Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment *(Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.)*

New Business

1. Contract Extension Presentation by Mike Peters, President & CEO of WPPI Energy.
2. Discussion regarding Pavilion Noise Concerns and Potential Solutions.
3. Discussion regarding Recreation Program Fee Policy.
4. Discussion regarding the proposal from the Columbus Chamber Choir.
5. Discussion concerning the request of a citizen for a Flock camera policy.

Adjourn

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

COLUMBUS AND WPPI ENERGY

AUGUST 18, 2026

Mike Peters
President & CEO

Item #1.

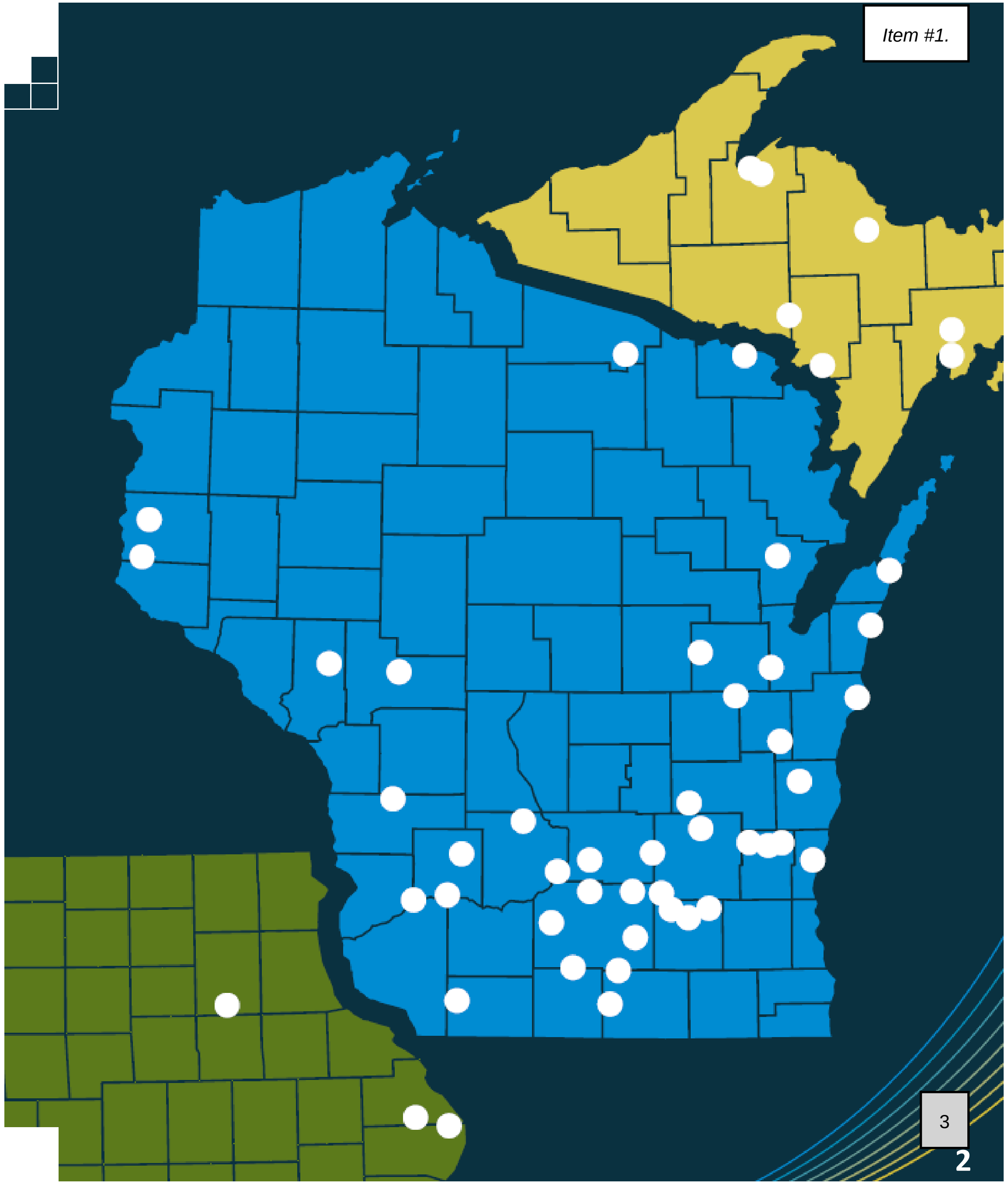
COLUMBUS UTILITIES

SHARED STRENGTH THROUGH WPPI ENERGY

FOUNDING WPPI MEMBER-OWNER SINCE 1980

- Safe, reliable electric service
- Competitive rates
- Local control

WPPI members work together to **preserve** and **enhance** this local value for the long term.



THE PUBLIC POWER ADVANTAGE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

LOCAL CONTROL + **AFFORDABLE RATES** + **STRONG RELIABILITY**

MISSION

To help member utilities accomplish more by working together for reliable, affordable, responsible electricity, forward-thinking services and effective advocacy.

VISION

WPPI Energy members will set the standard for locally owned utilities working together to help their communities thrive.

