



Utility Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of September 18, 2025 Utility Commission Minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report.
3. Outage Reports

New Business

4. 2025 WPPI Energy Presentation-A Joint Action Update for Member Governing Bodies.
5. Discussion of 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

Reports

6. October 2025 Utilities Department Report
7. October 2025 Live Lines

Adjourn

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Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Molly Finkler, Michael Thom, Joe Hammer, Brook Andler, Sandy Curtis and Jack Sanderson. Reagan Rule was absent from attending the meeting.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted, due to a gas leak, the meeting was moved to the Utility Office and notification was posted at City Hall regarding the change in location.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Finkler, seconded by Curtis to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Finkler, seconded by Hammer. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approval of August 21, 2025 Utility Commission minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report.
3. Outage Report.

New Business

4. Presentation of 2024 Columbus Utilities Audit.

Jodi Dobson of Baker Tilly provided an overview of the 2024 audit.

Motion made by Finkler, seconded by Hammer to accept the audit and thank Jodi for her work and report. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Consider and take action to direct staff to upgrade computers, SCADA software, HACH WIMS server plus Job Cal, licensing and services provided by Ruekert and Mielke.
6. Discussion of the 10-year capital improvement program.

The plan was presented and will come back once Ehlers has completed the financial analysis.

Reports

7. September 2025 Utilities Department Report
8. September 2025 Live Lines

Adjourn

Motion made by Finkler, seconded by Hammer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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2025 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/16/2025

ITEM: Financial Reports

Submitted by: Michelle Kaltenberg, Business Manager

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Included in the Financial Reports are the Treasurer's Report and the Cash Disbursements Report.

The Accounts Payable Report will be sent via email the Wednesday before the Commission meeting.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. The Cash Disbursements Report

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

1. Review and approve the Cash Disbursements Report and the Accounts Payable Report.

CITY OF COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS UTILITIES
TREASURER'S REPORT - September 2025

Item #2.

GENERAL FUND (commingled cash) - ACCOUNT #1310

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	626,087.18
Receipts:	\$	1,279,247.30
Interest Earned:	\$	256.82
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	1,905,591.30
Disbursements:	\$	(1,336,672.37)
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	568,918.93

NOTE: Conventional utility accounting standards recommend a balance equal to two month's expenses - approx. \$1,400,000 (LGIP & Checking).

UTILITY GENERAL FUND - LGIP #13 - ACCOUNT #1314

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	498,187.29
Receipts:	\$	15,500.00
Interest Earned:	\$	1,791.57
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	515,478.86
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	515,478.86

MRB PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - LGIP #5 - ACCOUNT #1255

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	321,820.97
Receipts:	\$	30,000.00
Interest Earned:	\$	1,169.24
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	352,990.21
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	352,990.21

NOTE: Transfers are made monthly to accrue sufficient funds to make May 1 and November 1 principal & interest payments.

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #4 - SEWER UTILITY GENERAL FUNDS

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	1,237.77
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	4.43
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	1,242.20
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	1,242.20

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #11 - COLLECTION MAIN - REPLACEMENT

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	1,010,758.63
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	3,616.11
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	1,014,374.74
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	1,014,374.74

WWTP REPLACEMENT FUNDS - LGIP #9

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	159,723.43
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	571.43
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	160,294.86
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	160,294.86

CW&L RESERVE FUND - F&M - ACCOUNT #1251

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	340,422.56
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	-
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	340,422.56
Withdrawal from CDAR :	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	340,422.56

F&M Bank/CDAR 52 Week Certificate of Deposit:

\$170,211.28 Due June 2026 4.75%; \$170,211.28 Due December 2026 4.75%

E-3-P ENHANCED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM - F&M - ACCOUNT #1313

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	130,094.88
Receipts:	\$	1,560.89
Interest Earned (<i>pd semi-annually May/Nov</i>) :	\$	-
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	131,655.77
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	131,655.77

CW&L DEPRECIATION - LGIP #6 - ACCOUNT #1266

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	560,461.73
Receipts:	\$	5,000.00
Interest Earned:	\$	2,008.10
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	567,469.83
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	567,469.83

NOTE: Bond covenants require a "depreciation fund" with recommended balance of \$300,000 to cover plant renewals and replacements.

