



Board Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2022

The Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA) met on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Geneva Public Works, 1800 South Street, Geneva, Illinois.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Holm called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Present at the meeting:

Rich Babica, City of Geneva	Gary Holm, City of Batavia
Aaron Holton, City of Geneva	Steve Allen, City of Batavia

Present via teleconference:

Richard Heinemann, General Counsel	Joe Fulliero, Avant Energy
David Niles, Avant Energy	Jeff Fiegenschuh, City of Rochelle
Noah Hansen, Avant Energy	
Rahat Bari, City of Batavia	

2. Approval of Regular Session Meeting Minutes from June 23 and July 28, 2022:

MOTION:	To present for approval the regular session meeting minutes of October 27, 2022.
MAKER:	Aaron Holton
SECOND:	Jeff Fiegenschuh
ROLL CALL:	All in favor-Aye The Motion Passed.

3. Administrative Report:

a. Monthly Financials (September and October, 2022)

Mr. Niles reviewed the financials of September, 2022 with the NIMPA board members. NIMPA's rate to members was \$27.155 per MWh better than budget for September. Primarily resulting timing on the unit 2 planned outage, offset somewhat by higher fuel expenses also due to timing of the outage.

Mr. Niles reviewed the financials of October, 2022 with the NIMPA board members. NIMPA's rate to members was \$28.32 per MWh higher than budget for October. Again, primarily resulting from the timing of the unit 2 planned outage, resulting in higher maintenance and replacement power cost compared to budget.

b. Credit Facility / LOC Status Update

Mr. Niles reported on the status of NIMPA's credit facility and Letter of Credit. At the end of October, NIMPA maintained its Credit Facility of \$15 million with PNC Bank and a \$2.5 million Letter of Credit with PJM, leaving \$12.5 million of the Credit Facility unused.

c. Year-to-Date Budget, ECA and Capital Reserve Fund Status Update

Mr. Niles stated the ECA payable to members increase by \$211,000 in September. This was a result of the change in timing for the unit 2 outage compared to budget, resulting in ECA remaining higher for September versus budget.

Mr. Niles stated the ECA payable to members decreased by \$3.35 million in October. This was a result of the change in timing for the unit 2 outage compared to budget and spending versus budget.

Mr. Niles reported on the year-to-date budget performance and ECA funds with June ending with an ECA balance of approximately \$276,000. Mr. Niles noted the balance is lower than it has been in a few years, but NIMPA has used ECA funds earlier in the year to offset higher overall prices due to congestion and higher LMP prices as well as the expected spending on the unit planned outages.

Mr. Niles continued with a review of the Capital Reserve Fund. NIMPA's capital adder funds ended in October at an approximate balance of \$11.1 million. This represents more than four years of NIMPA's share of projected capital costs based on PSGC's projected capital expenditures for the next 5 years.

d. Investment Report

Mr. Niles reviewed the cash and investment report with the NIMPA board members. NIMPA's total cash and investments was at a total of \$78 million; with a total of \$49.1 million related to debt service reserves and debt service. NIMPA's operating account ended in June at \$11 million.

A discussion followed regarding ECA balances. President Holm asked if the members would see a higher bill due to a negative ECA balance. Mr. Niles responded that the power bills would remain the same until the board took action to raise rates to build up the ECA. Per the budget, the ECA should start building through the rest of the fiscal year.

MOTION: To approve the monthly financials of September and October 2022 as presented.
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Aaron Holton
ROLL CALL: All in favor-Aye
The Motion Passed.

e. Monthly Management/Operations Report – September and October, 2022

Mr. Hansen provided a review of the September and October 2022 monthly management report with the NIMPA board members. Mr. Hanson reviewed the PJM & MISO market activities for the month.

Mr. Hansen continued with a review of PSGC plant performance for the month. During the month of September, PSGC had 70,786 MWh of generation for \$5,292,881 in revenue in PJM. For October the plant generated 37,932 MWh of generation with \$1,959,127 in revenue.

Both units had several extended outages throughout the month of September for various issues. Unit 2 began its planned outage late in the evening on September 30. Unit 1 started a 10 day planned outage concurrent with Unit 2 on October 27. Overall, PSGC had one unit on outage effectively for about 10.61 days this month of September and 35.28 days for month of October.