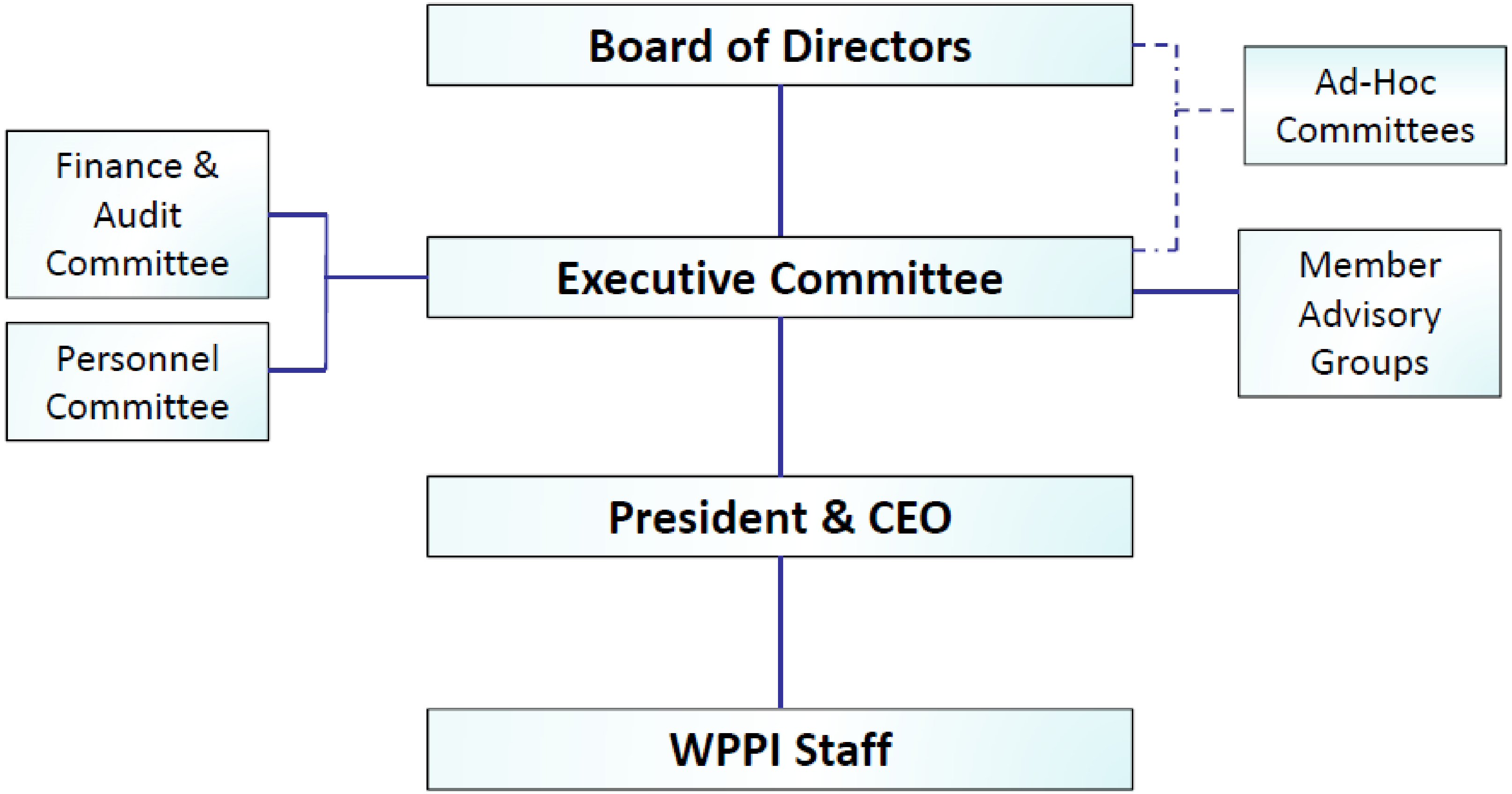
HOW WPPI SUPPORTS YOU

POWER SUPPLY + PROGRAMS & SERVICES + POLICY ADVOCACY

BY THE NUMBERS

- Formed in 1980
- 51 members, 3 states
  - ➢ Take and pay, all-requirements contracts through 2055
- 225,000+ member customers
- 120 employees
- Peak demand: 1,061 megawatts (2023)
- Total assets: $764 million (2025)
- Annual budget: $537 million (2026)

MEMBER-OWNED, MEMBER-GOVERNED



MEMBER FEEDBACK SURVEY (2025)

- 97% overall satisfaction with high performance in three business functions:
  - 95% Power supply
  - 97% Advocacy
  - 91% Support Services
- Programs and services ratings range from 89% - 98%
- Net Promoter Score – 78 (Exceeding industry standards with strong loyalty across all segments)

MEMBER-DRIVEN BUSINESS PLAN

- Last year of plan that directs WPPI's work on behalf of 51 members
- Assumptions relate to
  - ➢ Industry issues
  - ➢ Member priorities, concerns
- Top 2026 initiatives
  - ➢ Maintain strong member satisfaction and engagement
  - ➢ Develop 2027-2029 business plan
  - ➢ Evaluate transmission ownership options and financing options that would improve wholesale costs long term
  - ➢ Member contract extension

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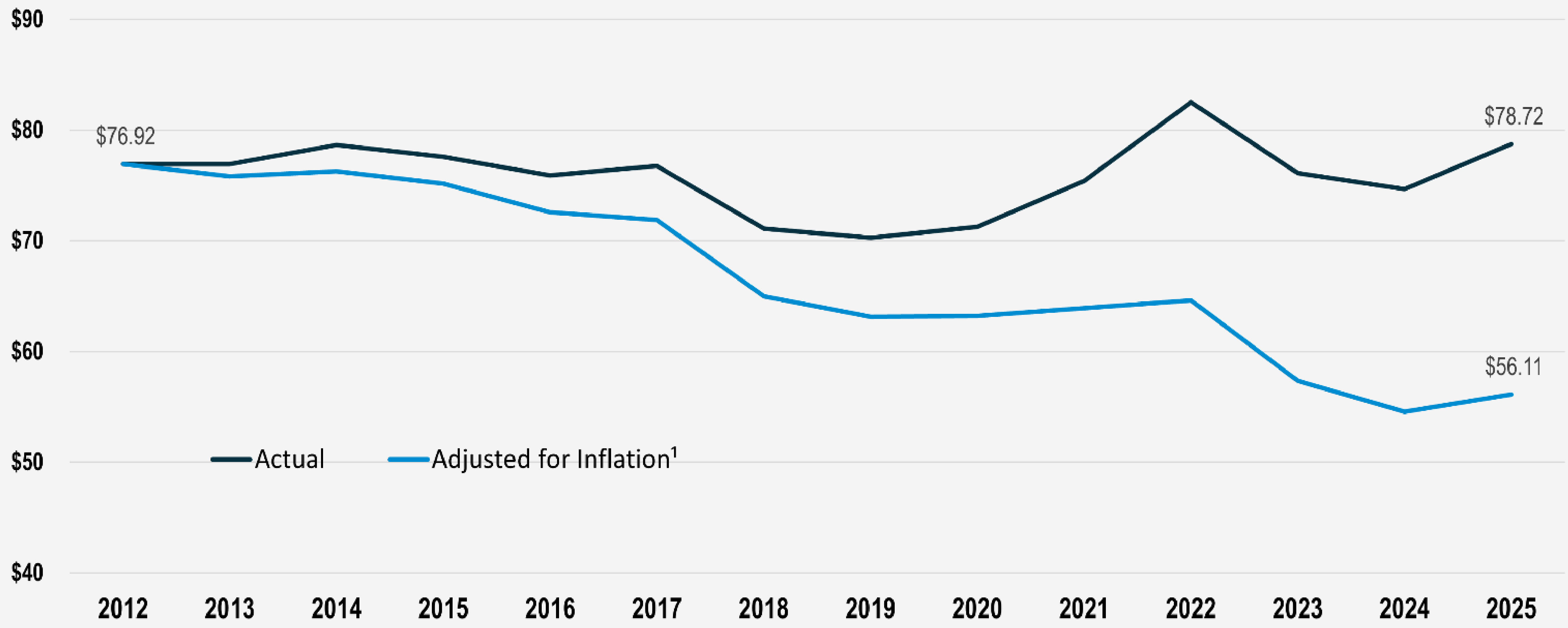
WPPI AVERAGE WHOLESALE POWER COST TO MEMBERS

($/MWh)



[1] Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U, base year 2012.

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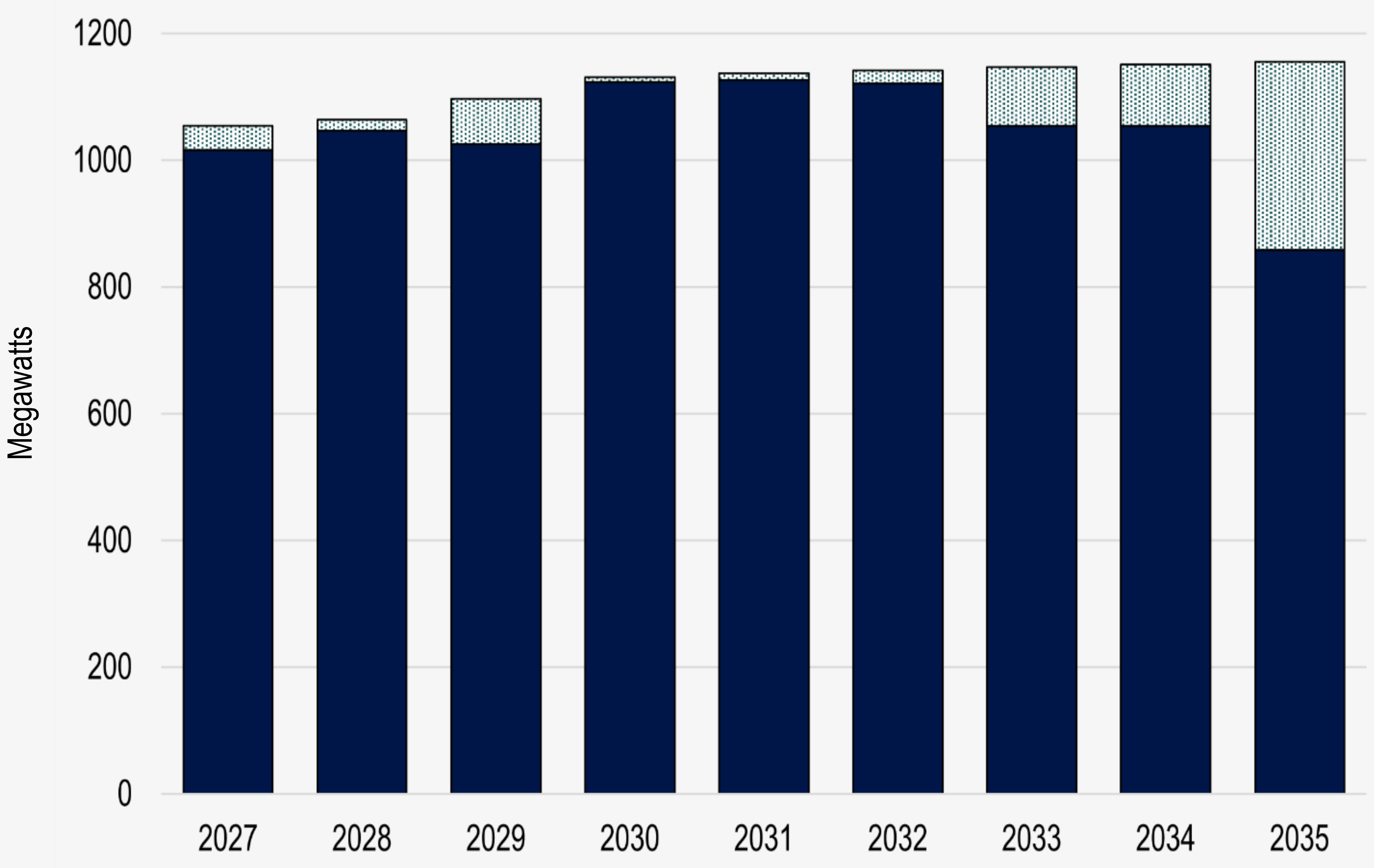
WPPI MEMBER UTILITY COMPETITIVENESS