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #8 - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	496,326.14
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	1,775.66
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	498,101.80
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	498,101.80

SEWER UTILITY - F&M SAVINGS - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	235,407.85
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned (<i>pd semi-annually May/Nov</i>) :	\$	-
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	235,407.85
Disbursements:	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	235,407.85

WWTP FALL RIVER RESTRICTED REPLACEMENT FUNDS - F&M CDARS

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$	1,065,564.23
Receipts:	\$	-
Interest Earned:	\$	-
<i>Sub-total:</i>	\$	1,065,564.23
Withdrawal from CDAR :	\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	1,065,564.23

F&M Bank/CDAR (2) - Interest paid out and deposited to Checking

F&M Union Bank-Checking/Savings	0.5% / 0.75%	Local Gov't. Investment Pool	4.36%
Farmers & Merchants Bank - CDARS	4.5% to 4.75%		

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
CASH DISBURSEMENTS REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2025

09-Oct-25			
18-Sep-24561	AMBUSH PEST CONTROL	\$120.00	SUBSTATION RODENT CONTROL #4, ADMIN BLDG RODENT
18-Sep-24562	ANTHONY DERR	\$25.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR LAB COURSE
18-Sep-24563	BAKER TILLY US, LLP	\$1,749.30	2024 AUDIT SERVICES
18-Sep-24564	BASSETT MECHANICAL	\$3,847.50	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, BOILER REPAIRS, UH REPLACEMENT
18-Sep-24565	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	\$111,751.25	2016A SERIES INTEREST E/W, SEWER SERIES 2017C INTEREST, SEWER SYSTEM BOND SERIES 2020A INTEREST, SEWERAGE SERIES 2022A INTEREST, BOND AGEN
18-Sep-24566	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$1,350.00	CONCAST FIBERCRETE BOX PAD
18-Sep-24567	CITY OF COLUMBUS	\$144,254.15	MONTHLY PILOT, SALARIES, PHONE USE REIMBURSEMENT, EHLERS INTEREST 2017B, EHLERS AGENT FEE, EHLERS INTEREST, LRS, 2025 STREET AND UTILITY IMF
18-Sep-24568	COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL	\$2,500.00	THE NEST STUDENT BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES 25-26
18-Sep-24569	CORE & MAIN LP	\$475.27	1.5" METER REGISTER
18-Sep-24570	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$66.00	PE-DI RENT 9/1-9/30, DI REGENERATION CHARGE
18-Sep-24571	DAILY LABORATORIES	\$306.00	ITHM & HAAS SAMPLES KITS
18-Sep-24572	DIGGERS HOTLINE	\$93.50	LOCATING EXPENSES
18-Sep-24573	ESS BROTHERS AND SONS	\$12,500.00	2025 CLEANING & TELEVISIONING FLEX SEAL UTILITY SEALANT
18-Sep-24574	FARIHAM VILLAGE	\$652.08	REFUND OVER PAID UTILITIES
18-Sep-24575	FARSTEN COMPANY	\$85.70	INVENTORY MINOR MATERIAL
18-Sep-24576	FORSTER ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	\$3,473.37	SUB #3 HIGH SIDE PROTECTION DEVICE, RE-ROUTE CIRCUIT \$403 AT THE HOSPITAL, DISTRIBUTION PLANNING & REGULATORY APPROVAL
18-Sep-24577	GRAINGER, INC	\$97.74	(2) CLARIFIERS
18-Sep-24578	HAWKINS, INC	\$2,568.83	WASTEWATER CHEMICALS, WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS
18-Sep-24579	HYDROCORP, LLC	\$980.00	CROSS CONNECTION CNTRL PRGM
18-Sep-24580	ICS MEDICAL ANSWERING SERVICE	\$198.01	PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE
18-Sep-24581	INFOSEND	\$1,929.08	UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING, BILL INSERT
18-Sep-24582	MERLE NOREN	\$184.39	CLOTHES REIMBURSEMENT, BOOT REIMBURSEMENT
18-Sep-24583	MEUW	\$590.00	COMMUNICATIONS & PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND LEADING W/ CONSISTENCY -RENKAS
18-Sep-24584	NAPA AUTO PARTS	\$1,223.92	BATTERIES FOR JETTER, #32 RUNNING BOARDS
18-Sep-24585	NCL OF WISCONSIN, INC	\$1,120.59	DAILY WASTEWATER TESTING MATERIALS
18-Sep-24586	NIEMANN FOODS, INC	\$493.45	SHIPPING WATER SAMPLES, CLEANER DRAIN, FOLDING KNIFE, (6), STORAGE BOX, ELEC TAPE, SHVL RN, HP GOOD BRUSH FLAT 2PC, SOCKET EXTENDER, M18 FUE
