of Westminster and that only an extraordinary circumstance should challenge this ordinance.

Consideration of Annexation and Contingent Zoning Classification of 151 Standridge Drive (TMS # 243-00-06-004), owned by Roy Standridge

Mrs. Powell opened the public comment on this item.

Mr. Osbon explained to Mr. Standridge why this property was up for annexation.

Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Standridge if this was a farm with livestock or if there was any reason why he would need to shoot a firearm on the property. Mr. Standridge considers this farmland though he has no livestock, only a garden.

Mrs. Powell closed the public comment,

There was further discussion about what Mr. Standridge could and could not do once this was annexed into the city.

Mr. Osbon explained that the utility system exists to serve the citizens of Westminster. He explained that Mr. Standridge is renting to people on this property and that he is only allowed to do that due to the utility services of Westminster. Through annexations, the city has been able to reduce property taxes. He asked the commission to consider a couple things with annexations: Does the annexation meet the requirements? Does the annexation decision serve the citizens of Westminster?

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Moore the **motion to not recommend annexation to City Council for 151 Standridge Drive (TMS # 243-00-06-004), owned by Roy Standridge** passed.

Member	Motion	Vote
Powell		No
Lewis		Absent
Brucke		Absent
Moore	Second	Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

Consideration of Annexation and Contingent Zoning Classification of 427 Hobson Street (TMS # 234-00-05-019), owned by Angelia Davis

Mrs. Powell opened the public comment on this item.

Angelia Davis spoke to the commission about not having a choice of utilities. She stated that she hates the City of Westminster and that she does not want to pay city taxes. She currently has a mobile home here and if she was annexed into the city and something happened to the mobile home,

that she could not replace it with a mobile home. She expressed concern about not having to worry about what she could and could not do if annexed in.

Mrs. Powell closed public comment.

Mr. Osbon explained that this property can only be annexed in if 151 Standridge Drive is annexed in since this property is contingent upon 151 Standridge Drive. Consideration for the annexation of both properties still go forward to city council with the recommendation of this commission. Mr. Osbon strongly recommended not tabling this property again, to move forward with a recommendation based off of what happens with 151 Standridge Drive.

Mr. Denny explained that 427 Hobson Street only matters if 151 Standridge Drive is annexed in.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Powell and seconded by Mrs. Moore the **motion to recommend annexation to City Council upon the decision for 151 Standridge Drive for 427 Hobson Street (TMS # 234-00-05-019), owned by Angelia Davis** passed.

Member	Motion	Vote
Powell	Motion	Yes
Lewis		Absent
Brucke		Absent
Moore	Second	Yes
Morgan		No

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm passed unanimously.

(Minutes prepared by Kiley Carter)

Sandra Powell, Chairperson

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 130.45 OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTION 151.055 OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Westminster (the "*City Council*"), the governing body of the City of Westminster, South Carolina (the "*City*"), in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The City Council makes the following findings of fact in connection with the enactment of this ordinance (this "*Ordinance*"):

(a) The City is a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "*State*") and is authorized pursuant to Section 5-7-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "*SC Code*") to regulate the discharge of firearms in the City subject to the Constitution and general law of this State, and more specifically, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 23-31-510 of the SC Code.

(b) Pursuant to these authorities and subject to the limitations recited above, the City Council desires to amend Section 130.45 of the City of Westminster Code of Ordinances (the "*City Code*") regarding the discharge of guns, pistols or other firearms in the City.

(c) The City is further authorized, pursuant to the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act, Chapter 29 of Title 6 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "*Act*") to adopt a zoning ordinance regulating land use within the City and has adopted the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Westminster, South Carolina, codified at Chapter 151 of the City Code (as subsequently amended, the "*Zoning Ordinance*").

(d) At the request of the City Council, the City of Westminster Planning Commission (the "*Planning Commission*") considered certain amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for hunting as an allowed use within the Rural Residential District and to further consider whether it is appropriate to impose additional conditions on such use.

(e) In compliance with Section 6-29-760 of the Act, following proper public notice, the requested changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance were brought before the City of Westminster Planning Commission (the "*Planning Commission*") on August 18, 2025, which conducted a public hearing on the matter where both proponents and opponents of the proposed changes were permitted to speak, and, after due consideration, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the proposed changes.

(f) The City Council wishes to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance set forth herein.

Section 2 Amendments to Section 130.45 of the City Code. By and through the enactment of this Ordinance, Section 130.45 of the City Code is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

§ 130.45 - GUNS; DISCHARGING OF SAME.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearms within the limits of the city; provided, however, that this shall not apply to acts of necessity.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the following:

(1) the discharge of firearms by any officer of the law in the performance of his duty;

(2) to prohibit any citizen from discharging a firearm lawfully defending his person when in fear or life or when in fear of having serious bodily harm inflicted upon him, or when lawfully defending the life of another;

(3) the use of blank ammunition at athletic events, military funerals and other functions at which the use of blank ammunition is appropriate;

(4) commercial indoor target ranges which possess a city business license;

(5) the discharge of firearms for the purpose of hunting big game in accordance with Title 50, Chapter 11, Article 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and all other applicable state laws and regulations, is permitted on property zoned "Rural Residential" as designated on the Official Zoning Map of the City of Westminster, so long as no firearm is discharged within 100 yards of any property line and all conditions set forth in Section 151.055 of the City's Zoning Ordinance are met; or

(6) a landowner discharging a firearm on the landowner's property to protect the landowner's family, employees, the general public, or the landowner's property from animals that the landowner reasonably believes pose a direct threat or danger to the landowner's property, people on the landowner's property, or the general public. For purposes of this item, the landowner's property must be a parcel of land comprised of at least twenty-five (25) contiguous acres.

Section 3 Amendments to Zoning Ordinance. By and through the enactment of this Ordinance, Section 151.055 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

(C) *Conditional uses.* The following uses shall be permitted in any RR Zoning district subject to conditions set forth in §§ 151.220 and 151.221.

...

(10) The hunting of “big game,” as defined under the laws of the State of South Carolina, is permitted in the Rural Residential Zoning District, subject to the following conditions:

(a) All hunting activities must comply with applicable laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), including but not limited all required permitting and licensing requirements and subject to S.C. Code Ann. § 50-11-355 regarding the hunting of deer near residences with firearms.

(b) Hunting may only occur on parcels consisting of at least twenty-five (25) contiguous acres and not within 100 yards of the property line.

(c) No commercial hunting operations or paid access are permitted.

Section 4 Codification. The City Clerk and City staff are hereby authorized and directed to codify the amendments enacted hereby into the City Code and the Zoning Ordinance and are further authorized and directed to make such changes to the enumeration of the various sections and subsections of such amendments as may be necessary to effect such codification. The City Code and the Zoning Ordinance, as previously enacted by various prior actions of the City Council, is hereby amended accordingly.

Section 5 General Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

Section 6 Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the amendments to the City Code or the Zoning Ordinance enacted hereby, are for any reason held or determined to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or such amendments, as applicable.

Section 7 Effective Date. The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon the due enactment of this Ordinance.

DONE AND ENACTED in a meeting duly assembled this ____ day of ____, 2025.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH
CAROLINA

[SEAL]

[ATTEST]

Brian F. Ramey, Mayor

Kiley Cater, Clerk/Treasurer

Planning Commission [August 18, 2025]
First Reading [_____, 2025]
Public Hearing [August 18, 2025]
Second Reading [_____, 2025]



Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
August 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Amended – Meeting time corrected to 2:00 PM

This committee was established by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on August 4, 2025 to consider the reorganization recommendations as identified in the [Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Final Recommendations](#) report. This committee can neither create policy nor make decisions on behalf of the OJRSA or other wastewater service providers within the area. The report is available at www.ojrsa.org/info.

OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at info@ojrsa.org. Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair
- B. Introduce the Members of the Committee**
- C. Discuss the five recommendations of the Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee** (Exhibit A) – Led by Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair
- D. Committee Discussion and Action Items** – Led by Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair, unless otherwise noted
 - 1. Discussion and Approval of Support Resolution (Exhibit B)
 - 2. Consider the timeline as stated in the recommendations (Exhibit C)
 - 3. Submittal of quarterly reports to South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA)
 - 4. Discuss financial evaluation of wastewater systems
 - 5. Discuss draft language for state law modifications (Exhibit D)
 - 6. Establish ad hoc committee meeting schedule
- E. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
 - 1. Operations & Planning Committee – August 20, 2025 at 8:30 AM
 - 2. Finance & Administration Committee – August 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - 3. Board of Commissioners – September 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM
 - 4. Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee – *Meeting schedule to be established as stated in agenda item D.6*
- F. Adjourn**



REGIONAL SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

OJRSA Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations

June 16, 2025

The OJRSA Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”), completed in August 2024 and adopted in September 2024, recommended establishing the Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“Ad Hoc Committee”). The purpose of this committee was to review, discuss and evaluate the Planning Study’s primary recommendations for a new governance structure for Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“Authority”) and to provide independent recommendations for implementing this restructuring.

The Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA (“Board”), in November 2024. The initial Ad Hoc Committee was staffed with 10 members, and one *ex officio* member as follows:

- Chip Bentley, *Ex Officio* Member
- Amanda Brock, Oconee County
- Chris Eleazer, OJRSA
- Joel Jones, Utility Expert (Environmental/Utility Compliance)
- Scott McLane, Seneca
- Celia Myers, Walhalla
- Scott Parris, Westminster
- Graham Rich, Utility Expert (Economic Development), *resigned*
- Sue Schneider, Utility Expert (Management)
- River Stillwell, Utility Legal Expert
- Scott Willett, Utility Expert (Finance)

The Planning Study suggested a six month timeline for the Ad Hoc Committee to review prior work and complete initial evaluations for recommendations that would be presented to the Board and Oconee County, as an entity recommended for addition to the Authority under the Planning Study.

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During the initial meeting, Graham Rich was elected Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. Thereafter, Mr. Rich resigned due to personal reasons. The Ad Hoc Committee determined that they had an adequate number of utility experts with experience across all relevant areas, making a replacement unnecessary. Mr. Joel Jones, former CEO of Renewable Water Resources, was subsequently elected to serve as Chair moving forward, while the rest of the committee membership remained unchanged. Since December 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee has been convened monthly to advance this important process. All Ad Hoc Committee meetings were properly advertised and open to the public in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee were held on the dates noted below, and minutes from each such meeting are attached hereto for reference:

- December 2, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- March 13, 2025
- April 10, 2025
- May 8, 2025
- June 16, 2025

The following information outlines the Ad Hoc Committee's five major recommendations to reorganize/reconstitute the Authority under the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act.

1. The collection systems of current Authority members and Oconee County should be consolidated into one combined system – owned, operated, and maintained by the reconstituted Authority.

- Timely evaluations (technical) and valuations (financial) of the collection systems, including debt, asset viability, and immediate capital, are essential to finalize the terms of the system transfers to the Authority. This step is crucial in the process and should be completed as soon as possible. *(NOTE: For the consolidation of the current collection systems into the reconstituted Authority, the Town of West Union should be included in this effort.)*
- It is recommended that all affected entities, to include the Board, the governing bodies of each member of the Authority (Walhalla, Westminster and Seneca), Oconee County Council, and the West Union Town Council, adopt a

resolution expressing initial support for this consolidation effort. The resolutions can be non-binding and contingent upon the final terms and conditions of the transfers. However, it would demonstrate a unified approach and support for the overall process, potentially aiding in the acquisition of any future grant funding or other forms of financial support.

- A unified and equitable rate structure will be developed and deployed as a part of the governance documents of the reconstituted Authority. A timeline for developing and implementing this rate structure will be completed as soon as possible.
- If the consolidation of any or all collection systems does not progress in a timely manner, or at all, the Authority, in its current form, must issue individual permits to each entity that retains ownership of those systems. These permits will necessitate ongoing compliance with the Authority’s Sewer Use Regulation (“SUR”), which is further mandated by the Authority’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit issued by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (“SCDES”). This action will empower the Authority to enforce the conditions of these permits as outlined in the SUR. Further, SCDES recently confirmed that the agency’s expectation is that the Authority enforce its SUR for all upstream users as necessary to comply with the Authority’s own NPDES permit. Any permits issued to the current member entities, Oconee County, and/or Town of West Union¹ would reflect this regulatory expectation, though the precise terms would be left to the Authority’s discretion.

2. The Authority should be reconstituted with a five-member Board of Commissioners (the “New Board”).

Based on the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (SC Code Ann §§6-25-5, et. seq.) (“Act”), a “member of a joint system” is defined as “an authority that has

¹ Anecdotally, SCDES shared that it is presently dealing with a situation elsewhere in the state involving a wastewater utility with compliance difficulties linked to a single large upstream user. In that situation, EPA has recommended that SCDES make the utility and each satellite user a co-permittees on the upcoming renewal of the utilities’ NPDES permit. Such action creates jointly and severally responsibility to the state and federal government for all noncompliance going forward. In the absence of the recommended consolidation or issuance of individual permits, it is possible regulators could impose such a co-permittee scenario on the Authority and all member entities in the future.

taken the actions necessary to form or join the joint system.” Based on this definition, the members with representative interests on the New Board will be the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, the City of Westminster and Oconee County. Draft legislation has been proposed to amend the Act to permit new methods for appointing commissioners to a joint authority. Conversations with legislative leadership have been ongoing, and proposed changes to the Act are expected to be considered during the 2026 legislative session at the earliest.² A copy of the proposed legislative changes to the Act are attached to this recommendation report.

Assuming these changes are approved, the full appointment of the commissioners to the New Board will be made by the Governor of South Carolina, based upon the recommendations of the Oconee County Legislative Delegation (the “Delegation”).

The following bullets provide the basic guidelines for commissioner recommendations. These will be outlined in the governance documents for the reconstituted Authority:

- All commissioners must reside within the service territory of the member to whom they are appointed to represent and have a service contract for public sewer at the time of appointment and for the duration of their term. At least one commissioner of the New Board shall be appointed from the service area of each member of the joint authority (i.e. one from Westminster, Walhalla, Seneca, and Oconee County, respectively).
- Gubernatorial appointed commissioners cannot be current elected officials or current staff of any Authority member.
- Clarifying language will be included in the governance documents for the reconstituted Authority to address changes to the Authority’s service territory and the potential impact on the appointment of future Commissioners. In general, if areas outside Oconee County are served, such customers would be

² If the legislative changes fail or take longer to be approved, the current Authority governance documents could be dissolved by the current Board and member entities and new governance documents drafted. In such event, it is recommended that the reconstituted Authority be served by a five-member New Board and subject to the parameters outlined in the Committee’s Recommendation 2. This act is further predicated on unequivocal endorsement that all of the existing collection systems be consolidated into a single system.

by contract and the New Board would not be expanded (*i.e.*, *Anderson County*).