The Long-Term Power Supply Agreement

PROJECTED CAPACITY NEEDS



Subject to changes in load and power supply portfolio

ATC VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL CAPITAL CALLS

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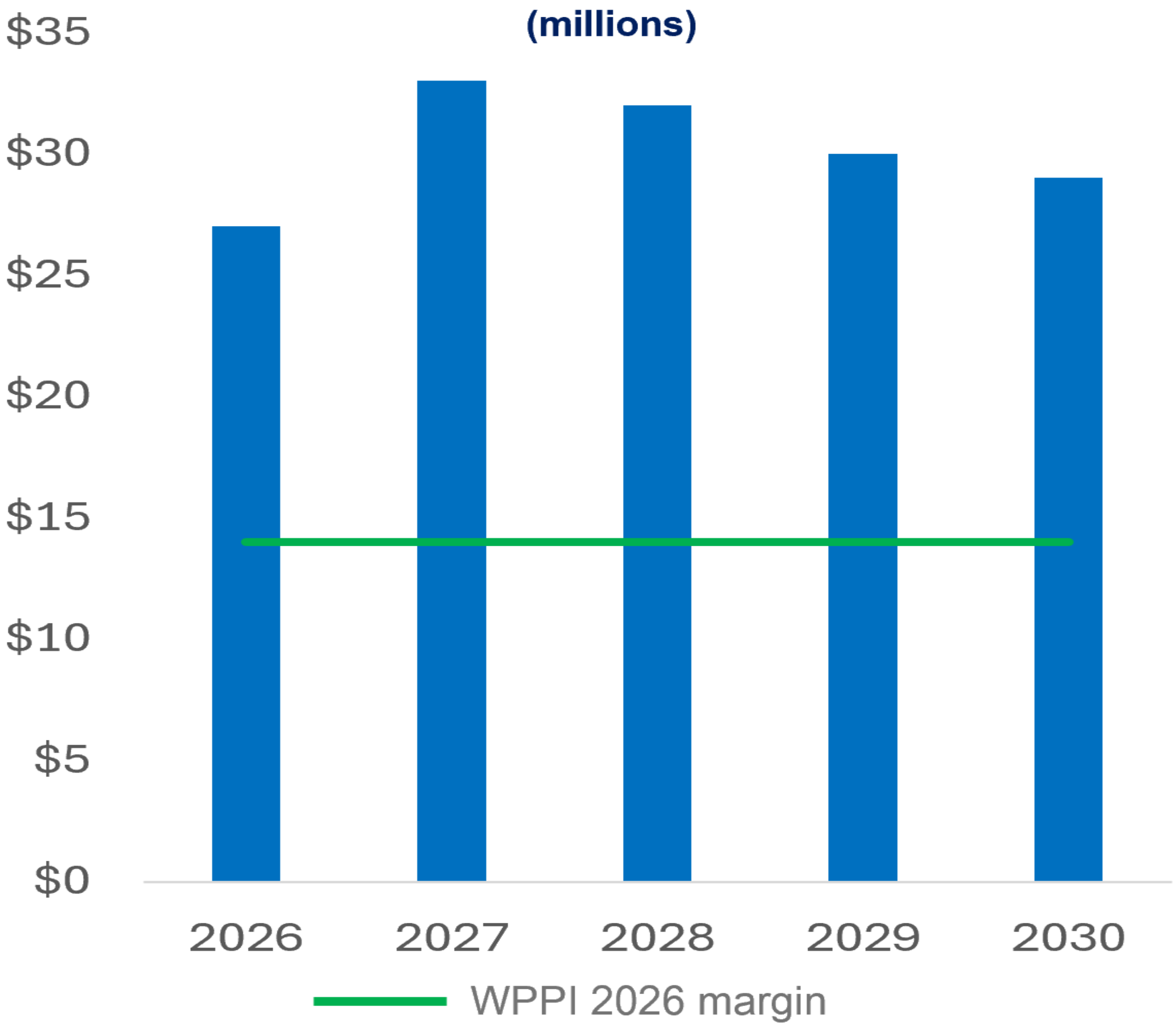

A LEGACY OF LONG-TERM PLANNING

1989

35-year agreements to 2024

- First owned plant • Coal 114 Megawatts (MW)
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2002

13-year extension to 2037

- Owned gas plant • 52 MW
- Wind contracts • 162 MW
- Owned coal plant • 106 MW
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- Contract • Gas plant • 90 MW
- Owned • High-voltage transmission project