18-Sep-24587	NORTHERN LAKE SERVICES, INC	\$443.71	2025 MONTHLY/QUARTERLY WASTEWATER
18-Sep-24588	OPENPOINT	\$1,250.00	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION
18-Sep-24589	PACKERLAND RENT-A-MAT, INC.	\$385.33	EURNAL REFILLS, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET TISSUE
18-Sep-24590	PUBLIC SERVICE COMM OF WI	\$118.20	SIMPLIFIED RATE CASE WATER
18-Sep-24591	RED BUD PLAYERS	\$125.00	AD FOR RED BUD PLAYERS
18-Sep-24592	RIVERSTONE MACHINING LLC	\$191.83	ADAPTER PIN
18-Sep-24593	RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC	\$32,388.21	GENERAL SERVICES, 2025 WWTF PERMIT RENEWAL SERVICES, GENERAL SERVICES, WATER QUALITY TRADING ASSISTANCE, 2025 SITE SELECTION STUDY FOR NE
18-Sep-24594	SABEL MECHANICAL	\$187.07	NEW 3 PHASE MONITOR LIFT STATION
18-Sep-24596	STUART C IRBY CO	\$12,550.52	CONNECTOR CLAMP GRD EYEBOLT (50) & COPPER GROUND ROD (50), 100A POLYMER CUTOOUT (25), BLADES FOR CUTTING TOOLS OH & UG, OH FUSES, UG BUSH
18-Sep-24596	SUPERIOR CHEMICAL, LLC	\$217.15	MULTIFOLD PREM TAD WHITE (1), HANDY CUBE CENTER BOX (5)
18-Sep-24597	USA BLUE BOOK	\$341.31	DAILY WASTEWATER TESTING MATERIALS
18-Sep-24598	USIC LOCATING SERVICES, INC	\$2,538.90	LOCATING EXPENSES
18-Sep-24599	VC3, INC	\$289.34	NETWORK SECURITY/FIREWALL LIC/SUB
18-Sep-24600	WI STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE	\$131.00	PROFICIENCY TESTING, FLUORIDE TEST
18-Sep-24601	WISCONSIN COPY & BUSINESS	\$144.63	POSTAGE BASE INK
18-Sep-24602	BASSETT MECHANICAL	\$5,216.50	UH REPLACEMENT
	SUBTOTAL	\$354,159.83	Accounts Payable List Approved at September Meeting
01-Sep-ACH	Farmers & Merchants Union Bank	\$10.00	NSF Fees
03-Sep-ACH-4386	BP	\$1,955.49	FUEL
03-Sep-ACH-4392	PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK	\$3,596.50	CUSTOMER PAYMENT FEE
10-Sep-ACH-4393	US Cellular	\$37.64	Cell Phone Charges
18-Sep-ACH-4397	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$119.99	INTERNET ELECTRIC SCADA
18-Sep-ACH-4400	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$130.00	WASTEWATER SPECTRUM
18-Sep-ACH-4387	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$100.00	INTERNET ADMIN BUILDING
10-Sep-ACH-4390	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$800.00	POSTAGE
11-Sep-ACH-4391	KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK	\$47.58	FUEL
18-Sep-ACH-4398	KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK	\$84.29	FUEL
05-Sep-ACH-92201	CWL Net Payroll	\$31,137.89	Net Payroll for 1st Payroll in September #18
05-Sep-ACH-4374	EFTPS	\$10,272.03	FICAM/DEFED Withholding Payroll #18
05-Sep-ACH-4376	WI Deferred Comp Board	\$1,665.52	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #18
05-Sep-ACH-4377	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	\$1,452.69	State Withholding Payroll #18
05-Sep-ACH-4375	NORTH SHORE BANK	\$300.00	NORTHSHORE DEFERED COMP PAYROLL #18
17-Sep-ACH-4384	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$2,626.00	IT PROJECT
17-Sep-ACH-4365	RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$2,961.75	IT AGREEMENT, PRINTER AGREEMENT
20-Sep-ACH	Investment Pool	\$30,000.00	August Bond Interest Payment
20-Sep-ACH	Investment Pool	\$5,000.00	August Depreciation Payment
20-Sep-ACH	Investment Pool	\$15,500.00	Transfer into LGIP #13 General Fund
18-Sep-ACH-4402	WE ENERGIES	\$30.94	Natural Gas Service for CWL Admin Building
19-Sep-ACH-4399	WE ENERGIES	\$15.12	Natural Gas Service for Water Plant #2
17-Sep-ACH-4405	WE ENERGIES	\$13.05	GENERATOR ON JAMES ST
18-Sep-ACH-4404	WE ENERGIES	\$13.05	WESTSIDE SEWAGE LIFE
18-Sep-ACH-4406	WE ENERGIES	\$11.39	WASTEWATER PUMP STATION
19-Sep-ACH-4394	WE ENERGIES	\$13.05	119 MIDDLETON ST LIFT STATION
18-Sep-ACH-4401	WE ENERGIES	\$13.05	WATERLOO ST LIFT STATION
18-Sep-ACH-4403	WE ENERGIES	\$59.29	TREATMENT PLANT
11-Sep-ACH-4396	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	\$27,140.23	August Sales and Use Tax
19-Sep-ACH-4388	CINTAS	\$94.02	First Aid Supplies for September
18-Sep-ACH-3922	BROOK M ANDLER	\$50.00	Commission Salary for September