- Terms of commissioners will be dictated by the revised Act and will generally be for 4 years.
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 - Recommendation for 1 at-Large commissioner to be agreed upon by Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and Oconee County
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 - 1 representative of OJRSA staff.
 - 1 representative of Oconee County.
 - 1 representative of the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG).
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EXHIBIT A IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

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EXHIBIT 1

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(E) All commissioners shall hold the qualifications of an elector.

(F) Commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(2) above may not be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to serve on an ex officio basis. Separately, for commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(1) above, the members of the joint system may include a restriction in the project contract, bylaws or other agreement for the joint system that no commissioner may be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to serve on an ex officio basis.

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(A) After the creation of a joint system, any other authority may become a member *of the joint system* upon:

- (1) adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the governing body complying with the requirements of Section 6-25-40 including publication of notice;
- (2) submission of an application to the joint system; and
- (3) approval of the application by resolution of the governing body of each member of the joint system except in the case of a joint system organized for the purpose of creating a financing pool, in which case the application must be approved by resolution of the commission.

(B) A member may withdraw from a joint system by resolution or ordinance of its governing body. A contractual right acquired or contractual obligation incurred by a member while it was a member remains in full force and effect after the member's withdrawal.

(C) Notice of a change in membership must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. No change is final until this filing occurs. The filing is not required if a joint system is organized only for the purpose of creating a financing pool.

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Whenever the commission of a joint system and the governing body of each of its members shall by resolution or ordinance determine that the purposes for which the joint system was formed have been substantially fulfilled and that all bonds issued and all other obligations incurred by the joint system have been fully paid or satisfied, the commission and members may declare the joint system to be dissolved. On the effective date of the resolution or ordinance, the title to all funds and other income and property owned by the joint system at the time of dissolution must be disbursed to the voting members of the joint system according to its bylaws.

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A joint system may incur debt for any of its purposes and may issue bonds pledging to the payment as to both principal and interest the revenues, or any portion, derived or to be derived from all or any of its projects and any additions and betterments or extensions or contributions or advances from its members or other sources of funds available to it. A joint system may not undertake a project required to be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of bonds without the approval of the governing bodies of each member which is obligated or to be obligated under any contract for the payment of amounts to be pledged as security therefore and a favorable vote of two-thirds of all commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a commission is

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Sample resolution from Lawrence Flynn

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Westminster (the “**City Council**”), the governing body of the City of Westminster, South Carolina (the “**City**”), as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The City Council make the following findings in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this “**Resolution**”):

A. The City is a municipal corporation of the State of South Carolina (the “**State**”) located in Oconee County, South Carolina, and as such possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State to such public entities.

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C. OJRSA commissioned the Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“**Planning Study**”), which was completed in August 2024 and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA (“**Board**”) in September 2024.

D. The Planning Study recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“**Ad Hoc Committee**”) to further evaluate and develop implementation strategies to restructure OJRSA.

E. The Board established the Ad Hoc Committee in November 2024, who convened regularly from December 2024 through June 2025 to conduct a comprehensive review of the Planning Study and develop independent recommendations for implementation.

F. The City’s representative, Mr. Scott Parris, served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee throughout its deliberations.

G. On June 16, 2025, the Ad Hoc Committee issued a final report entitled “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations” that includes five major recommendations for the reorganization and reconstitution of OJRSA under the Act (the “**Recommendation Report**”).

H. The recommendations are intended to address longstanding operational, governance, regulatory, and financial challenges facing OJRSA and the Members, and to provide for a coordinated, compliant, and sustainable regional wastewater system to serve the current and future needs of Oconee County and its municipalities.

I. The City Council has received and reviewed the Recommendation Report, including the proposed implementation timeline, and recognizes the importance of working cooperatively and in good faith with OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Oconee County, and other stakeholders to advance the implementation of the recommendations therein.

Section 2 Support for Implementation. The City expresses its support for the recommendations contained in the Recommendation Report and agrees to work in good faith with OJRSA, the other Members, Oconee County, and other affected entities to evaluate and, where appropriate, implement the proposed actions, including but not limited to: (i) the consolidation of Members’ sewer collection systems, including the City’s system, and enforced compliance of all applicable sewer user regulations; (ii) the development of a reconstituted governance structure for OJRSA, including the elimination of ex officio, principal-agent or other potentially conflicted members; (iii) the drafting of new governance documents; (iv) participation in the formation of an implementation committee to shepherd the reorganization process; and (v) the use of a coordinated communications plan to support public engagement and transparency. In addition to its confirmation and support of the major recommendations of the Recommendation Report, the City further supports and agrees that changes to the Act are needed and necessary to fully formulate the terms and findings of the Recommendation Report. Finally, the City Council will act in good faith to assure the City’s compliance with the timeline for implementation of the Recommendation Report, including the engagement of all necessary consultants and other personnel necessary to formalize the planned restructuring.

Section 3 Non-Binding Intent. This Resolution expresses the City’s non-binding intent to proceed in good faith with the evaluation and implementation process, with the understanding that final approvals of any restructuring or system consolidation actions will remain subject to the review and approval of City Council based on mutually agreed-upon terms and conditions.

Section 4 Further Action; Effective Date. The City Administrator is hereby directed to deliver this Resolution to OJRSA and any State regulatory agencies or entities in order to evidence the City’s initial approval of the Recommendation Report. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED, this ____th day of _____ 2025.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk



“OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations” Exhibit A Timeline

Task	Target Schedule for Completion*	Target Date
Current Board will dissolve the current Ad Hoc Committee and establish the Implementation Committee (“Reconstitution Committee”) for further implementation oversight.	45 days	8/29/2025
Legislative revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (“Act”) will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation. Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.	45 days	8/29/2025
Reconstitution Committee will provide <u>quarterly updates</u> to the SCRIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of the initial recommendations.	Quarterly	9/30/2025
Resolutions of support for consolidation/OJRSA reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendation, including: OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, West Union, & Oconee County.	90 days	10/13/2025
Consultants shall be engaged and the process of collection system <u>technical evaluation</u> and <u>financial valuation</u> will be initiated, including the identification of potential funding for effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or current CIP. Additionally, a <u>rate consultant</u> will be engaged.	120 days	11/12/2025
Communication plan to be developed under the guidance of the Reconstitution Committee and provided to all entities involved.	120 days	11/12/2025
List of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the New Commission will be provided to Delegation.	Within 60 days of Approved Changes to Act [†]	8/1/2026
Complete the technical evaluation and financial valuation of the collection systems.	15 months after beginning process	2/27/2027
Unified, equitable rate structure timeline will be provided as part of initial terms for collection system consolidation.	18 months after beginning process	5/12/2027
Legal documents to transfer collection system assets to OJRSA to be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.	24 months after beginning process	7/15/2027
If the legislative amendments have not be approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the OJRSA will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months. Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation and added as co-permittees under the NPDES permit, if consolidation for any member does not occur.	25 months after beginning process	8/16/2027

* As noted in Exhibit A of the “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations,” the implementation schedule is to begin when the OJRSA Board of Commissioners accepted the report its July 15, 2025 called meeting.

[†] Estimated to be July/August 2026.

TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CLARYIFYING AMENDMENTS REGARDING COMMISSIONERS, RECONSTITUTION, BOND APPROVAL AND DURATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 6-25-20 shall be amended to add the following defined terms:

§ 6-25-20. Definitions.

(14) "Legislative Delegation" means all members of the South Carolina Senate and South Carolina House representing any county where a joint system is located.

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§ 6-25-50. ~~Agreement as to number of commissioners each member may appoint;~~ Application filed with Secretary of State; corporate certificate.

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(B) ~~Two or more commissioners~~ The proposed members of a joint system shall jointly file an application with the Secretary of State ~~an application signed by the commissioner or each proposed member setting forth:~~

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(2) ~~(a) the a~~ certified copy of a resolution of each member determining it is in its best interest to participate in the proposed joint system; ~~and~~

~~(b) the resolution appointing the member's commissioner;~~

(3) the desire that the joint system be organized as a public body corporate and politic under this chapter;

(4) the name which is proposed for the joint system; and

(5) the purpose for creation of the joint system.

The Secretary of State shall file the application if after examining it and determining that it complies with the requirements in this section and that the proposed name of the joint system is not identical with that of any other corporation of the State or any agency or instrumentality or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion and uncertainty.

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In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of, or relating to, contract of a joint system, the joint system in the absence of establishing fraud shall be conclusively

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and all other amounts payable from or constituting a charge and lien upon the revenues, including amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds, if any, heretofore or hereafter issued by the authority for purposes related to its water or sewer system.

An authority that is a member of a joint system may furnish the joint system with money derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities and provide the joint system with personnel, equipment, and property, both real and personal, and from any other sources legally available to it for such purposes. An authority also may provide services to a joint system.

A member of a joint system may contract for, advance, or contribute funds derived from the ownership and operation of its water or sewer system or facilities or from another legal source to a joint system as agreed upon by the joint system and the member, and the joint system shall repay the advances or contributions from the proceeds of bonds, operating revenue, or other funds of the joint system, together with interest as agreed upon by the member and the joint system.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.



Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

BOARD PACK

for

PMPA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025

10:00 AM (EDT)

Held at:

PMPA Office

121 Village Drive, Greer, SC 29651

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PMPA BOARD MEETING



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Date:	Thursday, August 21, 2025
Time:	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (EDT)
Location:	PMPA Office, 121 Village Drive, Greer, SC 29651 https://pmpa.zoom.us/j/82154409700?pwd=a5cserX8xE4gySNhb2eIHudg2V3OVX.1
Board Members:	Blake Stone, Andy Sevic (Chair), Mayor Brian Ramey, David Vehaun, Eric Goodwin, Mayor Foster Senn, Jason Taylor, Jimmy Bagley, Joe Nichols, John Young, Keith Wood, Kevin Bronson, Lance Davis, Marc Regier, Mike Richard, Steve Bratton, Joey Meadors, Mike Clary, David Dorman, Mayor Randy Randall
Attendees:	Angie Hoover, Brandon Audet, Cindy Frierson, Dedra Howell, Dennis Cameron, Gary Brunault, Joel Ledbetter, JulieAnne London, Kenny Bradley, Lynn Price, Mike Frazier, Rion Foley, Robby Townsend, Tom Gressette, Tracy Quinn, Will Blanton

1. Call to Order

1.1 Identify Virtual Attendees

1.2 Declaration of Quorum

1.3 Invocation

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Confirm Minutes

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For Decision

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7. Executive Session

7.1 Vote to enter into Executive Session

7.2 Discussion of Matters Pertaining to Contractual Negotiations

7.3 Vote to return to Regular Session

8. Actions to be taken based on discussion in Executive Session

9. Participant Discussion

10. Adjourn

10.1 Adjourn

Next meeting: PMPA Board Meeting - Sep 18, 2025, 10:00 AM

MINUTES (in Review)

PMPA BOARD MEETING



Name:	Piedmont Municipal Power Agency
Date:	Thursday, June 19, 2025
Time:	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EDT)
Location:	PMPA Office, 121 Village Drive, Greer, SC 29651
Board Members:	Andy Sevic (Chair), Mike Clary, Mayor Randy Randall, Joey Meadors, Eric Goodwin, David Dorman, Steve Bratton, Mike Richard, Marc Regier, John Young, Keith Wood, Mayor Foster Senn, Jason Taylor, Jimmy Bagley, David Vehaun, Joe Nichols, Lance Davis, Kevin Bronson, Mayor Brian Ramey
Attendees:	Joel Ledbetter, JulieAnne London, Mike Frazier, Dennis Cameron, Tracy Quinn, Lynn Price, Will Blanton, Kenny Bradley, Gary Brunault, Rion Foley
Apologies:	Blake Stone, Angie Hoover, Brandon Audet, Cindy Frierson, Dedra Howell, Robby Townsend
Guests:	Belton Ziegler, Mark White, Andrea Kelley, and Max White
Notes:	Virtual Attendees: Kevin Bronson, Gary Brunault, and Andrea Kelley

1. Call to Order

1.1 Identify Virtual Attendees

1.2 Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Sevic declared that a quorum is present and the Board can conduct business.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Ledbetter gave the invocation.

2. Administration of Oath of Office to new Board Member

2.1 Oath of Office - Mike Clary, City of Abbeville

Mrs. Quinn, Office Manager/Executive Secretary, who is also a Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Mike Clary, who has been appointed Alternate Director from Abbeville (copy attached).

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Confirm Minutes

PMPA Board Meeting May 22, 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

3.2 Vote to Approve Minutes of May 22, 2025 Board Meeting



Vote to Approve Minutes of May 22, 2025 Board Meeting

10 Supported
0 Opposed
0 Abstained

Decision Date: Jun 19, 2025
Mover: David Dorman
Seconder: Mayor Foster Senn
Outcome: Approved

4. Acceptance of Financial Report

4.1 May 2025



May 2025

10 Supported
0 Opposed
0 Abstained

Decision Date: Jun 19, 2025
Mover: Mayor Randy Randall
Seconder: Keith Wood
Outcome: Approved

5. Reports

5.1 Finance

Ms. London addressed a question that was posed at the May 2025 meeting as to what impact this year's increase in working capital will have on the proposed rate increased in 2026. Ms. London explained that part of this year's increase in working capital is due to the delay in expenditures for the Laurens Transmission line. In addition, all future rate increases were designed to meet the minimum working capital target in 2028 as set by the Working Capital Policy, and even with this year's working capital increase PMPA is still projected to be at the minimum working capital target in 2028. This subject will be discussed more thoroughly at the October planning session.

5.2 Engineering

Mr. Frazier reviewed the standard engineering reports for May that were included in the Board Pack.

Mr. Frazier also reviewed the current status of the Laurens Transmission Line.

5.3 Catawba

Mr. Cameron reviewed the Catawba and McGuire report included in the Board Pack and any updates since that report.

5.4 Management

Mr. Ledbetter discussed the Public Power Reception next week in Washington and stated that representatives from SCAMPS, Santee Cooper, Electricities, and PMPA would be attending.

Mr. Ledbetter also requested the Participants consider providing door prizes for the Power Conference as they have in the past.

Mr. Ledbetter discussed potential topics for the Participant roundtable planned for the Power Conference and stated he would email the Board the topics and potential presenters.

6. Items for Discussion

6.1 Participant's declaration of excess Catawba



Mr. Ledbetter discussed the resolutions received from Greer and R...