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18-year extension to 2055

- Owned • High-voltage transmission project
- Wind contract • 132 MW
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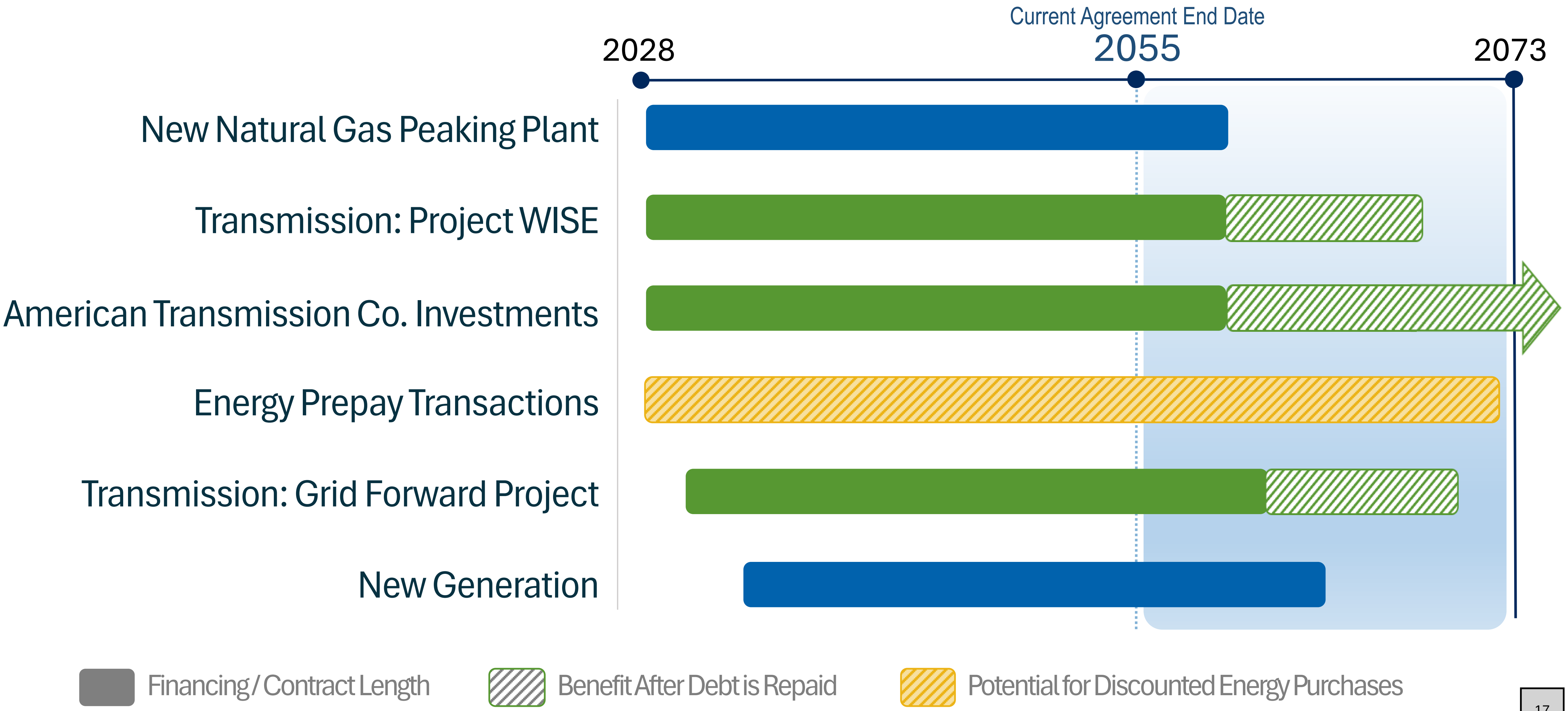
WHY EXTEND NOW?



KEY NEAR-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

Natural Gas Peaking Units

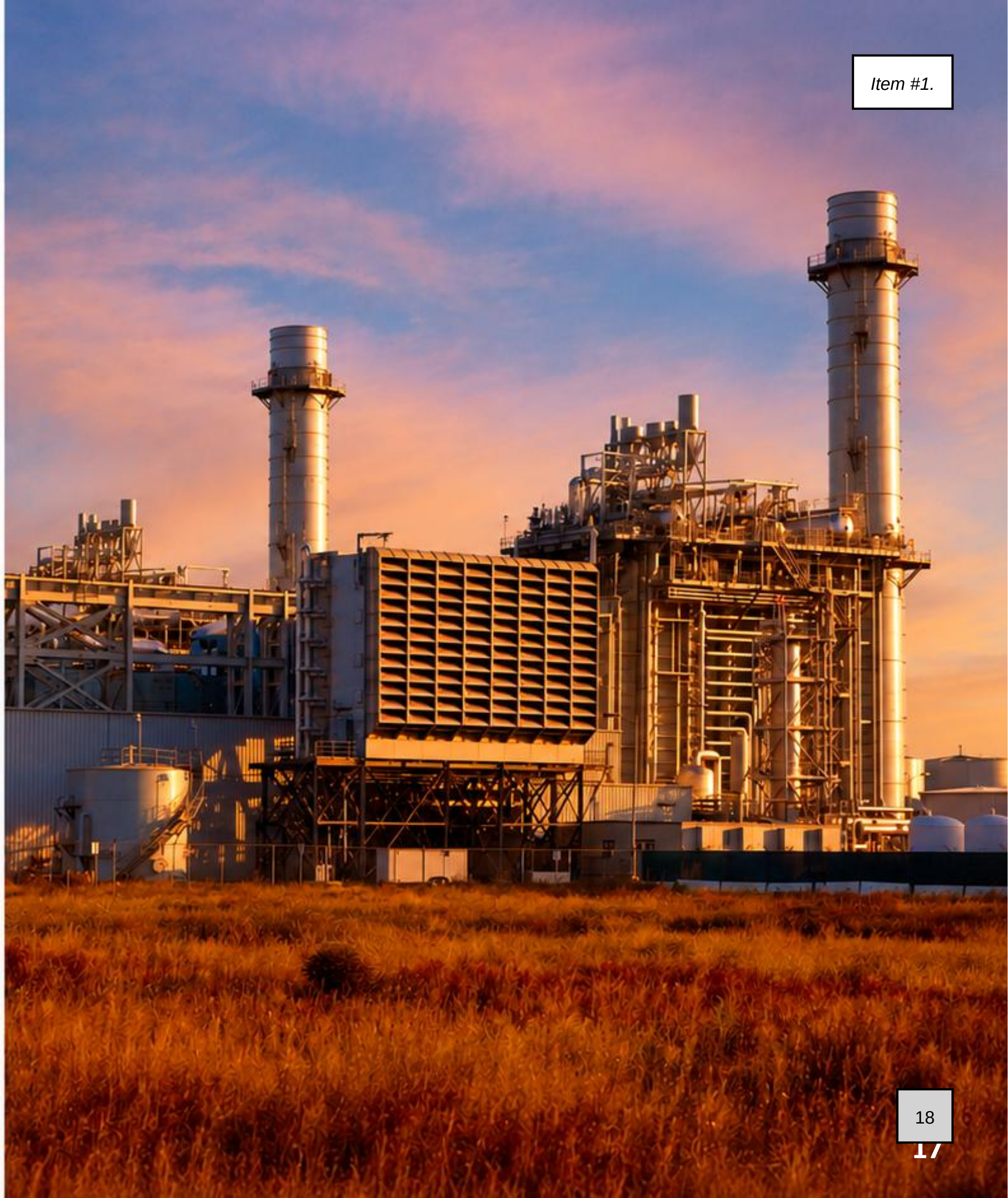
Funding for new natural gas peaking units to meet peak demand

Energy Prepay Transaction

Planned energy prepay transaction for cost savings

Transmission Investments

New investments including Grid Forward and Project WISE



WHAT THE EXTENSION DOES

Blended Wholesale Rate

Maintains the shared wholesale rate structure benefitting all members

Member Equity

Preserves member equity and shared long-term approach

Shared Long-Term Model

Supports continued long-term resource planning for member utilities

18

Year Extension

Contract end date moves from 2055 to 2073

CURRENT EXTENSION TIMING

APRIL 2026	Introduced to the WPPI Board of Directors the need to extend long-term power supply contracts.
APRIL – MAY	Discussed process and timeline at business plan input meetings and regional dinners.
MAY – JULY	CEO memorandum distributed outlining the proposed contract extension, rationale and approval process. **By mid-July**, members receive legal documents and amendment packages. Local approvals begin.
SEPTEMBER	Status update to the Board; recognize members with completed approvals and documents. Board provides necessary approvals for adoption.
DECEMBER	Target date (December 31, 2026) for members to complete local approvals.
FEBRUARY 2027	Final deadline (February 26, 2027).

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

mpeters@wppienergy.org

Contract Extension

Information for WPPI Energy Member Governing Bodies

Your locally owned, not-for-profit electric utility delivers significant local value. To help preserve and enhance that value for the long term, member-owned, not-for-profit WPPI Energy stands behind your community with competitive wholesale power, forward-thinking services and effective advocacy.

