



Board Meeting May 15, 2025

The Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA) held a Board Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:30am, at the City Hall Conference Center at 420 North 6th Street in Rochelle, IL.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Holton called the meeting to order at 10:31am

NIMPA Members present at the meeting:

Aaron Holton, City of Geneva
Jeff Fiegenschuh, City of Rochelle
Rahat Bari, City of Batavia
Steve Allen, City of Batavia

Present via teleconference:

Jared Smith, General Counsel
David Niles, Avant Energy
Noah Hansen, Avant Energy
Eric Smith, Avant Energy
Chad Kustermann, Avant Energy
Joe Fulliero, Avant Energy
Dominick Lanzito, Brentwood Consulting
Elizabeth Zrelak, Administrative Support
Member of the public

2. Approval of Regular Session NIMPA Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2025

MOTION: To approve the general session NIMPA meeting minutes from April 17, 2025

MAKER: Rahat Bari

SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh

AYES: 3 (Bari, Fiegenschuh, Holton)

NAYS: 0

The motion passed

3. Brentwood Consulting, LLC Update

Attorney Lanzito indicated that it is a busy regulatory environment, and he has been working with and educating legislators:

- a. The omnibus bill before Senator Cunningham added a co-sponsor as of May 15, 2025. The deadline for the third reading has been extended to May 23, 2025. Municipal issues are currently a lower priority on the state's legislative agenda, partly due to budget concerns.
- b. Representative Janet Yang Rorh's co-sponsoring of a Transparency Act Bill includes the potential narrowing of exemptions for municipal electric utilities in executive sessions to strategically plan long term contracts privately.
- c. Prior solar credit legislation from Representative Didech may be attached to an omnibus bill.
- d. Proposed regulations for large data centers (50MW+) may be impactful, requiring centers to generate renewable energy within its service territories, which would deem cost prohibitive to do business in the state of Illinois. A discussion ensued between members regarding studies for

certification. Federal funding totaling close to one billion dollars has been discontinued, which has caused an annual deficit, more than anticipated.

- e. Solar, data centers, and renewable energy legislation and requirements were discussed.

Mr. Fiegenschuh forwarded an email to members from Stacy Wilson regarding water reclamation that will impact municipalities in DuPage County, per Attorney Lanzito. A discussion ensued regarding Integrated Resource Plans (IRP).

Mr. Fiegenschuh asked Mr. Holton about Geneva's power purchase bids with NextEra. Geneva recently extended their contract. A discussion ensued regarding individual municipalities' city councils and purchase power bidding.

Attorney Lanzito will update the board on key developments.

Attorney Lanzito exits the meeting

4. Financial Report – Review of March 2025 Financials

- a. Mr. Niles indicated that NIMPA's rate to members was \$0.02 /MWh, lower than budget for March. This small variance was the result of lower than budgeted production and maintenance costs and higher than budgeted interest income, partially offset by lower than budgeted fuel and purchase power costs.
- b. At the end of March, NIMPA had a \$15M credit facility with PNC Bank and maintains a \$2.5M letter of credit with PJM under that facility regarding TR type transactions, with a remaining \$12.5M of the credit facility unused.
- c. The ECA payable to members decreased by \$255,000 in March due to a combination of a budgeted decrease of \$257,000 and lower cost than budget of \$1,000. At the end of March, the ECA balance was \$8.4M.
- d. Capital Adder Fund:
Capital Adder Fund had a balance of approximately \$11.1M at the end of March. 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 \$77.7M of cash and investments, of which \$41.4M is related to debt service reserves and debt service. NIMPA's operating account balance was \$12M at the end of March.

MOTION: To approve NIMPA monthly financials from March 2025
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Rahat Bari
AYES: 3 (Fiegenschuh, Bari, Holton)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

5. Management and Operations Report: March 2025

Mr. Hansen reviewed the March 2025 operations results:

NIMPA's share of Prairie State generated 82,800 MWh for the month for approximately \$1.97M in revenue in PJM. Prairie State generated 106MWh to cover station service in MISO. NIMPA actively ramped down based on real-time LMP's during the month. NIMPA ramped 3,645MWh, which provided \$55,000 of additional value. Prairie State had a few, minor derates through March for pulverizer and coal feeder issues. Overall, capacity factor for the month was approximately 90%. Adjusting for MWh that were actively curtailed for economics, capacity factor would have been closer to 94%. According to PSGC, NIMPA's EFOR for March was 1.77%, a strong generation month for Prairie State. In comparison

to budget, Prairie State was greater than, or favorable to budget, by approximately 1,100 MWh or 1.4% on a volume basis.

In March, NIMPA's delivery costs to members was approximately \$2.16M.

NIMPA's FTRs had a margin of \$339,000 for the month of March. Prairie State prices were lower than the member city delivery points on average, which reversed the trend NIMPA saw earlier in the year, resulting in FTR daily revenues for delivery path to member cities. The FTRs functioned as designed.

The average Prairie State price was \$23.82/MWh of generation compared to \$24.30/MWh for the member deliveries.