Mr. Ledbetter discussed the resolutions received from Greer and Rock Hill declaring all of their Catawba allocation as excess beginning January 1, 2029. Section 11 of the Catawba Project Power Sales Agreement and the Board policy adopted April 2024 address the procedure for the sale of Catawba excess. The Board policy gives Participants that may be interested in the excess 90 days to negotiate a purchase. Six Participants are selling excess capacity from their allocation and can be presumed to not want to purchase excess, and the remaining 2 Participants declared they are not interested in additional Catawba capacity. Mr. Ledbetter stated that it was appropriate to waive the 90 day negotiation period as stated in the Policy.

The resolution from the City of Rock Hill requests "... PMPA to market 100% of the City's share of its Catawba Project Output along with the excess declared by other participants." Mr. Ledbetter stated that the 47.5 MW excess of other Participants had already been marketed and a proposal received, and requested clarification from Rock Hill that they understood a sale of its Catawba excess would be a separate marketing and sale. Rock Hill affirmed and agreed that its sale would be a separate sale.

A motion was made by Mr. Dorman, with a second by Mr. Young to waive the 90-day notice which effectively waives any Participants right to purchase the excess.

Approved unanimously.

10 Supported

0 Opposed

0 Abstained

Decision Date:	Jun 19, 2025
Mover:	David Dorman
Seconder:	John Young
Outcome:	Approved

7. Action Item

7.1 Resolution 25-01: Approval of Catawba Project Power Sales Renewal Agreement



Resolution 25-01: Approval of Catawba Project Power Sales Renewal Agreement

Mayor Senn made a motion, with a second by Mayor Randall, to adopt Resolution 25-01. Any changes to the Catawba Project Power Sales Renewal

Agreement must be agreed to by both the General Manager and the Chairman. The approved Resolution is attached to these minutes.

7 Supported

0 Opposed

3 Abstentions (Greer, Rock Hill, and Union)

Decision Date: Jun 19, 2025
Mover: Mayor Foster Senn
Seconder: Mayor Randy Randall
Outcome: Approved

8. Executive Session

8.1 Vote to enter into Executive Session



Vote to enter into Executive Session

10 Supported

0 Opposed

0 Abstained

Decision Date: Jun 19, 2025
Mover: John Young
Seconder: David Dorman
Outcome: Approved

8.2 Discussion of Personnel Matters

8.3 Vote to return to Regular Session



Vote to return to Regular Session

10 Supported

0 Opposed

0 Abstained

Decision Date: Jun 19, 2025
Mover: Joe Nichols
Seconder: Jimmy Bagley
Outcome: Approved

9. Participant Discussion

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Annual Engineering Report

The Annual Engineering Report for 2024 was included in the Board Pack as information. A copy will be emailed to all Board members and alternates.

11. Adjourn

11.1 Adjourn

Next meeting: PMPA Board Meeting - Aug 21, 2025, 10:00 AM

A motion was made by Mr. Dorman, with a second by Mr. Young, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>THIS MONTH</u>
ASSETS				
CURRENT UNRESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Cash And Markable Debt Securities (W/C)	\$74,245	\$2,239	\$0	\$76,484
Revenue Fund Valuation	(2)	0	0	(2)
Fuel	(2,840)	914	0	(1,925)
Participants Accounts Receivable (W/C)	17,326	2,557	0	19,883
Other Accounts Receivable (W/C)	697	0	149	547
Materials & Supplies	20,070	278	0	20,348
TOTAL CURRENT UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	109,495	5,839	0	115,334
CURRENT RESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Debt Service	36,179	7,195	0	43,375
Debt Service Reserve	46,187	0	0	46,187
Reserve and Contingency	3,527	1,404	0	4,931
Decommissioning	142,518	536	0	143,055
Supplemental Power Reserve	1,600	0	0	1,600
Restricted Funds Valuation	(597)	1,121	0	524
TOTAL CURRENT RESTRICTED ASSETS	229,414	10,257	0	239,672
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	338,909	16,096	0	355,005
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET:				
Generation	357,672	0	744	356,928
Transmission	4,053	0	11	4,042
LDMS/SCADA	439	0	12	426
General	495	0	9	486
Nuclear Fuel - In Stock And Progress	26,864	258	0	27,121
Nuclear Fuel - In Reactor	20,188	0	1,172	19,016
Construction In Progress	23,347	558	0	23,904
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	433,057	0	1,133	431,924
OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS:				
Net Costs Recoverable From Future Participants Billings	211,161	0	4,093	207,069
Participant Settlement Receivable	45,400	0	0	45,400
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	689,618	0	5,226	684,392
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,028,528	\$10,870	\$0	\$1,039,398
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS:				
Asset Retirement Obligation	\$36,499	\$0	\$79	\$36,420
Redemption Losses, Net	3,955	0	54	3,900
Losses On Advanced Refunding Of Debt, Net	4,301	0	81	4,219
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$44,754	\$0	\$214	\$44,540

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>THIS MONTH</u>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable - General (WC)	\$122	\$0	\$122	\$0
Accounts Payable - Duke (WC)	724	484	0	1,208
Accounts Payable - Other (WC)	802	2,276	0	3,077
Accrued Expenses - Payroll (W/C)	0	0	0	0
Accrued Expenses - Vacation (W/C)	88	0	0	88
Accrued Expenses - Sick (W/C)	178	0	0	178
Accrued Expenses - Property Taxes (W/C)	4,220	843	0	5,063
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,134	3,481	0	9,615
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Accrued Interest Payable	188,859	2,776	0	191,634
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	194,993	6,256	0	201,249
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:				
Bonds - Including Current Installment	340,015	0	0	340,015
Bonds - Settlement	48,330	0	0	48,330
Bond Discounts	(29)	0	0	(28)
Bond Premium	34,349	0	553	33,797
CAB	80,330	0	0	80,330
Asset Retirement Obligation	185,141	495	0	185,636
Participant Interest Payable (W/C)	144	5	0	149
Other Postemployment Benefits	1,724	0	0	1,724
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	690,005	0	52	689,952
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$884,997	\$6,204	\$0	\$891,201
DEFERRED INFLOWS:				
Postemployment Benefits	\$216	\$0	\$0	\$216
NET POSITION				
Net Investments In Capital Assets	(\$13,353)	\$0	\$716	(\$14,069)
Restricted For Other	1,600	0	0	1,600
Unrestricted	199,822	5,168	0	204,990
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$188,069	\$4,452	\$0	\$192,521
INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:				
Working Capital	\$85,989	\$1,161	\$0	\$87,150

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

MAJOR DEVIATIONS FROM THE BUDGET WERE:

(In Millions)	JUNE VARIANCES		
	\$	%	Comments
Working Capital	\$0.70	150.2%	
Participant Power Sales	\$0.89	4.5%	
Surplus Sales	\$0.12	34.0%	Santee adjustments related to April and May sales
Miscellaneous Income/Expense	\$0.05	6.8%	Lower than budgeted Duke fees
Interest Income	(\$0.07)	-7.4%	Lower than budgeted yields on DCom and R&C funds, partially offset by higher than budgeted yields on Revenue fund
Catawba Project Costs	\$0.50	7.7%	Lower than budgeted electrical operations and miscellaneous maintenance costs
Supplemental Power Costs	(\$0.84)	-16.7%	Higher than budgeted Santee capacity (\$0.2) and energy (\$0.2), higher than budgeted transmission costs due to increased revenue requirements that took effect in June (\$0.2), and Duke SEEM adjustments (\$0.2)
Catawba Capital Additions	\$0.78	59.2%	Lower than budgeted expenses due to timing of expenses
PMPA Capital Additions	\$0.19	89.6%	Primarily timing of Laurens Transmission line project
Other	(\$0.91)	-13.2%	Primarily higher R&C transfer due to timing of Cap Adds

(In Millions)	YEAR-TO-DATE VARIANCES		
	\$	%	Comments
Working Capital	\$5.94	1004.6%	
Participant Power Sales	\$1.45	1.3%	
Surplus Sales	\$1.40	37.9%	Higher energy sales and pricing received for sales than budgeted
Miscellaneous Income/Expense	\$0.31	7.6%	Lower than budgeted Duke fees
Interest Income	(\$0.23)	-4.7%	
Catawba Project Costs	\$2.88	7.0%	Lower than budgeted O&M costs & year-end Duke benefits, insurance, and G&A true-up
Supplemental Power Costs	(\$1.39)	-6.3%	Higher purchases in January due to colder temperatures and increased capacity and transmission costs in June.
Catawba Capital Additions	\$0.02	0.2%	
PMPA Capital Additions	\$1.12	67.7%	Primarily timing of Laurens Transmission line project
Other	\$0.37	0.9%	

Favorable >5%

Near Budget +/- 5%

Unfavorable < 5%

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE PER THE BOND RESOLUTION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%
CATAWBA PROJECT:							
CATAWBA POWER SALES							
Participant	\$14,877	\$14,632	\$245	\$87,638	\$86,513	\$1,125	1.3%
Duke-Exchange Energy	1,015	948	67	5,801	5,823	(22)	(0.4%)
Other-Surplus	457	341	116	5,079	3,683	1,396	37.9%
TOTAL	16,349	15,921	428	98,518	96,019	2,499	2.6%
CATAWBA POWER COSTS							
Operations & Maintenance	1,637	2,081	(444)	13,132	15,062	(1,930)	(12.8%)
Fuel Amort(Fuel Acct Deposit)	1,172	1,191	(19)	7,009	7,187	(178)	(2.5%)
Purch Power-Duke-McGuire Cap	20	20	0	121	122	(1)	(0.6%)
-McGuire Energy	1,048	1,016	32	5,636	5,740	(104)	(1.8%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Duke	790	758	32	4,323	4,550	(227)	(5.0%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Agency	348	432	(84)	2,219	2,616	(397)	(15.2%)
Property Tax Equivalent	834	834	0	5,011	5,009	2	0.0%
Tax Other-Duke	93	106	(13)	584	633	(49)	(7.8%)
TOTAL	5,942	6,438	(496)	38,035	40,919	(2,884)	(7.0%)
FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OPERATIONS	10,406	9,483	923	60,483	55,100	5,383	9.8%
INTEREST INCOME	825	891	(66)	4,550	4,776	(226)	(4.7%)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME(EXPENSE)	(630)	(676)	46	(3,752)	(4,059)	307	(7.6%)
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL NEEDS	10,601	9,698	903	61,281	55,817	5,464	9.8%
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Debt Service-Principal	0	0	0	66,565	66,565	0	0.0%
-Interest	0	0	0	10,952	10,946	6	0.1%
Reserve & Contingency - Capital Additions	536	1,315	(779)	11,329	11,351	(22)	(0.2%)
Fuel	258	53	205	4,927	8,789	(3,862)	(43.9%)
DEPOSITS							
Debt Service-Principal	2,255	2,256	(1)	13,532	13,532	0	0.0%
-Interest	4,431	4,431	0	28,122	28,122	0	0.0%
Reserve & Contingency	1,940	1,940	0	11,640	11,640	0	0.0%
Decommissioning	536	567	(31)	3,244	3,346	(102)	(3.0%)
Inventory	278	40	238	(404)	(31)	(373)	1,204.0%
PAYMENTS							
Debt Service-Principal	0	0	0	66,565	66,565	0	0.0%
-Interest	0	0	0	10,952	10,946	6	0.1%
Capital Additions	536	1,315	(779)	11,329	11,351	(22)	(0.2%)
Fuel	258	53	205	4,927	8,789	(3,862)	(43.9%)
TRANSFERS (TO) FROM							
Reserve & Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
DSR Release/Special Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Catawba Working Capital	1,161	464	697	5,145	(792)	5,937	(749.6%)
Supplemental Working Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
WORKING CAP INCREASE(DECREASE)	\$1,161	\$464	\$697	\$5,145	(\$792)	\$5,937	(749.6%)

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE PER THE BOND RESOLUTION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%
SUPPLEMENTAL:							
SUPPLEMENTAL POWER SALES							
Participants-Supplemental Power	5,778	5,138	640	23,286	22,961	325	1.4%
-Leased Facilities	26	29	(3)	158	169	(11)	(6.4%)
-Other	121	106	15	621	671	(50)	(7.5%)
TOTAL	5,925	5,273	652	24,065	23,801	264	1.1%
SUPPLEMENTAL POWER COSTS							
Purch Power-Supp Capacity	1,061	878	183	5,302	5,268	34	0.7%
-Supp Energy	2,210	1,863	347	4,080	3,352	728	21.7%
Purch Power-Participants	1,124	1,108	16	6,265	6,436	(171)	(2.7%)
Purch Power-Other	269	239	30	1,572	1,239	333	26.8%
Transmission	1,101	802	299	5,324	4,724	600	12.7%
Transmission-Agency	0	5	(5)	24	25	(1)	(4.4%)
Leased Facilities-Duke	37	38	(1)	217	226	(9)	(4.0%)
Meter-Agency	0	1	(1)	94	106	(12)	(11.3%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Duke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Customer Acct and G&A-Agency	92	116	(24)	590	703	(113)	(16.1%)
Property Tax Equivalent	9	9	0	52	54	(2)	(3.6%)
TOTAL	5,902	5,059	843	23,519	22,133	1,386	6.3%
FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OPERATIONS	23	214	(191)	546	1,668	(1,122)	(67.3%)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME(EXPENSE)	201	199	2	1,200	1,199	1	0.1%
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL NEEDS	224	413	(189)	1,746	2,867	(1,121)	(39.1%)
PAYMENTS							
Debt Service-Interest	202	201	1	1,211	1,211	0	0.0%
Capital Additions-Transmission	3	211	(208)	190	1,263	(1,073)	(85.0%)
-LDMS/SCADA	0	0	0	326	341	(15)	(4.4%)
-General	19	1	18	19	52	(33)	(63.7%)
WORKING CAP INCREASE(DECREASE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%