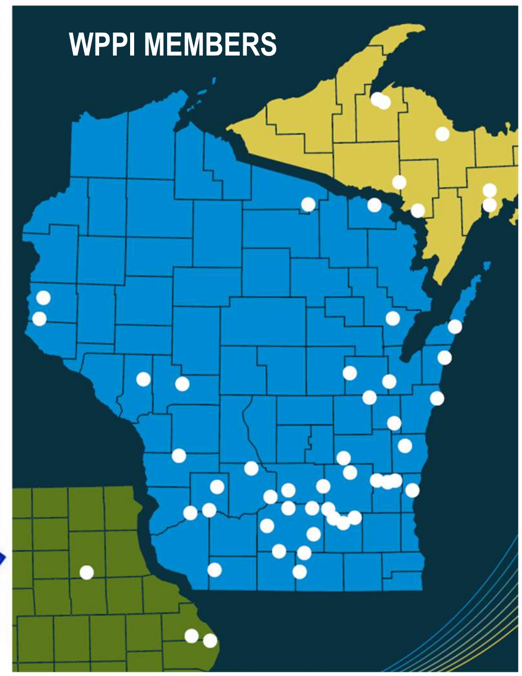
Long-Term Utility Success

Your WPPI wholesale power agreement is key to how your utility delivers reliable electric service, competitive costs and local control.

YOUR UTILITY

- Safe, reliable power
- Competitive rates
- Local decision-making

Members work together to help their communities thrive.



A Legacy of Long-Term Planning

Over decades, members have made long-term commitments, extending their contracts as needs evolved. Their decisions built the diverse resources that power your community today.

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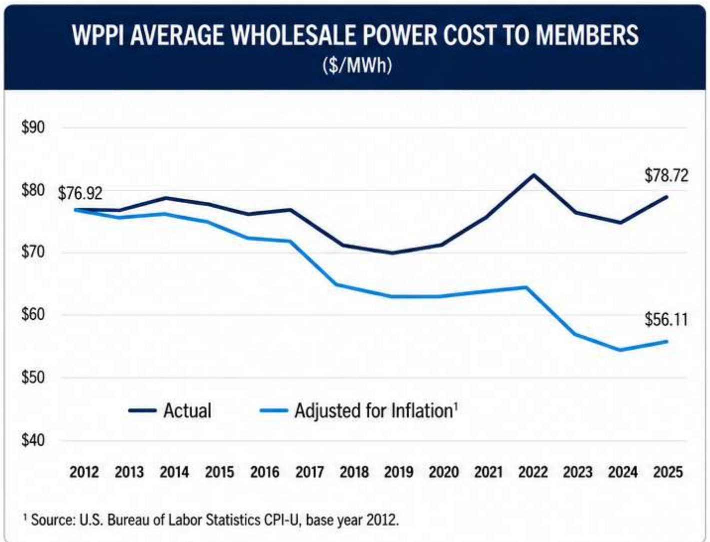
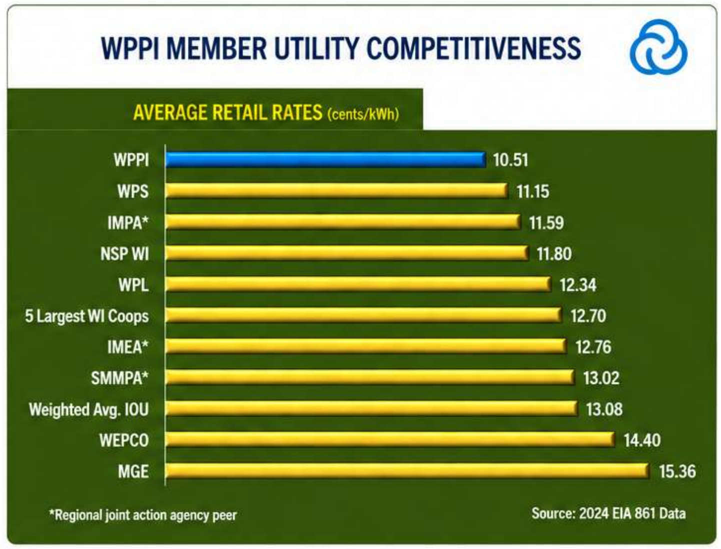
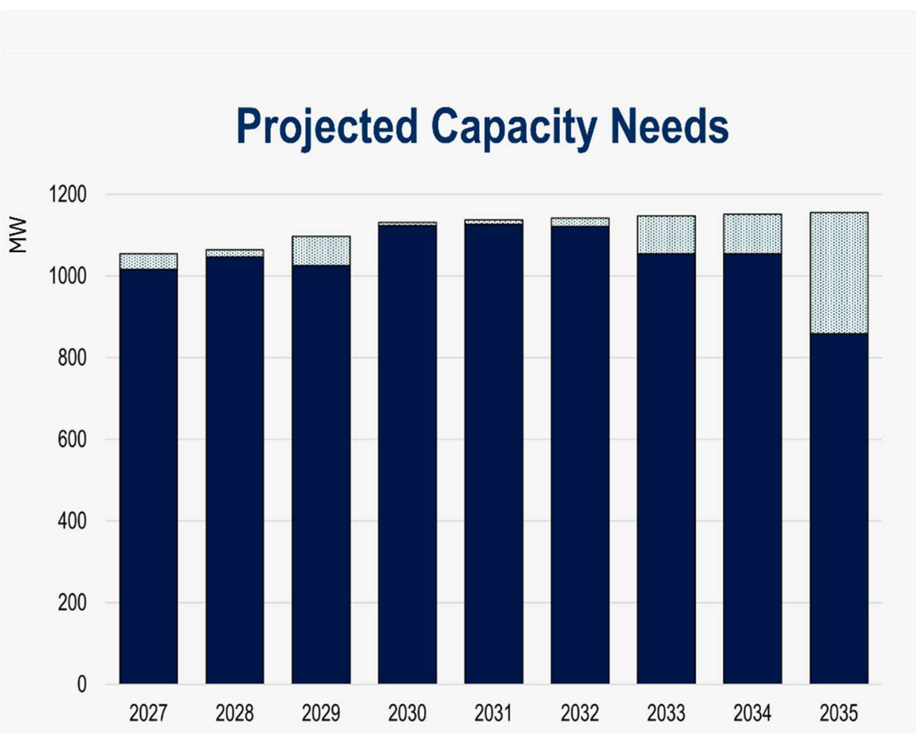
Long-Term Decisions. Strong Results.

WPPI is the low-cost leader for powering local communities. Member utilities provide highly competitive electric rates.





Today's success
reflects **46 years** of local leadership decisions.



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Meeting Future Needs

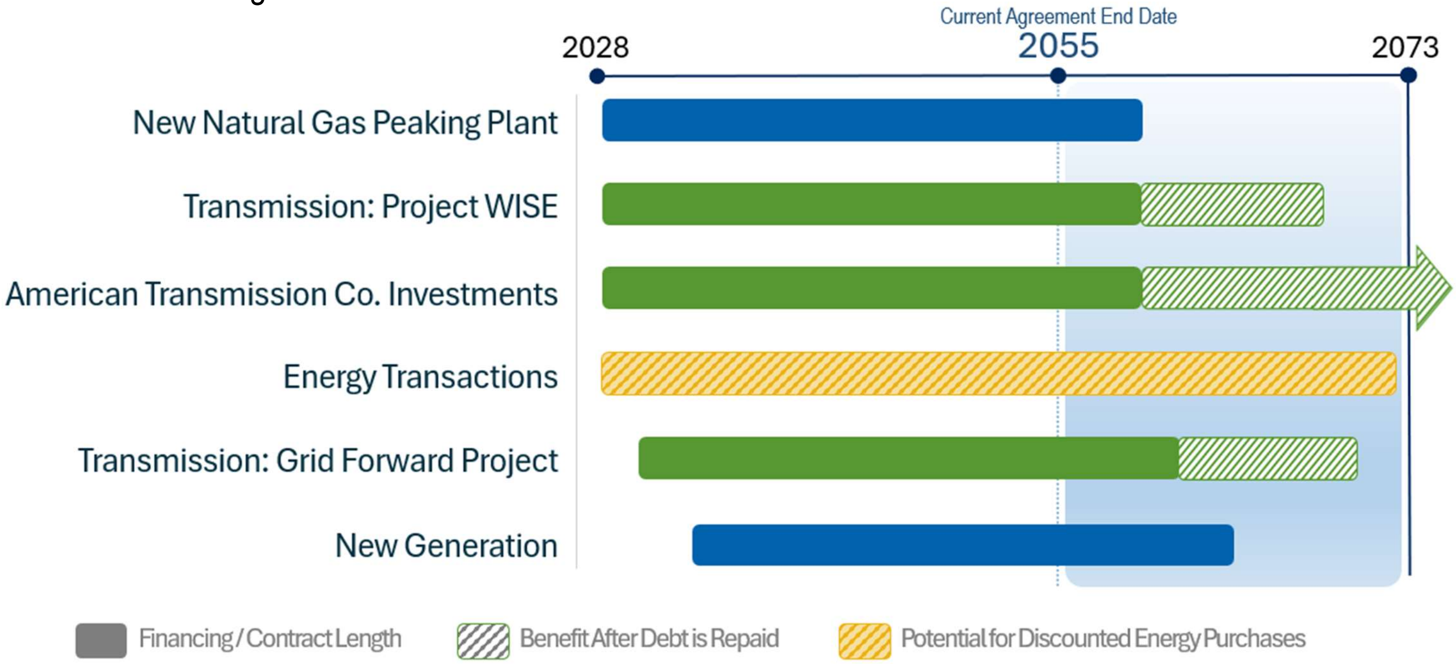
Future needs are already visible. Some are reflected in the lighter portions of this capacity needs chart.