ISO miscellaneous charges for the month of March at PJM were \$27,000.

RPM Auction revenues were \$105,000.

Overall, NIMPA had a PJM ISO revenue of \$278,500 for the month of March, which is \$272,000 favorable compared to budget, which assumed a PJM ISO cost of \$6,000. This favorable variance on the PJM side is due to lower member delivery costs and prices, as compared to budget, and favorable FTR performance, as compared to budget.

MISO congestion costs were a cost of \$370,000 for NIMPA in March, which is \$276,000 unfavorable compared to budget. April will continue with higher congestion costs but have flipped, as of the middle of April, to be more aligned.

Loss costs for the month of March were at cost to NIMPA of \$128,000, which is \$35,000 unfavorable compared to budget. The unfavorable variances and MISO congestion loss costs are due to higher than projected costs on a \$/MWh basis, which were applied to a greater amount of generation volume.

ARRs – Revenue for the month of March was \$17,000.

ISO miscellaneous charges for March were approximately \$19,000.

MISO – NIMPA had ISO cost for the month of March of \$498,000 in MISO, an unfavorable variance to budget of approximately \$307,000 in total for the month of March, due to the higher congestion and loss costs.

PJM and MISO - NIMPA had a total ISO cost for the month of March of \$220,000, unfavorable variance to budget of \$35,000, which had a budgeted net cost of \$185,000. The unfavorable variance for the month of March is primarily attributable to higher MISO congestion and loss costs are offset partially by better than budgeted FTP performance.

YTD: For the first three months of 2025, NIMPA has an overall unfavorable variance to budget of \$120,000. NIMPA has 9,700/MWh less than budget in generation volume on the PJM side, and 950/MWh greater on the MISO side, for a total generation volume of approximately 8,750/MWh less than budget, due to the low performance and outages that occurred in January, approximately 3.7% less volume than budget for the first three months of 2025.

The EFOR is approximately 8.7% through March 2025, according to Prairie State. NIMPA has a favorable variance in generation resource revenues of \$59,000, as LMPs have come in greater than budget on average for the first three months of the year. Delivery costs to members are favorable to budget by

\$350,000 due to the lower LMPs, reducing delivered energy cost to members. Overall, FTRs have been unfavorable to budget by \$670,000. RPM auction revenues are coming in as budgeted. Overall, PJM ISO activities have an overall unfavorable variance to budget of approximately \$201,000. On the MISO side congestion costs are \$59,000 under budget, a favorable variance to budget. Loss costs are coming in under budget by approximately \$5,000. Overall, MISO activities have a favorable variance to budget of approximately \$80,000. Combining these variances yields a net unfavorable variance of \$120,000 for NIMPA during the first three months of 2025.

In response to Mr. Bari's question regarding where in the financial statements (transaction line item) does capacity pricing and the purchasing of power appear, Mr. Niles shared his screen for the 2025 preliminary purchase power budget and educated members on the offset to NIMPA's purchase power expense, which include the sale of energy from Prairie State and revenue from PJM's capacity market. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Hanen reminded the group that new capacity prices begins in June 2025 with the new planning year.

6. General Counsel Update

Attorney Jared Smith indicated that he had no updates for open session.

7. Executive Session (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).

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 @ 11:03am
MAKER: Jeff Fiegenschuh
SECOND: Rahat Bari
ROLL CALL: AYES: 3 (Fiegenschuh, Bari, Holton)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

Return to Open Session at 11:36am

8. Action Items from Executive Session: None

9. Old Business:

a. ECA balance refund to members

Mr. Niles reviewed NIMPA's current ECA balance exceeding the \$3M target, determined by weighted risk analysis, by approximately \$5M,.

President Holton called for a motion to approve a \$5M ECA return to members from May – December 2025.

MOTION: To approve a \$5M ECA return to members from May – December 2025.
MAKER: Rahat Bari
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
AYES: 3 (Bari, Fiegenschuh, Holton)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

b. Avant Rate Project Proposal

The City of Batavia is undergoing an IRP, and as part of that process, Batavia requested that NIMPA provide numbers of future energy and capacity prices. All members agreed previously to create an IRP for all members. Avant will present rate projection scenarios at the June 2025 NIMPA meeting with a two month projected timeline to complete.

MOTION: To accept Avant's rate projection proposal, not to exceed \$50,000
MAKER: Aaron Holton
SECOND: Rahat Bari
AYES: 3 (Holton, Bari, Fiegenschuh)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

10. New Business:

Retail Rate Study – In 2024, NIMPA underwent a retail rate study comparing NIMPA participants to other Illinois municipalities & ComEd. Due to NIMPA members' own current cost of service studies being performed, a decision was made to table this conversation until July.

11. Comments: None

12. Motion to adjourn:

MOTION: To adjourn the NIMPA May 2025 Board Meeting @ 11:44am
MAKER: Rahat Bari
SECOND: Jeff Fiegenschuh
VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Zrelak