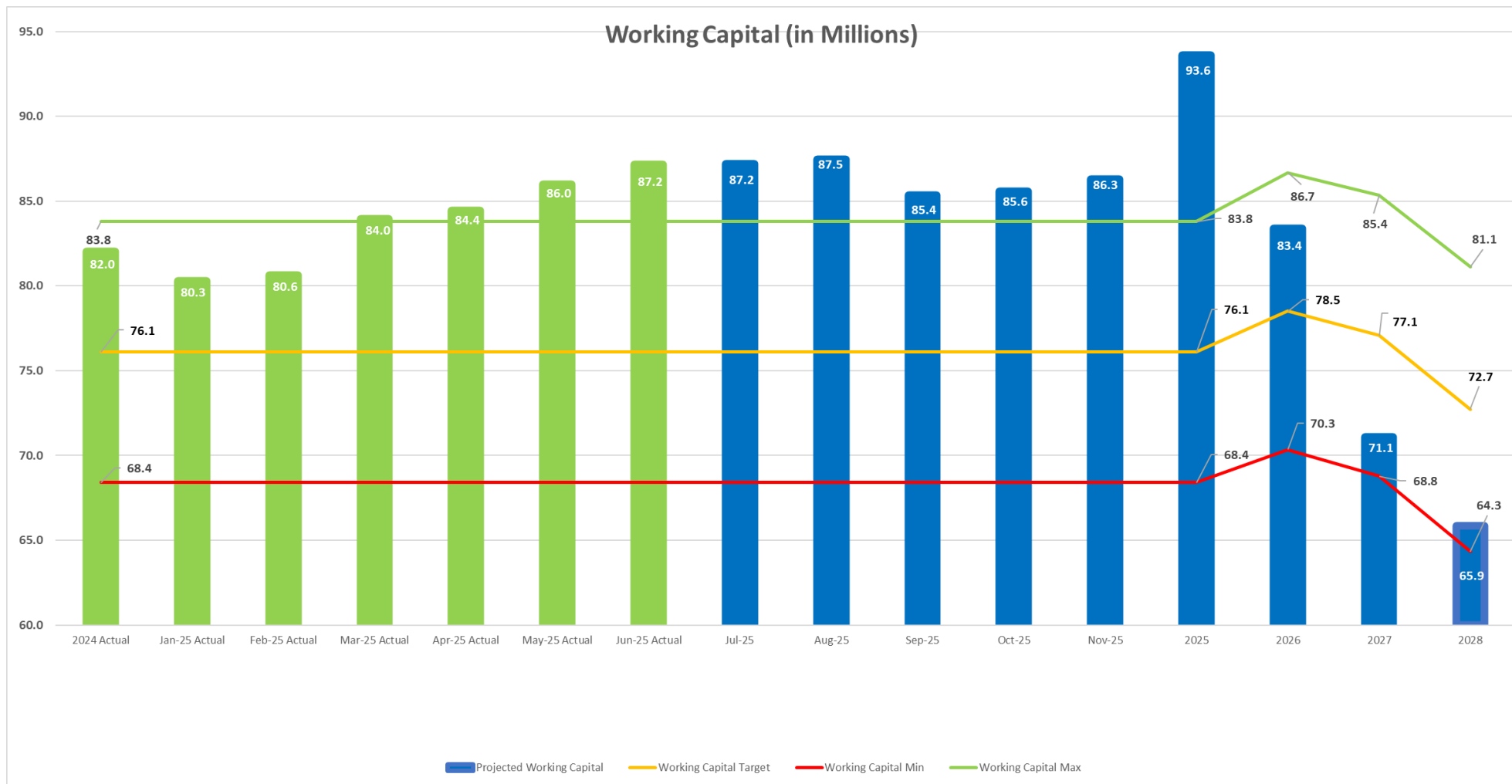
PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY STATEMENT OF G&A EXPENSE AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

CURRENT MONTH				YEAR TO DATE					
ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%		ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%	% ANNUAL BUDGET
				<u>G&A-OFFICE EXPENSE</u>					
\$131,743	\$138,200	(\$6,457)	(4.7)	Payroll	\$796,245	\$844,600	(\$48,355)	(5.7)	44.3
9,253	9,500	(247)	(2.6)	Employer's FICA	63,852	68,900	(5,048)	(7.3)	55.5
19,465	19,100	365	1.9	Medical/Life Insurance	117,178	115,000	2,178	1.9	50.9
12,770	12,700	70	0.6	401A Plan	82,867	82,500	367	0.4	50.2
178	300	(122)	(40.7)	Subscriptions	925	700	225	32.1	46.3
5,057	400	4,657	1,164.3	Dues & Memberships	300,413	309,100	(8,687)	(2.8)	79.3
1,549	2,100	(551)	(26.2)	Utilities	10,420	12,600	(2,180)	(17.3)	41.7
1,457	1,600	(143)	(8.9)	Telephone	8,129	8,600	(471)	(5.5)	47.8
512	2,100	(1,588)	(75.6)	Office Supplies	2,701	12,600	(9,899)	(78.6)	10.8
0	100	(100)	(100.0)	Postage	559	900	(341)	(37.9)	28.0
244	100	144	144.0	Printing	293	600	(307)	(51.2)	14.7
902	1,300	(398)	(30.6)	Board & Staff Expenses	9,231	11,700	(2,469)	(21.1)	16.2
0	200	(200)	(100.0)	Miscellaneous	2,397	1,500	897	59.8	79.9
298	500	(202)	(40.4)	Equipment Rental	3,623	3,500	123	3.5	51.8
11,744	2,700	9,044	335.0	Maintenance-Building	23,082	80,100	(57,018)	(71.2)	22.6
39,082	79,200	(40,118)	(50.7)	Travel-Conf/Meetings	103,280	198,300	(95,020)	(47.9)	34.4
2,189	1,000	1,189	118.9	Travel-Training	5,882	23,400	(17,518)	(74.9)	19.6
1,737	2,900	(1,163)	(40.1)	Travel-Agency	11,698	18,000	(6,302)	(35.0)	32.5
(394)	0	(394)	0.0	Worker's Comp Insurance	4,604	5,000	(396)	(7.9)	92.1
0	0	0	0.0	Property Insurance	11,361	13,000	(1,639)	(12.6)	87.4
85,463	100,000	(14,537)	(14.5)	Liability Insurance	95,589	111,000	(15,411)	(13.9)	86.1
252	100	152	152.0	Bank & Rating Agency Fees	28,598	29,600	(1,002)	(3.4)	26.0
0	3,000	(3,000)	(100.0)	Annual Report	0	3,000	(3,000)	(100.0)	0.0
1,918	40,200	(38,282)	(95.2)	Economic Development	119,840	241,800	(121,960)	(50.4)	23.8
9,845	9,400	445	4.7	Telecommunications	55,792	56,400	(608)	(1.1)	49.4
0	500	(500)	(100.0)	Maintenance-Telecom	0	3,000	(3,000)	(100.0)	0.0
8,539	13,500	(4,961)	(36.7)	Computer Hardware/Software	295,642	286,100	9,542	3.3	73.4
343,803	440,700	(96,897)	(22.0)	TOTAL G&A OFFICE EXPENSE	2,154,201	2,541,500	(387,299)	(15.2)	47.2
				<u>G&A-OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>					
57,924	76,200	(18,276)	(24.0)	Legal	386,249	457,500	(71,251)	(15.6)	42.2
34,265	27,500	6,765	24.6	Engineering	127,183	165,000	(37,817)	(22.9)	38.5
0	0	0	0.0	Accounting	70,740	70,000	740	1.1	101.1
0	1,100	(1,100)	(100.0)	Financial	60,778	65,300	(4,522)	(6.9)	24.5
3,995	0	3,995	0.0	Administrative	8,120	5,000	3,120	62.4	162.4
0	2,400	(2,400)	(100.0)	Technology	1,050	14,400	(13,350)	(92.7)	3.6
96,184	107,200	(11,016)	(10.3)	TOTAL G&A OUTSIDE SERVICES	654,120	777,200	(123,080)	(15.8)	41.0
\$439,987	\$547,900	(\$107,913)	(19.7)	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$2,808,321	\$3,318,700	(\$510,379)	(15.4)	45.6
				<u>TRANSMISSION EXPENSE-AGENCY</u>					
\$0	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	(100.0)	Transmission Line Maintenance	\$23,908	\$25,000	(\$1,092)	(4.4)	47.8
0	1,000	(1,000)	(100.0)	Energy Efficiency/DSM	94,021	106,000	(11,979)	(11.3)	69.1
\$0	\$6,000	(\$6,000)	(100.0)	TOTAL XMSN EXPENSE	\$117,929	\$131,000	(\$13,071)	(10.0)	63.4

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

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After this month's operations, PMPA had \$87.2 million in working capital, which was \$5.9 million better than the YTD budget.



PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JULY 31, 2025
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>THIS MONTH</u>
ASSETS				
CURRENT UNRESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Cash And Markable Debt Securities (W/C)	\$76,484	\$1,938	\$0	\$78,422
Revenue Fund Valuation	(2)	0	0	(2)
Fuel	(1,925)	953	0	(973)
Participants Accounts Receivable (W/C)	19,883	1,413	0	21,296
Other Accounts Receivable (W/C)	547	0	506	42
Materials & Supplies	20,348	156	0	20,504
TOTAL CURRENT UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	115,334	3,955	0	119,289
CURRENT RESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Debt Service	43,375	0	2,106	41,269
Debt Service Reserve	46,187	0	0	46,187
Reserve and Contingency	4,931	896	0	5,827
Decommissioning	143,055	590	0	143,645
Supplemental Power Reserve	1,600	0	0	1,600
Restricted Funds Valuation	524	0	0	524
TOTAL CURRENT RESTRICTED ASSETS	239,672	0	619	239,052
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	355,005	3,335	0	358,341
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET:				
Generation	356,928	0	744	356,184
Transmission	4,042	0	11	4,030
LDMS/SCADA	426	0	12	414
General	486	0	9	477
Nuclear Fuel - In Stock And Progress	27,121	259	0	27,380
Nuclear Fuel - In Reactor	19,016	0	1,211	17,804
Construction In Progress	23,904	1,044	0	24,948
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	431,924	0	685	431,239
OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS:				
Net Costs Recoverable From Future Participants Billings	207,069	0	4,058	203,011
Participant Settlement Receivable	45,400	0	0	45,400
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	684,392	0	4,743	679,650
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,039,398	\$0	\$1,407	\$1,037,990
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS:				
Asset Retirement Obligation	\$36,420	\$0	\$79	\$36,342
Redemption Losses, Net	3,900	0	54	3,846
Losses On Advanced Refunding Of Debt, Net	4,219	0	81	4,138
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$44,540	\$0	\$214	\$44,326

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	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>THIS MONTH</u>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable - General (WC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accounts Payable - Duke (WC)	1,208	0	85	1,123
Accounts Payable - Other (WC)	3,077	1,601	0	4,679
Accrued Expenses - Payroll (W/C)	0	0	0	0
Accrued Expenses - Vacation (W/C)	88	0	0	88
Accrued Expenses - Sick (W/C)	178	0	0	178
Accrued Expenses - Property Taxes (W/C)	5,063	844	0	5,907
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,615	2,360	0	11,975
CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS:				
Accrued Interest Payable	191,634	0	6,491	185,144
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	201,249	0	4,130	197,119
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:				
Bonds - Including Current Installment	340,015	0	0	340,015
Bonds - Settlement	48,330	0	0	48,330
Bond Discounts	(28)	0	0	(28)
Bond Premium	33,797	0	553	33,244
CAB	80,330	0	0	80,330
Asset Retirement Obligation	185,636	495	0	186,130
Participant Interest Payable (W/C)	149	7	0	156
Other Postemployment Benefits	1,724	0	0	1,724
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	689,952	0	51	689,901
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$891,201	\$0	\$4,181	\$887,020
DEFERRED INFLOWS:				
Postemployment Benefits	\$216	\$0	\$0	\$216
NET POSITION				
Net Investments In Capital Assets	(\$14,069)	\$0	\$268	(\$14,337)
Restricted For Other	1,600	0	0	1,600
Unrestricted	204,990	2,828	0	207,818
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$192,521	\$2,560	\$0	\$195,080
INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:				
Working Capital	\$87,150	\$479	\$0	\$87,629

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
AS OF JULY 31, 2025

MAJOR DEVIATIONS FROM THE BUDGET WERE:

(In Millions)	JULY VARIANCES		
	\$	%	Comments
Working Capital	\$0.45	1451.6%	
Participant Power Sales	\$1.21	5.8%	Primarily driven by higher than normal temperatures this month
Surplus Sales	(\$0.05)	-31.0%	Lower quantity sold than budgeted, driven by higher than normal temperatures this month
Miscellaneous Income/Expense	\$0.13	19.1%	Lower than budgeted Duke fees
Interest Income	\$0.06	7.1%	Primarily higher than budgeted yields in the Revenue fund
Catawba Project Costs	\$0.39	5.9%	Lower than budgeted electrical operations and miscellaneous maintenance costs
Supplemental Power Costs	(\$1.46)	-24.4%	Higher than budgeted Santee capacity (\$0.1) and energy (\$1.1), higher than budgeted transmission costs due to increased revenue requirements that took effect in June (\$0.2), and Duke SEEM adjustments (\$0.1)
Catawba Capital Additions	\$0.27	20.5%	Lower than budgeted expenses due to timing of expenses
PMPA Capital Additions	\$0.21	100.0%	Primarily timing of Laurens Transmission line project
Other	(\$0.32)	-4.5%	

(In Millions)	YEAR-TO-DATE VARIANCES		
	\$	%	Comments
Working Capital	\$6.39	839.0%	
Participant Power Sales	\$2.66	2.0%	
Surplus Sales	\$1.35	35.1%	Higher energy sales and pricing received for sales than budgeted
Miscellaneous Income/Expense	\$0.44	9.2%	Lower than budgeted Duke fees
Interest Income	(\$0.17)	-2.9%	
Catawba Project Costs	\$3.27	6.9%	Lower than budgeted O&M costs & year-end Duke benefits, insurance, and G&A true-up
Supplemental Power Costs	(\$2.84)	-10.1%	Higher purchases in January and July due to temperatures and increased capacity and transmission costs in June and July
Catawba Capital Additions	\$0.29	2.3%	
PMPA Capital Additions	\$1.33	71.3%	Primarily timing of Laurens Transmission line project
Other	\$0.05	0.1%	