The same long-term planning approach that positioned your utility for success in the past continues to identify and plan for the needs ahead.

Extending the agreement helps preserve continued access to cost-effective long-term wholesale power for your community.

Why Extend Now?

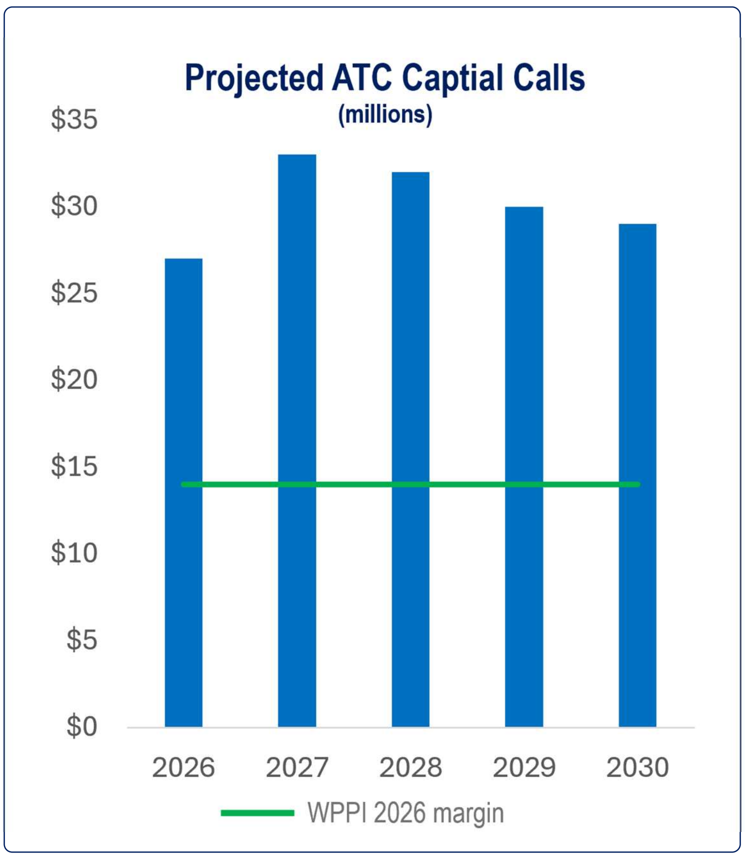
WPPI is actively pursuing opportunities to continue serving your community's needs. These and other beneficial solutions are not possible without a member agreement end date that is sufficient to back the needed financing and contracts.



Transmission Investment

WPPI's ownership interest in American Transmission Co. (ATC) provides returns that help lower wholesale power costs for your community. As the regional grid build-out unfolds, future ATC investments will require financing beyond what WPPI's margin alone can support.

The extension will help preserve WPPI's ability to finance future ATC investments and continue receiving returns that help your community's wholesale power costs.



Key Facts for Local Officials

A Record of Success

- WPPI is the low-cost leader for powering local communities.
- Overall WPPI member rates are very competitive compared to utilities in the region.
- Together WPPI members have achieved a diverse, low-cost power supply.

Your Community and WPPI

- Your WPPI wholesale power agreement is key to how your utility provides electric service at competitive costs.
- The need for additional, cost-effective resources to power WPPI member communities is visible now.
- WPPI is actively pursuing electric generating resource options, transmission system investments and financial transactions for this purpose.

Why Extend Now?

- The current 2055 end date of the WPPI member agreement falls short of the typical 30 years needed for securing the most cost-effective long-term solutions to meet your community's energy needs.
- The request is for an 18-year extension of the current 2055 end date.
- An 18-year extension is not new for WPPI members. Your previous extension was also 18 years.

What if a Member Does Not Extend?

The existing agreement continues through 2055. The member would have no rights to WPPI's power supply or services beyond that term.

Contract Extension Timeline

Jun - Nov	WPPI CEO and the staff leadership team are available to participate in governing body meetings.
July	Members receive legal documents and amendment packages. Local approval processes begin.
Sept	Annual Meeting recognition of members with completed approvals and documents. WPPI board provides necessary approvals for adoption.
Dec	Target date for members to complete local approvals: December 31, 2026.
Feb	Final deadline: February 26, 2027.

Member Support

WPPI staff is available to assist members throughout the contract extension process.

Questions?

Reach your utility's Energy Services Manager for support, or contact:

Lauri Morehart | 608-834-4571
lmorehart@wppienergy.org

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AT A GLANCE

Member-owned, not-for-profit WPPI Energy serves 51 locally owned electric utilities.

WPPI ENERGY

The Joint Action Advantage

Together, WPPI members have built a reliable, competitive and responsible power supply. They share modern utility business technologies and forward-thinking services, and they speak with a unified voice for effective energy policy advocacy.

Diverse. Competitive. Responsible.

WPPI's average wholesale power costs to members are stable and competitive, and together our membership shares a diverse, long-term portfolio of electric generation resources.

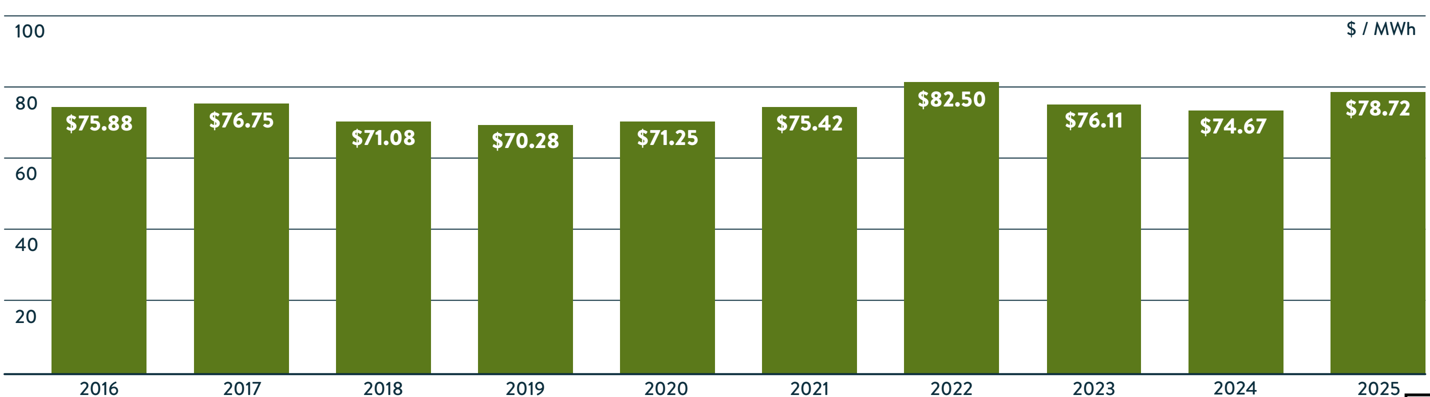
2025 FUEL MIX

- 35.0% Coal
- 20.9% Nuclear
- 10.3% Renewables
- 19.1% Natural Gas
- 14.7% Renewables: No RECs[1]

