



City Light Review Panel Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
| Meeting held via Microsoft Teams “Final”

MEETING ATTENDANCE					
Panel Members:					
Names		Name		Name	
Scott Haskins	√	John Putz	√	Mikel Hansen	√
Sara Patton	√	Anne Ayre	√	Leon Garnett	
Staff and Others:					
Debra Smith	√	Jen Chan	√	Karen Reed (Consultant /RP Facilitator)	√
Kirsty Grainger	√	Mike Haynes	√	Tom DeBoer	√
Jim Baggs		DaVonna Johnson		Craig Smith	
Kalyana Kakani		Emeka Anyanwu	√	Michelle Vargo	√
Julie Moore	√	Chris Ruffini	√	Maura Brueger	√
Greg Shiring	√	Carsten Croff	√	Leigh Barreca	√
Eric McConaghy	√	Toby Thaler	√	Angela Bertrand	√
Tim Skeel (Panel appointment pending)	√	Chris Tantoco	√	Josh Walter	√
Jenny Levesque	√	Julien Loh (guest)	√	Colleen Lenahansen	√

Welcome\Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Standing Items:

Review Agenda. Karen Reed reviewed the agenda. There are two items in the packet that we will not be discussing today but are included for information: the Electrification Strategic Technology updated and the 2021 Executive Team work plan relating to Strategic Plan Priorities.

Approval of April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chair’s Report. No report.

Communications to Panel Leigh Barreca shared that there were no communiques to the Panel.

Panel Member Recruitment. Maura Brueger provided an update on the 3 vacancies. The appointment packet for the Economist has been forwarded from the Mayor’s office to the City Clerk. Waiting for applications for Residential and Franchise City Appointments.

The General Managers’ update was deferred until later in the agenda.



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2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan.

Outreach Report– Jenny Levesque & Colleen Lenahansen presented. Presentation materials included in member packets.

Q: Did the themes change after you met with 60+ more people this morning?

A: What we heard this morning aligned with the prior conversations with other stakeholders in the business community such as BOMA and Seattle 2030 with concerns around the cost for electrification.

Q: I am wondering what you heard around electrification. Can you say more about costs in the business community as well as where you heard pathways to green jobs? Are they worried the incentives will cause rate increases?

A: As I understand it, we cannot currently offer incentives for electrifying current buildings. This is something the business community has expressed interest in. They signaled they may be okay with a modest rate increase if that would help SCL prepare for greater building electrification. Concerning green jobs, they support the City and region becoming greener, but they do not want this to come at the expense of underserved communities, AKA Greenwashing. They want to be sure all customers are being served equitably.

C: A lot of the comments from key customers today had a more technical bent. Their concerns were around our need to modernize our grid infrastructure.

Final Draft Strategic Plan – Leigh Barreca shared that the Strategic Plan is with the graphic designer and most of the text is set. Only factual errors can be changed at this time. Thank you to everyone who provided edits. The final, designed Plan will be shared at the next meeting. There is ongoing conversation internal to City Light regarding what attachments will be included with the Plan.

Review Panel letter - Karen Reed reviewed the first part of a draft Review Panel letter, based on Panel input at the last meeting and subsequent input from Leon Garnett and Mikel Hanson. The letter will accompany the strategic plan when it is transmitted to the Mayor's office and City Council. Materials are in member packets. The Panel provided additional input and edits to the draft letter.

General Manager's update.

Debra Smith presented.

- Bonneville rates are usually released in July and can impact our rates. The current rate path assumed a negative passthrough, arriving at the 3.9% increase for 2022 which is included in the Strategic Plan. We now have far more certainty about the actual passthrough effect. We will likely have a net 2% passthrough, making a net increase 1.5-1.9% for rates next year. We are very pleased with this outcome.
- We will start negotiating our preference power contract with Bonneville in the next year or so.



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- As of last Friday, we reached a tentative agreement with IBEW 77. These are our linemen and other high voltage works (approximately 500 employees). The vote will occur as early as May 10th. We worked closely with Labor Relations and CBO to make this happen. We have been struggling to keep up with rates in the region. For example, SNOPUD had a sizable salary increase and we are chasing that. This increase was factored into our 2-year rate action. The IBEW contract is for 2 years.

Regional issues update. - Maura Brueger, Josh Walter, and Debra Smith presented. The presentation is in member packets.

Q: Following the analysis for the "8th Plan", I would like the utility to discuss how that affects their energy efficiency analysis. [The 8th Plan refers to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council 2021 plan.]

A: SCL will bring someone in to present on that.

C: A carbon legislation presentation would also be interesting.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Next meeting: May 12, 2021