Favorable >5%
Near Budget +/- 5%
Unfavorable < 5%

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE PER THE BOND RESOLUTION
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	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%
CATAWBA PROJECT:							
CATAWBA POWER SALES							
Participant	\$14,844	\$14,859	(\$15)	\$102,482	\$101,372	\$1,110	1.1%
Duke-Exchange Energy	1,043	988	55	6,845	6,811	34	0.5%
Other-Surplus	107	155	(48)	5,186	3,838	1,348	35.1%
TOTAL	15,993	16,002	(9)	114,512	112,021	2,491	2.2%
CATAWBA POWER COSTS							
Operations & Maintenance	1,740	2,081	(341)	14,873	17,143	(2,270)	(13.2%)
Fuel Amort(Fuel Acct Deposit)	1,211	1,231	(20)	8,220	8,418	(198)	(2.4%)
Purch Power-Duke-McGuire Cap	21	21	0	142	143	(1)	(0.6%)
-McGuire Energy	1,068	1,001	67	6,704	6,741	(37)	(0.6%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Duke	770	758	12	5,093	5,308	(215)	(4.1%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Agency	470	561	(91)	2,689	3,177	(488)	(15.4%)
Property Tax Equivalent	835	835	0	5,846	5,844	2	0.0%
Tax Other-Duke	91	105	(14)	675	738	(63)	(8.5%)
TOTAL	6,206	6,593	(387)	44,241	47,512	(3,271)	(6.9%)
FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OPERATIONS	9,787	9,409	378	70,270	64,509	5,761	8.9%
INTEREST INCOME	920	859	61	5,469	5,635	(166)	(2.9%)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME(EXPENSE)	(548)	(677)	129	(4,300)	(4,736)	436	(9.2%)
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL NEEDS	10,159	9,591	568	71,440	65,408	6,032	9.2%
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS							
Debt Service-Principal	0	0	0	66,565	66,565	0	0.0%
-Interest	9,301	9,308	(7)	20,254	20,254	0	0.0%
Reserve & Contingency - Capital Additions	1,044	1,314	(270)	12,373	12,665	(292)	(2.3%)
Fuel	259	581	(322)	5,186	9,370	(4,184)	(44.7%)
DEPOSITS							
Debt Service-Principal	2,255	2,255	0	15,788	15,787	1	0.0%
-Interest	4,738	4,738	0	32,861	32,860	1	0.0%
Reserve & Contingency	1,940	1,940	0	13,581	13,580	1	0.0%
Decommissioning	590	587	3	3,835	3,933	(98)	(2.5%)
Inventory	156	40	116	(248)	9	(257)	(2,856.2%)
PAYMENTS							
Debt Service-Principal	0	0	0	66,565	66,565	0	0.0%
-Interest	9,301	9,308	(7)	20,254	20,254	0	0.0%
Capital Additions	1,044	1,314	(270)	12,373	12,665	(292)	(2.3%)
Fuel	259	581	(322)	5,186	9,370	(4,184)	(44.7%)
TRANSFERS (TO) FROM							
Reserve & Contingency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
DSR Release/Special Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Catawba Working Capital	479	31	448	5,624	(761)	6,385	(839.0%)
Supplemental Working Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
WORKING CAP INCREASE(DECREASE)	\$479	\$31	\$448	\$5,624	(\$761)	\$6,385	(839.0%)

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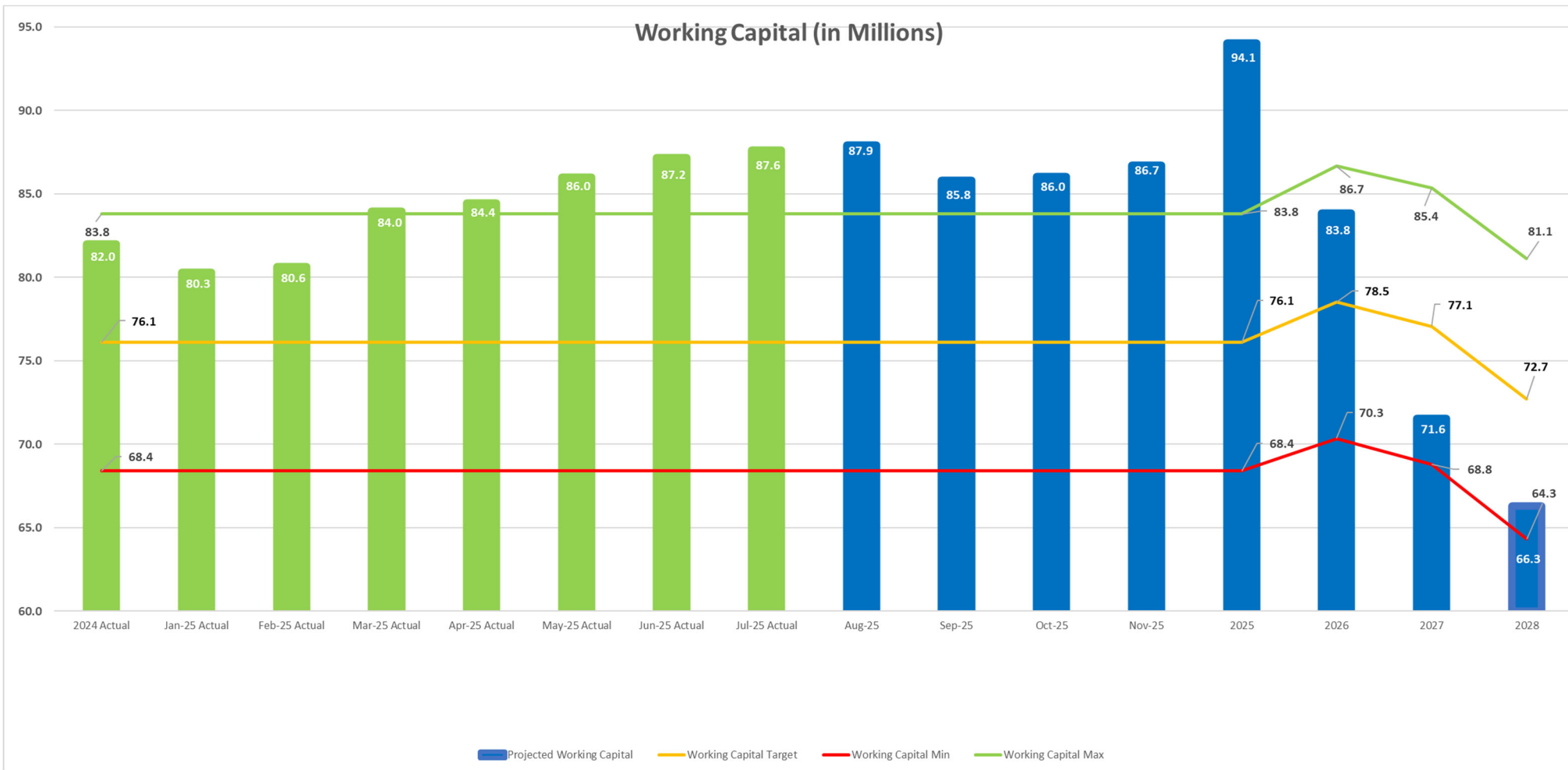
	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%
SUPPLEMENTAL:							
SUPPLEMENTAL POWER SALES							
Participants-Supplemental Power	7,280	6,052	1,228	30,566	29,013	1,553	5.4%
-Leased Facilities	26	28	(2)	185	197	(12)	(6.3%)
-Other	121	103	18	741	774	(33)	(4.2%)
TOTAL	<u>7,427</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>31,492</u>	<u>29,984</u>	<u>1,508</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL POWER COSTS							
Purch Power-Supp Capacity	1,008	924	84	6,310	6,192	118	1.9%
-Supp Energy	3,572	2,561	1,011	7,651	5,913	1,738	29.4%
Purch Power-Participants	1,181	1,143	38	7,446	7,579	(133)	(1.7%)
Purch Power-Other	383	344	39	1,955	1,583	372	23.5%
Transmission	1,110	795	315	6,434	5,519	915	16.6%
Transmission-Agency	0	4	(4)	24	29	(5)	(17.6%)
Leased Facilities-Duke	37	38	(1)	254	264	(10)	(3.9%)
Meter-Agency	0	1	(1)	94	107	(13)	(12.1%)
Customer Acct and G&A-Duke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Customer Acct and G&A-Agency	125	151	(26)	715	854	(139)	(16.3%)
Property Tax Equivalent	9	9	0	61	63	(2)	(3.6%)
TOTAL	<u>7,425</u>	<u>5,970</u>	<u>1,455</u>	<u>30,944</u>	<u>28,103</u>	<u>2,841</u>	<u>10.1%</u>
FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM OPERATIONS	2	213	(211)	548	1,881	(1,333)	(70.9%)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME(EXPENSE)	200	200	0	1,400	1,399	1	0.0%
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL NEEDS	<u>202</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>(211)</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>3,280</u>	<u>(1,332)</u>	<u>(40.6%)</u>
PAYMENTS							
Debt Service-Interest	202	202	0	1,412	1,413	(1)	0.0%
Capital Additions-Transmission	0	210	(210)	190	1,473	(1,283)	(87.1%)
-LDMS/SCADA	0	0	0	326	341	(15)	(4.4%)
-General	0	1	(1)	19	53	(34)	(64.4%)
WORKING CAP INCREASE(DECREASE)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY STATEMENT OF G&A EXPENSE AS OF JULY 31, 2025

CURRENT MONTH				YEAR TO DATE					
ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%		ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER(UNDER)	%	% ANNUAL BUDGET
				<u>G&A-OFFICE EXPENSE</u>					
\$135,866	\$138,200	(\$2,334)	(1.7)	Payroll	\$932,111	\$982,800	(\$50,689)	(5.2)	51.8
8,352	8,100	252	3.1	Employer's FICA	72,204	77,000	(4,796)	(6.2)	62.8
19,470	19,200	270	1.4	Medical/Life Insurance	136,648	134,200	2,448	1.8	59.4
12,846	12,700	146	1.1	401A Plan	95,713	95,200	513	0.5	58.0
41	100	(59)	(59.0)	Subscriptions	966	800	166	20.8	48.3
355	1,100	(745)	(67.7)	Dues & Memberships	300,768	310,200	(9,432)	(3.0)	79.4
1,719	2,100	(381)	(18.1)	Utilities	12,139	14,700	(2,561)	(17.4)	48.6
1,396	1,400	(4)	(0.3)	Telephone	9,525	10,000	(475)	(4.8)	56.0
180	2,100	(1,920)	(91.4)	Office Supplies	2,882	14,700	(11,818)	(80.4)	11.5
0	200	(200)	(100.0)	Postage	559	1,100	(541)	(49.2)	28.0
0	100	(100)	(100.0)	Printing	293	700	(407)	(58.1)	14.7
198	1,300	(1,102)	(84.8)	Board & Staff Expenses	9,429	13,000	(3,571)	(27.5)	16.5
0	300	(300)	(100.0)	Miscellaneous	2,397	1,800	597	33.2	79.9
588	600	(12)	(2.0)	Equipment Rental	4,210	4,100	110	2.7	60.1
4,405	2,700	1,705	63.1	Maintenance-Building	27,487	82,800	(55,313)	(66.8)	26.9
17,604	12,200	5,404	44.3	Travel-Conf/Meetings	120,884	210,500	(89,616)	(42.6)	40.3
75	1,100	(1,025)	(93.2)	Travel-Training	5,957	24,500	(18,543)	(75.7)	19.9
5,001	3,000	2,001	66.7	Travel-Agency	16,699	21,000	(4,301)	(20.5)	46.4
0	0	0	0.0	Worker's Comp Insurance	4,604	5,000	(396)	(7.9)	92.1
0	0	0	0.0	Property Insurance	11,361	13,000	(1,639)	(12.6)	87.4
0	0	0	0.0	Liability Insurance	95,589	111,000	(15,411)	(13.9)	86.1
65,433	80,100	(14,667)	(18.3)	Bank & Rating Agency Fees	94,031	109,700	(15,669)	(14.3)	85.5
1,973	0	1,973	0.0	Annual Report	1,973	3,000	(1,027)	(34.2)	65.8
163,256	226,800	(63,544)	(28.0)	Economic Development	283,096	468,600	(185,504)	(39.6)	56.3
9,654	9,400	254	2.7	Telecommunications	65,446	65,800	(354)	(0.5)	57.9
0	500	(500)	(100.0)	Maintenance-Telecom	0	3,500	(3,500)	(100.0)	0.0
20,952	22,200	(1,248)	(5.6)	Computer Hardware/Software	316,594	308,300	8,294	2.7	78.6
469,364	545,500	(76,136)	(14.0)	TOTAL G&A OFFICE EXPENSE	2,623,565	3,087,000	(463,435)	(15.0)	57.5
				<u>G&A-OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>					
62,378	76,300	(13,922)	(18.2)	Legal	448,627	533,800	(85,173)	(16.0)	49.0
6,103	27,500	(21,397)	(77.8)	Engineering	133,286	192,500	(59,214)	(30.8)	40.4
0	0	0	0.0	Accounting	70,740	70,000	740	1.1	101.1
56,979	59,800	(2,821)	(4.7)	Financial	117,757	125,100	(7,343)	(5.9)	47.5
0	0	0	0.0	Administrative	8,120	5,000	3,120	62.4	162.4
83	2,500	(2,417)	(96.7)	Technology	1,133	16,900	(15,767)	(93.3)	3.9
125,543	166,100	(40,557)	(24.4)	TOTAL G&A OUTSIDE SERVICES	779,663	943,300	(163,637)	(17.3)	48.8
\$594,907	\$711,600	(\$116,693)	(16.4)	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$3,403,228	\$4,030,300	(\$627,072)	(15.6)	55.3
				<u>TRANSMISSION EXPENSE-AGENCY</u>					
\$0	\$4,000	(\$4,000)	(100.0)	Transmission Line Maintenance	\$23,908	\$29,000	(\$5,092)	(17.6)	47.8
0	1,000	(1,000)	(100.0)	Energy Efficiency/DSM	94,021	107,000	(12,979)	(12.1)	69.1
\$0	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	(100.0)	TOTAL XMSN EXPENSE	\$117,929	\$136,000	(\$18,071)	(13.3)	63.4

PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY AS OF JULY 31, 2025

After this month's operations, PMPA had \$87.6 million in working capital, which was \$6.4 million better than the YTD budget.



22 JUL 2025

Fitch Affirms Piedmont Muni Power Agency, SC's Electric Refunding Revs at 'A-'; Outlook Stable

Fitch Ratings - Austin - 22 Jul 2025: Fitch Ratings has affirmed the 'A-' ratings on the following Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, SC's (PMPA) revenue bonds:

--Approximately \$535.24 million electric revenue bonds.

The Outlook is revised to Stable from Negative.

The 'A-' rating reflects Fitch's evaluation of PMPA's eight largest of its 10 total participants, its take-or-pay contractual obligations related to the electric revenue bonds, and Fitch's assessment of PMPA's strong operating risk profile. PMPA's long-term Catawba project power supply agreements (PSAs) with its participants provide for a limited 25% step-up on the participant obligations in case of member default.

Fitch's rating factors a purchaser credit quality (PCQ) assessment of 'bbb', reflecting the midrange credit quality of several of the weaker project participants. Given the contractual framework, the PCQ is assessed at a level commensurate with the weakest members whose payment risk is not mitigated by the 25% step-up provision. The rating also reflects PMPA's operating risk assessment of 'a', which takes into consideration the solid performance of the Catawba facility and the relatively low cost of power, notwithstanding the nuclear concentration risk. These strengths provide a modest enhancement to the project's rating, allowing it to attain a rating of 'A-' despite only midrange purchaser credit quality. PMPA's financial profile is less of a consideration in the final determination of the PMPA rating given the contractual payment framework under the PSAs.