2025 POWER SUPPLY RESOURCES

Owned Generation	Fuel	Capacity (MW)
South Fond du Lac Units 1 & 4	Gas	154
Boswell Unit 4	Coal	117
Elm Road Generating Station	Coal	106
Island Street Peaking Plant	Gas	52
Worthington Wind Turbines	Wind	2
Power Purchase Agreements	**Fuel**	**Capacity (MW)**
Bishop Hill III Wind Energy Center	Wind	132
WPS	System Energy	50
Point Beach Nuclear	Nuclear	117
Point Beach Solar	Solar	99
Nelson Energy Center	Gas	90
Butler Ridge	Wind	54
Top of Iowa II	Wind	50
Member-Owned Generation	Gas, Oil	45.2
Barton I	Wind	30
Forward Wind Energy Center	Wind	27.5
Kimberly Hydro	Hydroelectric	2.1
Richland Center Renewable Energy	Biogas	1.8
Jefferson Solar	Solar	1
Community Solar Gardens	Solar	0.6

AVERAGE POWER COST TO MEMBERS



The Power of Joint Action

The not-for-profit utilities that make up WPPI deliver safe, reliable, cost-competitive electric power, and much more. To preserve and enhance this significant local value for the long term, WPPI members share technology, expertise and resources that help their communities thrive.

Forward-Thinking Services & Technologies

WPPI member utilities cost-effectively serve their customers and communities with forward-thinking programs and services, shared expertise and a suite of modern utility technologies.

- Customer information systems
- Advanced meter data management
- Shared meter technicians
- GIS mapping
- Outage management technologies
- Joint purchasing
- Electric rates studies
- Financial modeling
- Renewable energy options
- Online self-service tools
- Energy efficiency programs
- Marketing/communications
- Key account management
- ...And more

Effective Advocacy

State and federal policymakers' decisions about energy issues can significantly impact local utilities, their customers and their communities. Together with WPPI's government affairs staff, member local officials work to inform legislators and regulators about constituents' energy policy needs. A few current topics include:

- Preserving access to tax-exempt bonds for utility infrastructure financing
- Streamlining permitting for transmission and energy infrastructure
- Keeping costs down while maintaining robust grid reliability

1 For every megawatt hour of electricity produced by renewable sources, a renewable energy certificate or credit (REC) is created. The person or entity holding that REC is entitled to claim all of the environmental benefits of the associated renewable electricity generation. WPPI holds some, but not all, of the RECs associated with the electricity it receives from renewable sources. WPPI uses RECs (by retiring them within a REC tracking system) in connection with certain WPPI and member programs and to comply with state renewable energy standards. WPPI also sells some RECs, the revenues from which help lower the wholesale costs for WPPI members. The area of the chart labeled "Renewables" represents the portion of electricity received from renewable sources for which WPPI received and has not sold the associated RECs. These RECs may in the future be used by WPPI to comply with regulatory requirements, retired for other purposes or sold to third parties as described above. The portion of the chart labeled "Renewables, No RECs" represents the portion of electricity received from renewable sources for which WPPI did not purchase the associated RECs in the first instance, or for which the associated RECs have been sold.

QUICK FACTS

Member Utilities	President & CEO	Established
51	**Mike Peters**	**1980**

Homes & Businesses Served by WPPI Energy Members: **220,000+**

Peak Demand in 2025: **1,019 megawatts**

As of December 31, 2025:

Total Assets:	Net Positon (Retained Earnings):
$764 million	**$388 million**

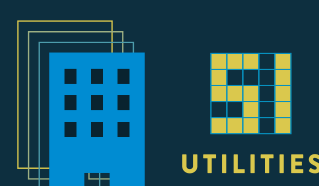
Equity Ownership in American Transmission Co.: **$197 million**

Member Communities

WISCONSIN
Algoma
Black River Falls
Boscobel
Brodhead
Cedarburg
Columbus
Cuba City
Eagle River
Evansville
Florence
Hartford
Hustisford
Jefferson
Juneau
Kaukauna
Lake Mills
Lodi
Menasha
Mount Horeb
Muscoda
New Glarus
New Holstein
New London
New Richmond
Oconomowoc
Oconto Falls
Plymouth
Prairie du Sac
Reedsburg
Richland Center
River Falls
Slinger
Stoughton
Sturgeon Bay
Sun Prairie
Two Rivers
Waterloo
Waunakee
Waupun
Westby
Whitehall

MICHIGAN
Alger Delta CEA
Baraga
Crystal Falls
Gladstone
L'Anse
Negaunee
Norway

IOWA
Independence
Maquoketa
Preston



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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Pavilion Noise Concerns

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The Recreation Committee has not had quorum for the July or August meetings. After input from citizens and staff I've drafted the attached proposed language to include in future pavilion contracts as well as a form to complete with key check-out from the renter. The checkout form has been implemented over the past month.

I also feel that it would be of benefit for the Council to direct staff to review the City's noise ordinance and make recommendations to bring back to the Council in the near future.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Pavilion Noise Policy and Acknowledgment

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Pavilion Noise Concerns and Potential Solutions

Proposed Rental Agreement Language

Noise Restrictions and Security Deposit Forfeiture

Noise and Amplified Sound Restrictions

The Renter acknowledges that the rental facility is located within a residential community and agrees to comply with all City ordinances, facility rules, and rental requirements regarding noise and amplified sound.

- Amplified music, DJs, bands, public address systems, and all other amplified sound must cease no later than 11:30 p.m.
- All attendees must begin vacating the premises at the designated event end time.
- The individual whose name appears on the rental agreement (Renter) shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by all guests, vendors, entertainers, and attendees.
- Any violation of the noise restrictions may result in immediate termination of the event and may subject the Renter to citations or other penalties authorized by law.
- City staff, law enforcement officers, or authorized agents of the City may determine whether a violation has occurred based on their observations, complaints received, or other available evidence.

Security Deposit Forfeiture

In addition to any other remedies available to the City, the Renter agrees that violation of the amplified sound curfew established in this agreement shall result in the forfeiture of a portion of the security deposit as follows:

- Amplified music or sound occurring after 11:30 p.m.: $_____ deposit forfeiture
- Failure to comply after being directed to cease amplified sound by City staff or law enforcement: additional $_____ deposit forfeiture
- Repeated or egregious violations may result in forfeiture of the entire security deposit.

The parties acknowledge that these amounts are intended to compensate the City for administrative, enforcement, and community impact costs associated with violations and are not intended as a criminal or civil penalty.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Noise Restriction Acknowledgment and Responsibility Form

Facility: ____________________________

Reservation Date: _____________________

Renter Name: _________________________

Phone Number: _______________________

Noise and Amplified Sound Requirements

- All amplified music, DJs, bands, speakers, public address systems, and similar sound-producing equipment must cease no later than 11:30 p.m.
- I am the responsible party for this event and am responsible for the conduct of all guests, vendors, entertainers, and attendees.
- Violations may result in forfeiture of all or part of my security deposit, removal from the facility, municipal citations or other enforcement action, and denial of future rental privileges.
- I understand that complaints from residents may result in a response from City staff or law enforcement.
- I understand that compliance must occur by 11:30 p.m. and that announcements, one last song, or delayed shutdowns do not excuse violations.

