



Board Meeting October 17, 2024

The Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA) held a Board Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at RMU Technology Center, 910 Technology Parkway, Rochelle, Illinois.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Holm called the meeting to order at 10:32am

NIMPA Members present at the meeting:

Gary Holm, City of Batavia
Jeff Fiegenschuh, City of Rochelle
Aaron Holton, City of Geneva

Other Attendees

Rahat Bari, City of Batavia
Blake Toliver, City of Rochelle

Present via teleconference:

Richard Heinemann, General Counsel
David Niles, Avant Energy
Noah Hansen, Avant Energy
Joe Fulliero, Avant Energy
Steve Allen, City of Geneva
Elizabeth Zrelak, Administrative Support

2. Approval of Regular Session NIMPA Meeting Minutes from September 19 & September 30, 2024

MOTION: To approve the general session NIMPA meeting minutes
from September 19 & September 30, 2024

MAKER: Gary Holm

SECOND: Aaron Holton

AYES: 3 (Holm, Holton, Fiegenschuh)

NAYS: 0

The motion passed

3. Financial Report – Review of July Financials 2024:

- a. Mr. Niles indicated that NIMPA's rate to members was \$6.76/MWh, lower than budgeted for August due to lower than budgeted purchase power and transmission expense and higher than budgeted interest income, partially offset by higher than budgeted production costs.
- b. At the end of August, NIMPA had a \$15M credit facility with PNC Bank, a \$2.5M letter of credit with PJM, and \$12.5M of the credit facility, which remains unused.
- c. The ECA payable to members increased by \$508,000 in August due to a combination of a budgeted ECA increase of \$413,000, lower cost than budget of \$603,000, and the return of \$508,000 of ECA funds to members. At the end of August, the ECA balance was \$12.7M. Expected to liquidate \$3.5M in the fall outage process.
- d. Capital Adder Fund:

NIMPA's Capital Adder Fund had a balance of approximately \$10.7M at the end of August. The fund balance continues to represent more than four years of NIMPA's share of projected capital costs based on Prairie State's projected capital expenditures over the next five years.

e. Cash Investment Report:

NIMPA has a total of \$87.3M of cash and investments of which \$47.9M is related to debt service reserves and debt service. NIMPA's operating account balance was \$16.1M at the end of August.

MOTION: To approve the monthly financials from August 2024
MAKER: Aaron Holton
SECOND: Gary Holm
AYES: 3 (Holton, Holm, Fiegenschuh)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

4. 2025 NIMPA Budget Approval

Mr. Niles reviewed the previously proposed and discussed 2025 NIMPA Budget with comparisons to NIMPA's 2024 budget, indicating good news.

MOTION: To approve the 2025 NIMPA Budget
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Aaron Holton
AYES: 3 (Fiegenschuh, Holton, Holm)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

5. Management and Operations Reports for August 2024 and YTD Summaries

Mr. Hansen reviewed the August operations reports. For August results, NIMPA's share of Prairie State generated 89,585 MWh for the month for approximately \$2,565,000 in revenue in PJM. Prairie State also generated 129 MWh in MISO for the month for NIMPA to cover station service for a small revenue in MISO. Prairie State had strong generation performance in August with a number of short derates for deslagging issues.

Overall capacity factor for the plant for the month of August was approximately 97.2%. Total generation for the month of August, including PJM and MISO at Prairie State, was greater than, or favorable to budget, by 7,100 MWh, or 8.5 % greater than budget on a volume basis.

In August, NIMPA's delivery costs to members was approximately \$2.4M.

NIMPA's FTRs had a loss of \$56,000 for the month of August. Prairie State prices were higher than member city delivery points on average, which resulted in the FTR daily cost for the delivery path to the member cities. The average Prairie State price was approximately \$28.64/MWh of generation, compared to \$26.75/MWh for member deliveries, resulting in the FTR loss. Mr. Hansen indicated that the FTRs functioned as designed, and the loss is offset through higher generation revenues, relative to the agency's deliveries to members.

ISO Miscellaneous Charges were \$5,200.

RPM Auction revenues were \$105,000 for August.

Overall, NIMPA had a PJM ISO revenue of \$222,700 for the month of August, \$427,000 favorable compared to budget, which assumed a PJM ISO cost of \$204,000. This favorable variance to budget is primarily due to greater than budgeted Prairie State production, stronger Prairie State prices relative to member deliveries, and overall lower energy prices, which benefit NIMPA, as delivery to members are greater than the MWh generated by Prairie State.

MISO congestion costs in August were a revenue of \$30,500, which is \$27,000 favorable to budget.

Loss costs were at cost to NIMPA of \$55,600, which is \$110,000 favorable compared to budget.