The Stable Outlook reflects a general trend of strengthening economic and financial metrics among many of the participants. Broad service area improvement is reflected in stronger customer growth and improved employment metrics. The participants' strong to very strong financial metrics are reflected in mostly positive trends in liquidity and net margin and modest overall debt levels.

SECURITY

The bonds are secured by the net revenues of PMPA, including payments received from each of its 10 participants pursuant to their Catawba project PSAs. Fitch expects payments from the supplemental PSAs to terminate after 2029. However, the Catawba project PSAs will remain in effect and require each participant to pay for their share of Catawba project costs, which includes debt service on the PMPA bonds. The termination of the supplemental PSAs in 2029 consequently does not affect Fitch's rating of the PMPA bonds.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Revenue Defensibility - 'bbb'

Strong Take-or-Pay Contracts with 25% Step-up;

Revenue defensibility is midrange. Fitch's assessment of the purchaser credit quality (PCQ) at 'bbb' uses both Fitch's Portfolio Stress Model (PSM) and Fitch's evaluation of the credit quality of the eight largest participants, representing approximately 95% of the Catawba project entitlement share. The Catawba project PSAs are unconditional, take-or-pay obligations and include a step-up provision requiring each participant to purchase only up to 125% of its entitlement share if any participant defaults.

Fitch's PCQ assessment and the final rating are capped by the credit quality of the City of Rock Hill, SC electric system (Rock Hill), PMPA's largest project participant with a 28% entitlement share, since invoking the 125% contract step-up provisions following a Rock Hill default would not be sufficient to cover PMPA's obligations. However, Fitch's PCQ assessment and the final rating are currently constrained by the credit characteristics of other weaker members reviewed by Fitch.

The bonds mature in 2035, coinciding with the current PSAs for all 10 participants. The PMPA Board recently approved contract extensions for seven of the 10 Catawba participants through 2085. The project's Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license currently extends through 2043, well past the maturity of the bonds and the PSAs.

Operating Risk - 'a'

Low Cost and Reliable Power Supply; Nuclear Concentration

PMPA's strong operating risk assessment is driven by the project's strong operating history and low operating cost burden, which averaged approximately 5.7 cents/kWh during the past five years. The project's high-capacity factor and stable, low cost energy provide significant headroom for the assessment and are factored into the overall rating.

Concentration exists in PMPA's power supply, with nuclear generation accounting for approximately 90% of energy supply, net of the load served by Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA). Exposure to PMPA's owned interest in Catawba unit No. 2 is mitigated by reliability exchange agreements with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) and the co-owners of three other units DEC operates.

The Catawba project PSAs obligate the participants to pay debt service on the project bonds regardless of whether the project is operating or even operable.

Financial Profile - 'aa'

Very Strong Financial Profile

PMPA has historically maintained a very strong financial profile. Fitch expects PMPA's leverage to

decline further as the agency's debt continues to amortize. PMPA completed fiscal 2024 with a leverage ratio of 3.3x, which is essentially unchanged from the prior year but much lower than 2022 levels, and 227 days of cash on hand. This level of liquidity coupled with coverage of full obligations of 1.5x is neutral to the assessment.

However, the agency's very strong financial profile is less of a consideration in Fitch's determination of PMPA's rating given project costs are largely balanced and passed through to the purchasing utilities through the PSAs.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

--A weakening in the credit quality of PMPA participants.

--Poor operating performance at the Catawba and McGuire nuclear generating units resulting in higher than anticipated power costs to the participants.

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

-- Improvement in participant credit quality could lead to positive rating action.

PROFILE

PMPA is a public agency organized under the laws of the state of South Carolina. Ten South Carolina cities (participants) entered into long-term Catawba project PSAs and supplemental PSAs with PMPA. Under the Catawba project PSAs, each participant pays for its percentage share of the project operating and debt service expenses of PMPA on a take-or-pay basis, payable regardless of whether the Catawba project is operating or not. Payments from participants are considered an operating expense of their electric systems, satisfied ahead of any direct debt service of their electric systems.

PMPA's Catawba project consists of a 25% undivided ownership in the Catawba nuclear unit No. 2, entitling PMPA to approximately 277MW, which is operated by DEC. The risk of an extended outage of any one unit is shared among the four units through various reliability exchanges with the Catawba (units No. 1 and No. 2) and McGuire nuclear projects (units No. 1 and No. 2), providing some protection for the participants against single-unit outage at No. 2. The largest eight PMPA participants include the cities of Rock Hill (28.0%), Easley (13.2%), Newberry (10.5%), Gaffney (10.1%), Union (10.0%), Greer (9.3%), Clinton (7.8%), and Laurens (6.5%), all in South Carolina.

In addition to the Catawba project PSAs, PMPA and the participants signed supplemental PSAs that require PMPA to provide the participants with all-requirements bulk power supply, net of any SEPA allocations and any energy derived from each participant's generating capacity. PMPA supplies participant supplemental power supplies through an agreement with the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper; A-/Stable). At YE 2019, all 10 PMPA participants provided the required 10-year notice to terminate the supplemental PSAs, and in return, PMPA gave notice to terminate the

corresponding agreement with Santee Cooper. The final termination will occur in 2029, but Fitch does not expect it to affect the rating, which continues to be supported by the Catawba project PSAs.

Sources of Information

In addition to the sources of information identified in Fitch's applicable criteria specified below, this action was informed by data from DIVER by Solve.

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The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

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Rating Actions

ENTITY/DEBT	RATING	RECOVERY	PRIOR
Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (SC)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (SC) LT 	A- 	Affirmed	A- 
/Electric System Revenues/ 1 LT			

RATINGS KEY OUTLOOK WATCH

POSITIVE		
NEGATIVE		
EVOLVING		
STABLE		

Applicable Criteria

[Public Policy Revenue-Supported Entities Rating Criteria \(pub.12 Jan 2024\) \(including rating assumption sensitivity\)](#)

[U.S. Public Power Rating Criteria \(pub.24 Feb 2025\) \(including rating assumption sensitivity\)](#)

Applicable Models

Numbers in parentheses accompanying applicable model(s) contain hyperlinks to criteria providing description of model(s).

Portfolio Stress Model, v1.11.1 [\(1\)](#)

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PMPA Load-Side Generation Report

To: Board of Directors and Alternates
 From: Mike Frazier *MTF*
 Date: July 16, 2025

Santee Cooper called upon PMPA to run the Load-Side Generators on three days in June due to system conditions.

Load-Side Generation Operation during the month of June:

7 Jun. – 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – 2.75 hrs.
 24 Jun. – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – 6.00 hrs.
 25 Jun. – 3:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – 5.25 hrs.

TOTAL – 14.00 Hrs.

TOTAL YTD – 22.00 Hrs.

Load-side generation is called for during times of energy deficiency, adverse system conditions, or high economic energy prices.

Current Load-Side Generators are owned by the City of Clinton, Easley Combined Utilities, Gaffney Board of Public Works, Greer Commission of Public Works, and the City of Rock Hill.



PMPA Demand Response System Report

To: Board of Directors and Alternates
 From: Mike Frazier *MTF*
 Date: July 16, 2025

23 Jun – 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM - 4.50 hrs 25 Jun – 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM - 4.50 hrs
 24 Jun – 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM - 5.00 hrs

TOTAL 14.00 hours

PMPA Monthly Peak¹: 555.8 MW @ Hour Ending 5:00 p.m. on Jun 25th

- Does NOT coincide with the Duke Energy Transmission Peak on Jun 25th @ Hour Ending 4:00 p.m.
- Monthly Maximum GSP Airport Temperature – 99° F on Jun 25th ²

PMPA Total Participant Load ³: 595.9 MW @ Hour Ending 5:00 p.m. on Jun 25th

PMPA Ratchet Quantity: 507.9 MW – based on Jul. 15, 2024 @ HE 5:00 p.m.

All loads are reflected at the transmission level, which includes 1.96% losses as of June 1, 2025.

¹ PMPA Monthly Peak – Used by Santee Cooper to determine PMPA’s capacity charge. This peak includes the load served by nine Participants (does not include Union) and generation (added back to the load) produced by the load-side generators. It also does not include Greer CPW’s load served from the leased Laurens EMC delivery points.

² This June was almost a repeat of last June with one caveat, more heat. Temperatures at GSP didn’t break 100 degrees Fahrenheit, but several days came close to it. The last ten days in June had high temperatures all in the nineties. Even with temperatures remaining in the double-digits, PMPA set its highest demand ever on June 25.

³ PMPA Total Participant Load – includes load served by all ten Participants including the Greer CPW’s load served from leased Laurens EMC delivery points and generation produced by the load-side generators.

<u>Month</u>	<u>CDD</u>	<u>% of Normal</u>
Jun 2025	401	117
Normal	343	
Jun 2024	390	114

ENERGY REPORT ^{*}

Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

JUNE, 2025

The Energy Authority (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

2,742	MWh	57,561	\$	20.99	\$ / MWh
28,315	MWh - YTD	865,341	\$ - YTD	30.56	\$ / MWh - YTD

Duke Energy (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

6,939	MWh	186,955	\$	26.94	\$ / MWh
79,180	MWh-YTD	2,521,207	\$-YTD	31.84	\$ / MWh - YTD

Santee Cooper (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

4,270	MWh	108,586	\$	25.43	\$ / MWh
59,463	MWh-YTD	1,786,115	\$-YTD	30.04	\$ / MWh - YTD

Total Surplus Sales Revenue

353,102	\$		
5,172,663	\$ - YTD	166,958	MWh-YTD

Generation Imbalance Charge

(66,663)	\$
199,066	\$ - YTD

Deviation Band 1 - +/- 1.5%

Deviation Band 2 - Between +/-1.5% & 7.5%

Deviation Band 3 - Greater than +/- 7.5%

(\$10,771)

(\$27,575)

(\$28,318)

Energy Imbalance Charge

(111)	\$
93,194	\$ - YTD

Deviation Band 1 - +/- 1.5%

Deviation Band 2 - Between +/-1.5% & 7.5%

Deviation Band 3 - Greater than +/- 7.5%

(\$3,103)

\$2,992

\$0

Supplemental Energy Purchased

Santee Cooper	TEA Backstand ^{&}	Total	
39,476	5	39,481	MWh
65,944	7,974	73,918	MWh - YTD
2,069,065	92	2,069,156	\$
3,563,057	421,786	3,984,843	\$ - YTD
52.41	18.34	52.41	\$ / MWh
54.03	52.90	53.91	\$ / MWh - YTD

^{*} All MWh are measured at the bus bar (generation level)

[&] Includes energy and transmission costs



PMPA Load-Side Generation Report

To: Board of Directors and Alternates
 From: Mike Frazier *MTF*
 Date: August 13, 2025

Santee Cooper called upon PMPA to run the Load-Side Generators on two days in July due to system conditions.

Load-Side Generation Operation during the month of June:

12 Jul. – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – 3.00 hrs.

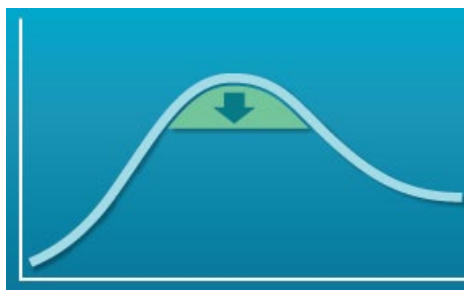
21 Jul. – 3:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – 4.75 hrs.

TOTAL – 7.75 Hrs.

TOTAL YTD – 29.75 Hrs.

Load-side generation is called for during times of energy deficiency, adverse system conditions, or high economic energy prices.

Current Load-Side Generators are owned by the City of Clinton, Easley Combined Utilities, Gaffney Board of Public Works, Greer Commission of Public Works, and the City of Rock Hill.



PMPA Demand Response System Report

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 From: Mike Frazier *MTF*
 Date: August 13, 2025

7 Jul – 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM - 3.00 hrs	27 Jul – 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM - 4.00 hrs
8 Jul – 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM - 4.00 hrs	28 Jul – 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM - 6.00 hrs
9 Jul – 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM - 3.00 hrs	29 Jul – 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM - 1.50 hrs
21 Jul – 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM - 3.50 hrs	

TOTAL 25.00 hours

PMPA Monthly Peak¹: 544.9 MW @ Hour Ending 4:00 p.m. on Jul 28th

- ➡ Does NOT coincide with the Duke Energy Transmission Peak on Jul 8th @ Hour Ending 5:00 p.m.
- ➡ Monthly Maximum GSP Airport Temperature – 100° F on Jul 26th, 27th

PMPA Total Participant Load³: 584.4 MW @ Hour Ending 4:00 p.m. on Jul 28th

PMPA Ratchet Quantity: 527.9 MW – based on Jun. 25, 2025 @ HE 5:00 p.m.

All loads are reflected at the transmission level, which includes 1.96% losses as of June 1, 2025.

- ¹ PMPA Monthly Peak – Used by Santee Cooper to determine PMPA’s capacity charge. This peak includes the load served by nine Participants (does not include Union) and generation (added back to the load) produced by the load-side generators. It also does not include Greer CPW’s load served from the leased Laurens EMC delivery points.
- ² Every day in July had temperatures reaching ninety degrees F or above. For two consecutive days, temperatures hit one-hundred degrees F. Fortunately, those days were over a weekend when PMPA loads are lower than on weekdays. For the month, temperatures averaged far above normal. Even with the extra heat in July, PMPA did not reach a new all-time peak, which was set last month.
- ³ PMPA Total Participant Load – includes load served by all ten Participants including the Greer CPW’s load served from leased Laurens EMC delivery points and generation produced by the load-side generators.