Renter Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the above requirements. I accept responsibility for ensuring that all music and amplified sound cease by 11:30 p.m. and understand the consequences of violating these requirements.

Renter Name (Printed): ________________________________

Renter Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

City Representative: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Recreation Program Fee Policy

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

While the Common Council should establish the overall policy framework governing recreation fees, recreation program fees are not well-suited to annual approval through the City's general fee schedule. Recreation programming is dynamic and often requires fee adjustments throughout the year based on actual operating costs, instructor availability, facility costs, participation levels, and market conditions.

Unlike licenses, permits, or utility-related fees that remain relatively stable from year to year, recreation programs are frequently added, modified, or discontinued in response to community demand. New classes, camps, leagues, and special events may be developed between budget cycles, and staff must be able to establish appropriate fees in a timely manner to market programs and open registration.

Requiring Common Council approval for every recreation fee change could delay program implementation, reduce the Department's ability to respond to resident interests, and create unnecessary administrative burdens. For example, changes in contracted instructor rates, tournament entry fees, supply costs, transportation expenses, or facility rental charges may necessitate adjustments to program fees after the annual fee schedule has been adopted.

A Recreation Program Fee Policy provides a more effective governance model by allowing the Common Council to establish the principles, cost recovery expectations, and accountability measures for fee setting while delegating fee administration to staff within those adopted parameters. This approach maintains Council oversight of recreation program philosophy and financial objectives while providing the operational flexibility necessary to manage recreation services efficiently and responsively.

Under this model, staff would continue to report recreation program performance and fee adjustments through the budget process and regular departmental reporting, ensuring transparency and accountability without requiring formal Council action for each individual program fee.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:
Draft Recreation Program Fee Policy

Action Requested of Council:
Consider and take action on the Recreation Program Fee Policy

City of Columbus Recreation Department
Recreation Program Fee Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent and equitable framework for setting, administering, and collecting fees for recreation programs offered by the City of Columbus Recreation Department. Program fees help offset operating costs while ensuring recreational opportunities remain accessible to residents of all ages and income levels.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the City of Columbus to open participation in Parks and Recreation Department programs to anyone and charge fees to participants of those programs to meet cost recovery guidelines outlined in this policy. The fees charged to participants of recreation programs shall be established by the Recreation Department to meet the guidelines provided in this policy.

III. Definitions

1. *Youth* – age 17 and under
2. *Adult* – age 18-54
3. *Older Adults* – age 55 and older
4. *Special needs* – individuals of all ages who require special accommodations due to physical and/or mental disabilities.
5. *Sports Team* – Compilation of individuals who participate as a group in a designated sport, i.e., basketball, soccer, baseball, flag football, etc.
6. *Administrative costs* – General cost of administrating programs such as clerical staff, legal counsel, administrative overhead, payroll and finance functions, capital improvements, etc.
7. *Operating costs* – Costs directly related to the operation of a program. These costs include direct program staff, supplies and services.
8. *Resident* **-** Any person who lives within the limits of the City of Columbus
9. *Non-resident* **-** Any person who lives outside of the limits of the City of Columbus

IV. Cost Recovery

1. Youth instructional and sports programs, as a whole, shall recover at least 110% of the operating costs of those programs.
   Exception: Any new or pilot program shall be required to recover 75% of the operating costs during the first two years of the program.
2. Adult instructional and sports programs, as a whole, will recover 110% of the operating costs of those programs.
3. Older Adult programs, as a whole, shall recover 110% of the operating costs of those programs.

4. Drop-In and Special Event programs, as a whole, shall recover 0-50% of the operating costs of those programs thru fees or sponsorships/donations.
5. Contractual program fees will be set-up to recover the administrative costs of the City and adequately reimburse the contractual provider.
6. Programs operated jointly with another municipal department will not charge a non-resident fee to participants from that community.

V. Fees

1. User fees will be charged through team entry fees, individual fees, and/or user fees.
2. All youth and adult program participants requesting to register after the deadline will be accepted if available spots remain in the program and a late processing fee of $10.00 is paid.
3. All program fees will be established based on the cost recovery guidelines and will be reported out to the Parks and Recreation Board on a quarterly basis.
4. Participants having financial difficulties may apply for fee assistance as outlined in the Recreation Financial Assistance Program.
5. All non-residents as defined in Article III will be charged an additional 25% fee on top of the resident rate of participating in a program.

VI. Falsification of Information

The registrant will be removed from all registered programs and all fees will be forfeited if the registrant falsified information on a registration form.

VII. Refunds

1. A full refund will be credited/issued to the participant for any program cancelled by the Recreation Department.
2. A full refund will be credited/issued to the participant if a program time, date, or location is changed by the Recreation Department and the participant is unable to attend because of the change.
3. A team fee will be refunded until the deadline for the team registration. After the deadline, the team fee will be refunded only if there is another team willing to fill that spot in the league. Refunds will not be granted for any reason after the playing schedules are created by the Recreation Department.
4. All refund requests not identified in Items 1-3, must be approved by the Recreation Committee through a written request. The Committee will review the request at its next scheduled meeting after the department receives the refund request.
5. All refund requests, if applicable, will be credited to the family account in the registration software program. Requests for a refund via check will be subject to a $10.00 processing fee for each participant and program.
6. Late fees paid by either teams or individuals will not be refunded.
7. Refunds of $5.00 or less will not be processed, but will be credited to the family account.

VIII. Review of Policy

1. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Recreation Committee and any changes or revisions will be forwarded to the City Council for final review.

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Proposal from Columbus Chamber Choir

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Dr. Jonathan Overby, Director of the Choir, has inquired about utilizing the Fireman's Park Pavilion for four quarterly concerts during the upcoming season. The requested dates are currently available and occur during times when the pavilion is not typically reserved for private rentals.

Requested Dates:

- Sunday, November 1, 4:00 PM – Fall Concert
- Sunday, December 6, 3:00 PM – Winter Concert
- Sunday, May 3, 4:00 PM – Spring Concert
- Sunday, June 13, 3:00 PM – Columbus Invitational Choral Festival

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he Choir is requesting use of the pavilion at no charge and has proposed sharing concert proceeds with the Recreation Department.

Staff Considerations

- The requested dates and times have minimal impact on existing pavilion rental demand.
- The concerts would provide additional cultural and community programming within City parks.
- A revenue-sharing arrangement could generate funds for Recreation Department programs while supporting a local arts organization.
- Staff may wish to establish clear expectations regarding setup, cleanup, staffing responsibilities, insurance requirements, and the method for determining and distributing proceeds.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Committee:

Consider and take action on proposal from Columbus Chamber Choir

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Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Flock Camera Policy

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City recently received correspondence from a citizen (Jacob Hartman) expressing concerns regarding the City's use of Flock Safety cameras and requesting consideration of a policy governing their operation and use. Chief Weiner has corresponded with Mr. Hartman and Mayor Hammer met with Mr. Hartman and Chief Weiner has shared four City and Columbus Police Department policies that Chief Weiner feels address the concerns raised. I've included a segment of City Ordinance Chapter 58 below regarding the Chief's authority on policies.

Sec. 58-59. - Rules and policies for the police department.
The chief of police shall establish and promulgate rules of conduct, directives and policies and procedures and prescribe such duties for individual members as he may deem necessary for the effective and efficient command and operation of the department; provided no such rules of conduct, directive or policy procedure duties or assignment shall be in conflict with the statutes, ordinances and approved city personnel rules and regulations. The chief of police shall prepare a policy manual which shall be reviewed and updated annually.

The Council has the following options:

- Refer this issue to the Police & Fire Commission for further review and discussion
- Evaluate whether additional polices or procedures are necessary
- Ask Chief Weiner to provide additional information regarding the operation and use of Flock cameras
- Ask Chief Weiner to draft a policy regarding the operation and use of Flock cameras
- Determine that no additional policy is necessary

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Flock Camera Policy