ARRs – Revenue of \$47,700.

ISO miscellaneous costs were \$15,500.

MISO - NIMPA had an overall revenue for August of approximately \$10,300, which is approximately \$179,000 favorable to budget.

PJM and MISO – NIMPA had ISO revenue of \$233,000, a favorable variance to budget of approximately \$605,000 in total for the month of August, compared to the budgeted net cost of \$372,000, primarily attributable to strong Prairie State generation and lower congestion and loss costs.

YTD: Mr. Hansen highlighted the first eight months for 2024 YTD. YTD NIMPA has an overall favorable variance to budget of approximately \$2.9M. NIMPA has 8,200 MWh greater than budget in generation volume on the PJM side, and approximately 2,400 hours greater on the MISO side, for a total generation volume of approximately 10,600 MWh greater than budget for the first eight months, which is approximately 1.6% greater than budget YTD.

According to Prairie State, the EFOR is approximately 7.07% through August 2024, compared to the budget assumption of 8.5%. NIMPA has an unfavorable variance in generation resource revenues of \$5.1M, as LMPs were less than budget, given the mild winter conditions and lower natural gas and energy prices. Overall YTD prices at Prairie State are averaging \$27.84/MWh of generation compared to the budgeted amount of \$36.27/MWh. Delivery costs to members are lower as a result of lower energy prices, favorable to budget by \$8.2M, \$11.70/MWh less than budgeted MWh of delivered energy to members. FTRs have been unfavorable to budget by \$1.4M for 2024 but have performed as designed and aligned Prairie State generation revenues with the member delivery nodal prices. RPM auction revenues are \$93,000 less than budget, due to the performance assessment trips that occurred earlier this year on the bonus payments. Overall, PJM ISO activities have had an overall favorable variance to budget of \$1.5M. MISO congestion costs are coming in under budget YTD by approximately \$815,000. Loss costs are coming in under budget and have a favorable variance of \$394,000. Overall, MISO activities have a favorable variance to budget of approximately \$1.365M, resulting in a total favorable variance to NIMPA of approximately \$2.9M YTD through August 2024.

6. General Counsel Update

Attorney Heinemann indicated that he had no updates.

7. Motion to approve 2025 NIMPA Meeting Schedule

Mr. Niles drafted a proposed 2025 NIMPA meeting schedule. Monthly on Thursdays at 10:30am.

MAKER: Gary Holm
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 (Holm, Holton, Fiegenschuh)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

8. Executive Session

MOTION: To move into Executive Session for the purpose of Discussion of contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity from the Prairie State Project; Litigation related to the Prairie State Generating Company @ 10:51am

MAKER: Aaron Holton
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 (Holm, Holton, Fiegenschuh)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

Return to Regular Session at 11:38am

9. Action Items from Executive Session: None

10. Old Business:

Mr. Fiegenschuh suggested the meetings that Rochelle hosts be held at Rochelle City Hall. All agree.

Mr. Fiegenschuh asked Mr. Niles about a request from Citizen's Utility Board (CUB) regarding a scorecard and the grading of municipal websites. Mr. Holm and Mr. Holton are also looking into the scorecard at the municipal level. Mr. Holm indicated that he would share the scorecard, but at the NIMPA level, as a single project-based agency, many of the requirements on the scorecard are not applicable, currently. A discussion ensued. Attorney Heinemann requested review of the scorecard.

11. New Business:

Batavia City Council will pass a resolution on Monday, October 21, 2024, stating that Mr. Rahat Bari will take over as NIMPA's representative and that Mr. Steve Allen will have responsibilities as NIMPA's Alternate. Mr. Niles or Attorney Heinemann will issue a formal letter to Prairie State to inform them of NIMPA's new board representative and alternate in Batavia. Mr. Niles will update the website accordingly.

12. NIMPA 2025 Officer Elections

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Aaron Holton as NIMPA's 2025 President
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Gary Holm
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Jeff Fiegenschuh as NIMPA's 2025 Vice President
MAKER: Gary Holm
SECOND: Aaron Holton
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Gary Holm, or any successor to him, as NIMPA's
2025 Secretary
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Aaron Holton
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

MOTION: To appoint Mr. Aaron Holton and Mr. Jeff Fiegenschuh as the
Prairie State Management Representative and Alternate,
respectively
MAKER: Gary Holm
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

13. Comments: Mr. Holton and the NIMPA Board thank Mr. Holm for his service, as President of NIMPA.

14. Motion to adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the NIMPA October 2024 Board Meeting @ 11:58am
MAKER: Gary Holm
SECOND: Aaron Holton
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Zrelak