<u>Month</u>	<u>CDD</u>	<u>% of Normal</u>
Jul 2025	570	125
Normal	457	
Jul 2024	518	113

ENERGY REPORT ^{*}

Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

JULY, 2025

The Energy Authority (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

37	MWh	1,100	\$	29.73	\$ / MWh
28,352	MWh - YTD	866,441	\$ - YTD	30.56	\$ / MWh - YTD

Duke Energy (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

2,207	MWh	74,510	\$	33.76	\$ / MWh
81,387	MWh-YTD	2,595,717	\$-YTD	31.89	\$ / MWh - YTD

Santee Cooper (Surplus Energy Sold and Gross Revenue)

2,074	MWh	48,081	\$	23.18	\$ / MWh
61,537	MWh-YTD	1,834,196	\$-YTD	29.81	\$ / MWh - YTD

Total Surplus Sales Revenue

123,691	\$		
5,296,354	\$ - YTD	171,276	MWh-YTD

Generation Imbalance Charge

(1,752)	\$
269,305	\$ - YTD

Deviation Band 1 - +/- 1.5%	Deviation Band 2 - Between +/-1.5% & 7.5%	Deviation Band 3 - Greater than +/- 7.5%
(\$1,265)	(\$487)	\$0

Energy Imbalance Charge

(10,102)	\$
83,093	\$ - YTD

Deviation Band 1 - +/- 1.5%	Deviation Band 2 - Between +/-1.5% & 7.5%	Deviation Band 3 - Greater than +/- 7.5%
(\$10,147)	\$45	\$0

Supplemental Energy Purchased

Santee Cooper	TEA Backstand ^{&}	Total	
65,293	0	65,293	MWh
131,237	7,974	139,211	MWh - YTD
3,509,712	0	3,509,712	\$
7,074,681	421,786	7,496,467	\$ - YTD
53.75	---	53.75	\$ / MWh
53.91	52.90	53.85	\$ / MWh - YTD

^{*} All MWh are measured at the bus bar (generation level)

[&] Includes energy and transmission costs

Catawba and McGuire Report – August 14, 2025

Since the last Board meeting, Catawba Unit 1, Catawba Unit 2, McGuire Unit 1, and McGuire Unit 2 have operated continuously without any concerns.

<u>July 2025</u>	<u>Capacity Factor</u>	<u>Generation (MWhs)</u>	<u>PMPA's Entitlement (MWhs)</u>
Catawba 1	100.24%	865,071	54,067
Catawba 2	98.89%	846,141	52,884
McGuire 1	99.80%	859,869	52,151
McGuire 2	99.28%	855,375	51,878

2025 & 2026 Planned Refueling Outages

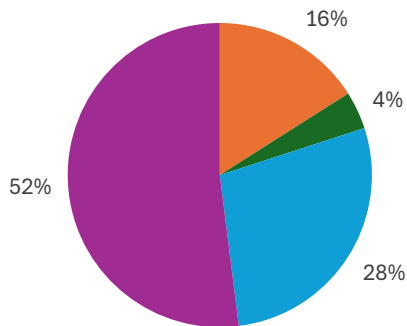
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Catawba 2	September 3, 2025	34.5 Days
McGuire 2	March 21, 2026	28 Days
Catawba 1	April 18, 2026	25 Days
McGuire 1	September 5, 2026	28 Days

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Catawba's NRC Regulatory Performance Indicators are Green with no regulatory issues.

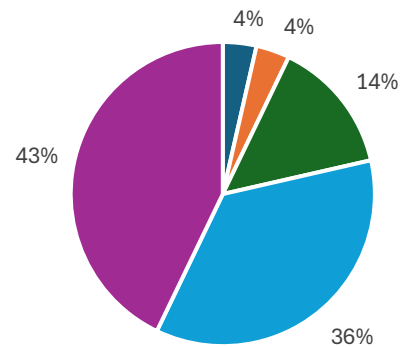
2025 Power Conference Survey Results

Hotel Check-in - 2025



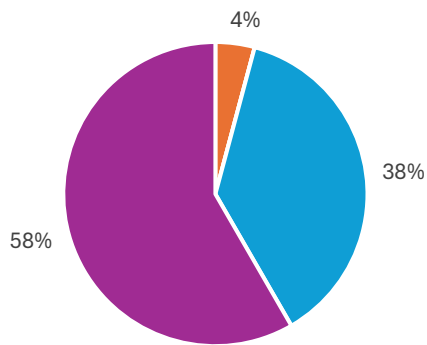
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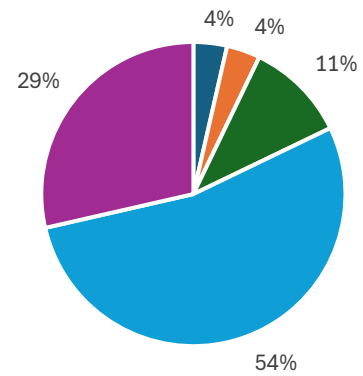
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Hotel Rooms - 2025



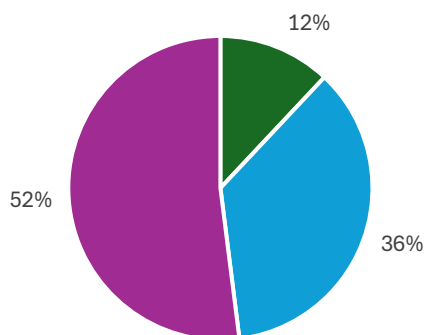
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Hotel Room - 2024



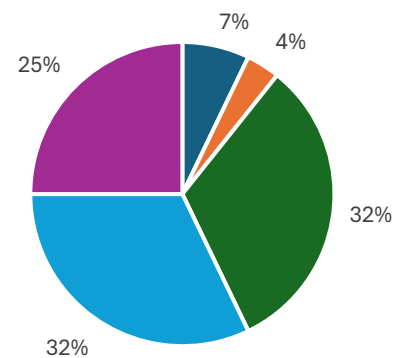
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Meeting Room - 2025



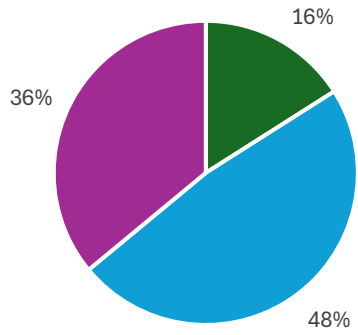
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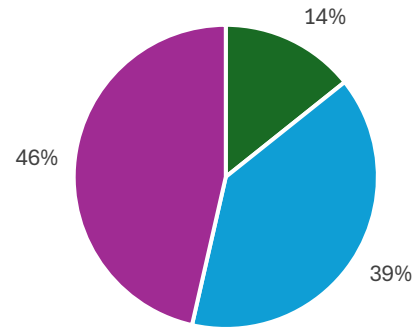
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Meals - 2025



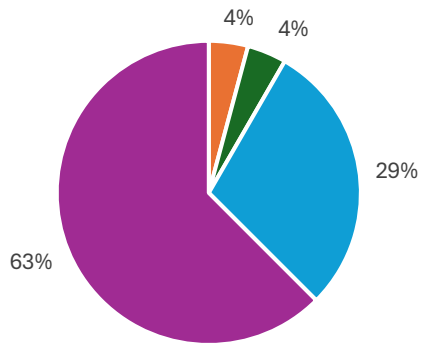
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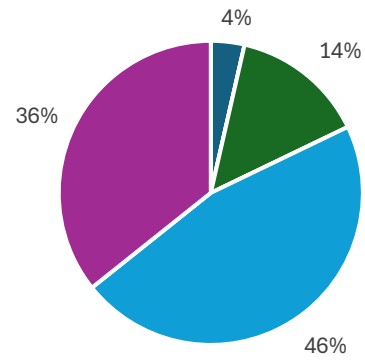
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Overall Service - 2025



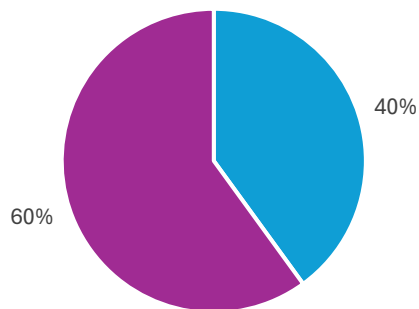
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Overall Service - 2024



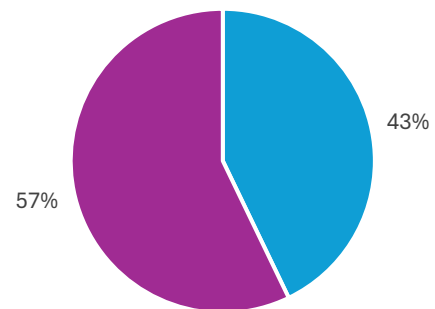
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Conference Schedule - 2025



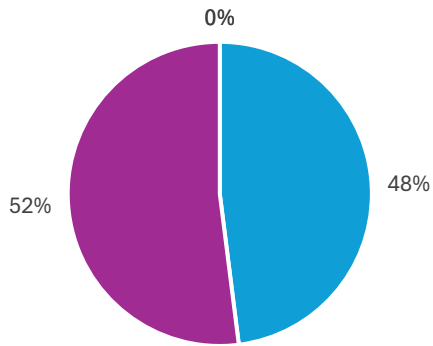
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Conference Schedule - 2024



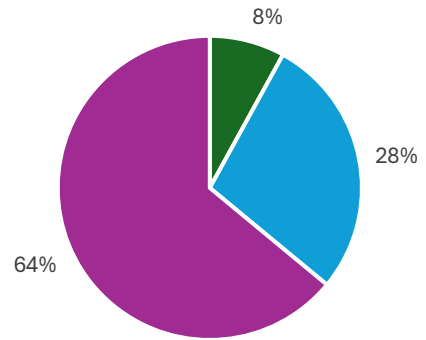
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Quality of Speakers - 2025



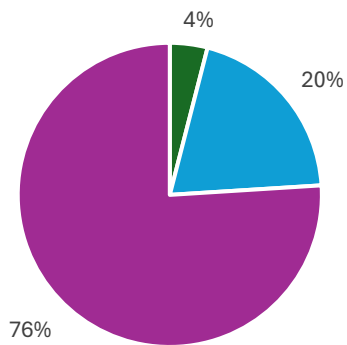
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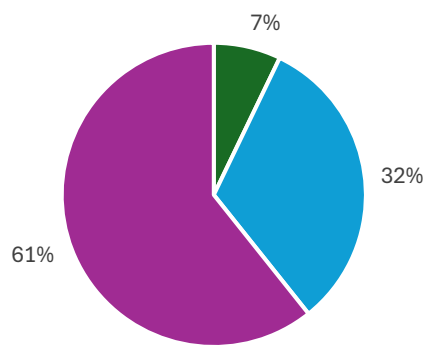
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Overall Conference - 2025



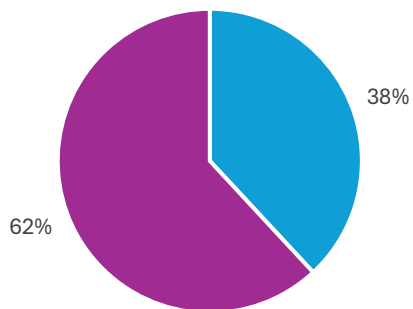
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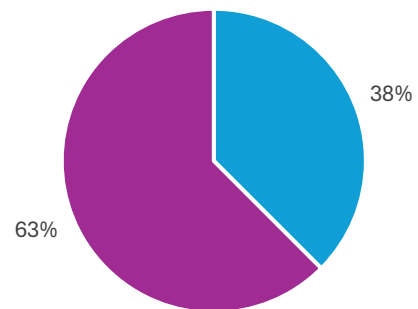
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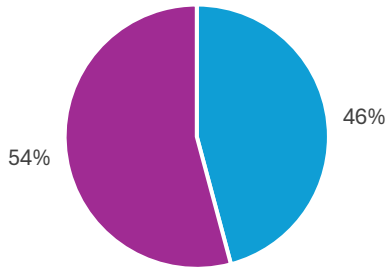
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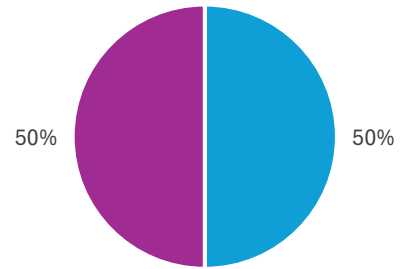
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Conference Information Website - 2025



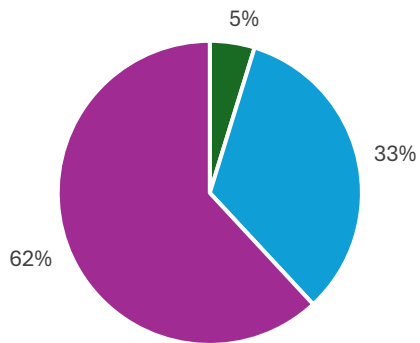
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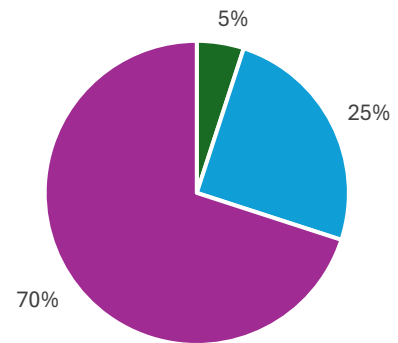
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Mobile App - 2025



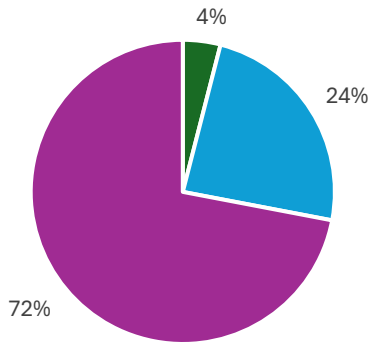
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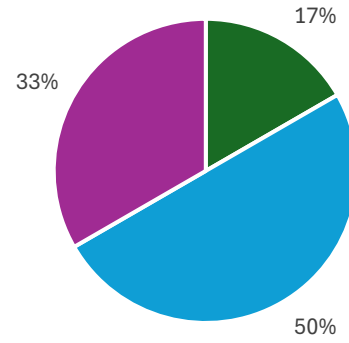
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Joel Ledbetter - 2025



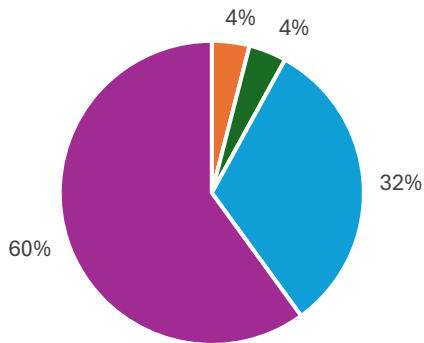
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Rep. Neal Collins - 2025



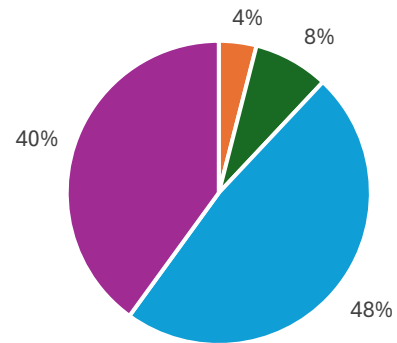
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Jack Jacobson - 2025