Overall plant capacity factor for September was 80%, for the month of October was about 42% due to the outages.

Mr. Hansen continued reporting NIMPA's member deliveries for the month of September were about \$6.1 million. NIMPA's FTRs had a loss of \$136,000 for the month of September. Overall, PJM had an ISO cost of about \$828,000 for the month of September on the PJM side, \$75,000 favorable to budget primarily due to the timing of the planned outage timing.

Mr. Hansen continued reporting MISO congestion costs for September 2022. Congestion resulted in \$196,000 of revenue for NIMPA. The loss costs were \$194,000 which is \$145,000 unfavorable as compared to budget. Adding everything on the MISO side, NIMPA had an overall revenue for the month of \$611,000 which is \$680,000 favorable relative to budget. The ISOs, PJM and MISO total is a favorable variance to budget of \$753,000 for the month of September. That favorable variance is due to the timing of the unit planned outage timing.

Mr. Hansen continued reporting NIMPA's member deliveries for the month of October were about \$4.2 million. NIMPA's FTRs had a loss of \$443,000 for the month of October. Overall, PJM had an ISO cost of about \$2,515,000 for the month of October on the PJM side, 1,800,000 unfavorable to budget due to the planned unit outage timing.

Mr. Hansen continued reporting MISO congestion costs for October 2022. Congestion resulted in \$118,000 of revenue for NIMPA but loss costs came in above budgeted levels. The loss costs were \$62,000 which is \$18,000 unfavorable as compared to budget. Adding everything on the MISO side, NIMPA had an overall revenue for the month of \$719,000 which is \$800,000 favorable relative to budget. The ISOs, PJM and MISO total is an unfavorable variance to budget of \$921,000 for the month of October. That unfavorable variance is due to the planned unit outage due to timing versus the budget.

Mr. Hansen presented a review of the variance reports for the month ending October 2022 actual vs budget. In summarizing the overall performance, October ended with an unfavorable variance compared to budget. This unfavorable variance is primarily due to PSGC generating much less than budget and the associated FTRs being based on full generation.

Mr. Hansen reviewed the variance report for year to date. Mr. Hansen explained through the first 10 months of 2022, NIMPA has an overall unfavorable variance to budget of \$2.6 million due to higher LMP prices and reduced generation MWh.

President Holm asked a question regarding ARR revenues being high year to date and if we anticipate ARRs to return to normal or remain elevated. Mr. Hansen responded that ARR revenues are largely determined by market activities, but he anticipates some reduction in ARR revenue.

f. General Counsel Update

Mr. Heinemann reported that a notice of oral arguments has been received for the BAB litigation. Oral arguments are scheduled January 12, 2023.

A discussion was had regarding how NIMPA conducts meetings, in particular whether NIMPA is required to provide the public with a dial in number and whether board members can attend remotely. It is NIMPA policy to have two board members present at meetings. Mr. Heinemann commented that there is no requirement to provide a remote option for the public barring a natural disaster. NIMPA can continue to offer a virtual or remote option for the public but it is not a requirement. At this time, NIMPA does not plan to change its practice.

4. Approval of 2023 NIMPA Meeting Schedule

President Holm presented a draft meeting schedule. Meeting will continue to be held on Thursdays at 10:00 am on the days of the provided schedule.

MOTION: To approve the 2023 NIMPA Meeting Schedule
MAKE: Gary Holm
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
ROLL CALL: All in favor – Aye
The Motion Passed

5. Executive Session: (Consideration of contracts for sale, purchase or delivery of electricity) (Prairie State Project)

MOTION: To move into Executive Session 2:08 p.m.
MAKER: Aaron Holton
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
ROLL CALL: All in favor-Aye
The Motion Passed.

Regular Session returned at 2:58 p.m.

6. Action Items from Executive Session:

MOTION: To release and make public Executive Committee meeting minutes from June 23, 2022.
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Aaron Holton
ROLL CALL: All in favor – Aye
The Motion Passed

7. Old Business: President Holm indicated he would be executing document for auditing service with Forvis the following business day.

8. New Business: None

9. Comments: *a. Board* - None

b. Public - None

10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

MAKER:	Gary Holm
SECOND:	Aaron Holton
ROLL CALL:	All in favor-Aye The Motion Passed.

Minutes submitted by: Aaron Holton