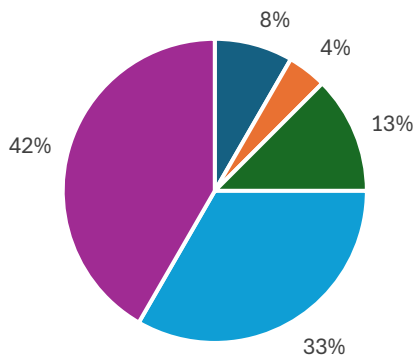
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Katherine Elrod - 2025



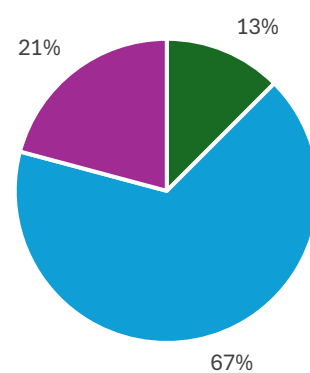
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Sunny Wescott - 2025



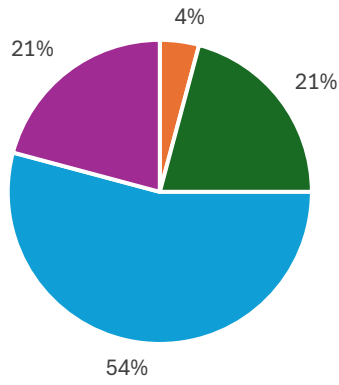
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Nicole Cervi - 2025



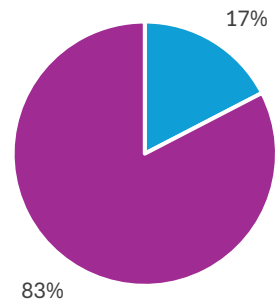
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Joe Witkowski - 2025



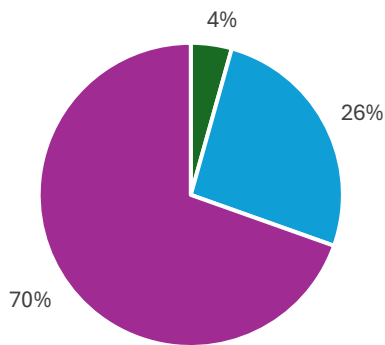
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Participant Roundtable Discussion - 2025



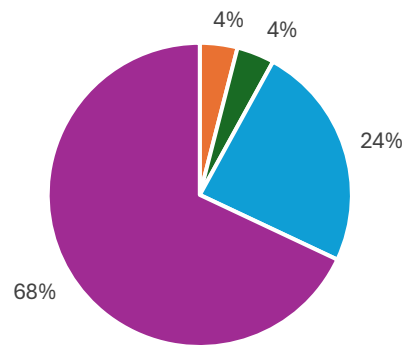
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Dennis Cameron - 2025



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Joel Ledbetter - 2025 (Day 2)



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Hotel Comments

- Something as simple as no Kleenex, no conditioner
- Had to change rooms due to the first room being dirty. Elevators continue to be an issue. Room was never cleaned during the entire trip. Had to go in search of towels etc. every day. Lobby area was hot & humid for the whole trip. Pool closes way to early for beach resort during the summer.
- I love the hotel primarily due to the all suits rooms, views at ever turn on the hotel etc. I know there are newer but don't lose the things that work somewhere else.
- Check in seems to always have some issues...
- Great hotel. Never leave this spot
- Needs more/bigger elevators
- Need more handicap parking
- Waited over an hour for our room to be ready. They also did not even consider a request for a room on the north side of the hotel. Food has been OK, not great.
- Cold in the meeting room.
- This year was as good as any

Conference Comments

- Mrs. Sunny knocked a home run. She was amazing! All the other speakers were good, and informative.
- A couple of speakers had decent content but overall was not the strongest line-up.
- Good job to PMPA for planning and the conference itself.
- Good info across the conference.
- Great job! I enjoyed it!
- The audio was better than in past years but I still had some trouble hearing the people speaking. I sat in the second row near the middle. This could be caused by the room so I am not sure if the audio can be improved.
- Could have done without the meteorologist.
- Every session was very informative
- Sunny was fantastic and information that people really need to hear. For the most part all of the speakers were able to communicate their point and how it relates to member cities effectively.

Speaker Comments

- Good variety.
- Please never invite that Sunny Westcott woman again.
- Good info on all sessions on Saturday. Joel's topic today should have been the after lunch topic for Friday so more participants could have heard the details.
- AI presentation was hard to follow and understand

Registration & Mobile App Comments

- Good experience
- Good job PMPA
- Great!

Are there any topics you wish had been included that were not covered?

- Not really
- Perhaps someone who speaks on working together and team works and being on the same team.
- I thought this was a good mix of topics and information. Encourage you to continue along the same lines.
- Like more local and state topics
- I would have liked to have heard from Abbeville about the hydroplant and how Helene impacted it.

Overall, the Conference could be improved by:

- The temp in the room was a bit chilly each day.
- I think it is good as it is.
- A brief financial review by our Finance Director. Just some highlights coming from that person.
- Nothing to suggest.
- I know the audio and visual guys do a great job. There was a little echo in the room this year that I never noticed in the past.
- Vet the speakers just a little more. Make sure they understand what 50 minutes actually is...

Other comments/suggestions

- Great speakers, but a diverse group of speakers would be awesome.
- Greatly appreciate the PMPA staff and their work to make this happen.
- Really well done. Thank you!
- Joel is an amazing resource and was very helpful to our group. Perhaps some panel type q&a time with just him for whatever others are dealing with. He took time out of his personal time to help us with a time sensitive issue.

PMPA
Board of Directors Meeting

EEA Alerts

August 21, 2025

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Why have an energy alert system?

Winter Storm Elliott

2022 – Christmas Eve

7° F Low recorded at GSP

High only reached 28 ° F

LSG ran 6:00 am – 11:00 am



Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

What is the Duke Energy Alert System?

A way “... to improve communications about energy and capacity constraints for its [Duke Energy] network and wholesale customers. The communications, known as Energy Emergency Alerts, are based on the escalation order and notifications used by Reliability Coordinators, Balancing Authorities and Transmission Operators.”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Warning – Issue a Capacity / Energy Warning

“Issued the day prior to [or day of] a potential event for situational awareness and requires no action.

Unless other escalated messages are issued, the only additional message would be to terminate the warning.”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Warning – Issue a Capacity / Energy Warning

Issued June 20, 2025 @ 2:10 PM [Friday]

“Duke Energy Carolinas is declaring a warning condition for impending high loads from 13:00 - 22:00 daily beginning Monday, 06/23/2025 through Thursday, 06/26/2025.

There is a higher probability of further escalation, but we are not requesting any actions by Load Serving Entities at this time.

Please monitor communication channels for further messages in the event conditions change and call your Wholesale Account Manager with any questions.
Description: Week of June 26, 2025”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 1 [EEA1]

“Issued at or immediately prior to an event and will require some responsive actions. A separate EEA message will include a specific end time. Other escalated messages may follow.”

Duke is **requesting** Load Serving Entities to implement Demand Response programs and Distributed Energy Resources assistance.

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 1 [EEA1]

Issued June 23, 2025 @ 11:06 AM [Monday]

“Duke Energy Carolinas has entered an EEA1 (all available generation resources in use) condition. **We are requesting Load Serving Entities to implement Demand Response programs and Distributed Energy Resources assistance.** We will send further notifications, including termination of this EEA when conditions warrant. Please monitor communication channels for further messages in the event conditions change and call your Wholesale Account Manager with any questions.

Description: DEC BA declares EEA Level 1 at 1100.”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 2 [EEA2]

“Issued at or immediately prior to an event and will require some responsive actions. A separate EEA message will include a specific end time. Escalated or de-escalated messages may follow.”

Duke is **directing** all Load Serving Entities to implement all available Demand Response programs, and Distributed Energy Resource assistance, to curtail all non-firm energy sales, to curtail all non-essential loads and run all behind the delivery point meter generation.

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 2 [EEA2]

Issued June 23, 2025 @ 7:07 PM [Monday]

“Duke Energy Carolinas has entered an EEA2 (load management procedures in effect) condition. **Load serving entities are directed to implement all available Demand Response programs, and Distributed Energy Resource assistance, to curtail all non-firm energy sales, to curtail all non-essential loads and run all behind the delivery point meter generation.** We will send further notifications, including termination of this EEA, when conditions warrant. Please monitor communication channels for further messages in the event conditions change and call your Wholesale Account Manager with any questions.

Description: Notification callout created by Nathan D. Smock for Notifications CW on Mon 06/23/2025 19:05:34 ET”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Run Load-side Generation (if not already)?

Run Standby Generation?

Who pays for that?

Should it be a socialized cost?

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

As Duke Energy Carolinas is the Transmission Provider and the Reliability Coordinator for VACAR South (the Carolinas), Load Serving Entities are Required to follow its Directives.

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 3 [EEA3]

“Issued at or immediately prior to an event and will require some responsive actions. A separate EEA termination message will include a specific end time. A de-escalated message may follow.”

This has not happened since Duke started the alert system.

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 3 [EEA3]

“Duke Energy has entered an EEA3 (firm load interruption is imminent or in progress) condition [i.e. **Rolling Blackouts**]. If not previously directed, Load Serving Entities are directed to implement all available Demand Response programs, Distributed Energy Resources Assistance, to curtail all non-firm energy sales, and to implement a voltage reduction, where possible. Additionally, Load Serving Entities are directed to **implement firm load shed** equal to (%) of total as soon as possible. Further notifications, including termination of this EEA, will be sent when conditions warrant.”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Is Your Utility Ready To Drop 5% of its Load?

10% ?

15% ?

20% ?

What is your load shedding plan?

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 1 [EEA1]

Issued June 23, 2025 @ 7:50 PM [Monday]

“Duke Energy Carolinas has entered an EEA1 (all available generation resources in use) condition. We are requesting Load Serving Entities to implement Demand Response programs and Distributed Energy Resources assistance. We will send further notifications, including termination of this EEA when conditions warrant. Please monitor communication channels for further messages in the event conditions change and call your Wholesale Account Manager with any questions.

Description: Notification callout created by Nathan D. Smock for Notifications CW on Mon 06/23/2025 19:49:18 ET

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 0 [EEA0] - Termination

“Will be issued prior to termination of the EEA event, allowing the end of previously requested/directed actions. Other escalated or de-escalated messages may follow if the event warning continues.”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Energy Emergency Alert 0 [EEA0] - Termination

Issued June 23, 2025 @ 9:34 PM [Monday]

“Duke Energy Carolinas has entered an EEA Level 0 condition as of 22:00 on 06/23/2025. This message terminates all previously declared EEA conditions for Duke Energy Carolinas. Load Serving Entities are free to cease all previously requested/directed actions (demand response, Distributed Energy Resource assistance, curtailment of sales and/or non-essential loads, voltage reductions, and firm load shed) and return to normal operations. Please monitor communication channels for further messages in the event conditions change and call your Wholesale Account Manager with any questions. The Capacity/Energy Warning continues to remain in effect for Duke Energy Carolinas through 22:00 on 06/26/2025...”

Duke Energy – Energy Alerts

Staff suggests PMPA establish a policy for notification and the reduction of load in the event of declared energy emergencies.

This can be developed by the Supplemental Power Supply/Transmission Committee and brought to the full PMPA Board for approval.

Catawba Nuclear Station Power Uprate

Dennis Cameron
August 21, 2025

Catawba Power Uprate

- More than 170 power uprates have been performed across the US commercial nuclear sector dating back to 1977
 - Measurement uncertainty recapture (MUR) power uprates – increased the licensed power by less than 2 percent by implementing improved techniques for calculating reactor power
 - Stretch power uprates – typically between 2 and 7 percent, involves changes to instrumentation but not major plant modifications
 - Extended power uprates – have been approved for increases as high as 20 percent, usually require significant modifications to major pieces of equipment
 - Catawba Unit 1, McGuire Unit 1, and McGuire Unit 2 previously implemented the MUR uprates earlier prior to 2015

Capital Power Uprate - continued

- Evaluation studies have determined the feasibility and cost effectiveness to implement additional power uprates for McGuire Unit 1, McGuire Unit 2, and Catawba Unit 1
- Duke has decided, with management approval, to move forward with the power uprates at both McGuire Units
- Increase Output of 75 MWs per unit or 150 MWs for the McGuire station
- Implementation will be Fall 2029 for McGuire Unit 1 and Fall 2030 for McGuire Unit 2

Catawba Power Uprate - continued

- Evaluation studies also show the feasibility of uprating Catawba Unit 1 by 75 MWs
- Catawba Unit 2 cannot be uprated due to the thermal margin limitations associated with the Steam Generators
- Proposed implementation of Catawba Unit 1 uprate would be in Spring 2031
- With the proposed uprates for McGuire Unit 1, McGuire Unit 2, and Catawba Unit 1; PMPA would gain additional 13.785 MWs

Catawba Power Uprate - continued

- Cost Estimate for Catawba Unit 1 Uprate
 - \$416 million includes \$33 million of contingency and \$175 million of equipment that is to be replaced due to end of service life
 - Uprate costs \$241 million
- Cost Estimate – PMPA's Share
 - \$30.13 million or \$2,185 per kw with contingency
 - \$26 million or \$1,886 per kw excluding contingency

Uprate vs Supplemental Power Costs (Combined Cycle)

- Uprate of 13.785 MWs
 - Capital investment of \$2,185/kw
 - No increase in O&M
 - Incremental fuel costs for additional energy

 - Combined Cycle \$2,140/kw
 - Fixed O&M \$1.75/kw-month
 - Variable O&M \$2/MWh
 - Gas price \$4-\$5/mmbtu

Uprate vs Supplemental Power Costs (Combined Cycle) - continued

- 2031 Uprate will result in a NPV savings of \$23 million for the current license period
- For the period 2031 to 2063 will result in a NPV savings of \$45 million

Duke Notification

- Duke notified PMPA on June 3, 2025
- Request for approval to move forward with the License Amendment Application (LAR) process
- The estimate for this process is \$77.6 million
 - PMPA's share is \$9.7 million
- PMPA has until August 31, 2025 to decide if it wants to participate in the Uprate project

Catawba Power Uprate - continued

- Next Steps
 - Approve and keep the MWs for PMPA's use
 - Management Recommendation - Approve the Power Uprate Project and move forward with finalizing a Capital Additions Agreement with Duke
 - If Board decides not to approve the Power Uprate Project, then reach an agreement with Duke to pay for PMPA's share of the project and rights to the additional output