18-Sep	ACH -3923	JACK SANDERSON		\$50.00	Commission Salary for September
18-Sep	ACH -3924	MICHAEL THOM		\$50.00	Commission Salary for September
18-Sep	ACH -3925	REGAN RULE		\$50.00	Commission Salary for September
18-Sep	ACH -3926	SANDRA CURTIS		\$50.00	Commission Salary for September
19-Sep	ACH	CWL Net Payroll		\$33,315.15	Net Payroll for 2nd Payroll in September #19
19-Sep	ACH -4420	EFTPS		\$11,771.44	FICA/FED/MED Withholding Payroll #19
19-Sep	ACH -4422	WI Deferred Comp Board		\$1,917.36	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #19
19-Sep	ACH -4423	Wisconsin Department of Revenue		\$1,695.04	State Withholding Payroll #19
19-Sep	ACH -4421	NORTH SHORE BANK		\$300.00	NORTHSHORE DEFERED COMP PAYROLL #19
19-Sep	ACH -4411	City of Columbus - Life		\$350.31	Employees Life Insurance - September
19-Sep	ACH -4408	City of Columbus - AFLAC		\$41.21	Employees AFLAC deduction - September
19-Sep	ACH -4410	City of Columbus - Health		\$19,308.06	Employees Health Insurance - September
19-Sep	ACH -4412	City of Columbus - Dental		\$1,231.52	Employees Dental Insurance - September
19-Sep	ACH -4413	City of Columbus - Vision		\$161.20	Employees Vision Insurance - September
19-Sep	ACH -4414	City of Columbus - Health Savings Account		\$2,282.00	Employees Health Savings Account Transfer - September
19-Sep	ACH -4409	City of Columbus - Retirement		\$13,586.60	Employees Retirement - September
19-Sep	ACH -4415	City of Columbus-LTD		\$311.60	Employees LTD-September
19-Sep	ACH -4416	City of Columbus-Assurity		\$643.44	Employees Assurity-September
19-Sep	ACH -4417	City of Columbus-All State		\$156.64	Employees All State-September
19-Sep	ACH -4418	City of Columbus-Champ Plan		\$5,538.50	Employees Champ Plan-September
19-Sep	ACH -4419	City of Columbus-Champ Benefit		(\$4,661.60)	Employees Champ Benefit-September
22-Sep	ACH -4407	SEERA		\$1,915.71	FOCUS ON ENERGY PAYMENT
29-Sep	ACH -4396	WPPI		\$752,488.59	Power bill for 8/1/2022-8/31/2022; NorthStar Dynamics; Electric/Water MDM Charges; Interface, Residential AMI Metering Project; GIS SERVICE; LOAN
19-Sep	ACH -4389	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES		\$3,208.92	APPRENTICESHIP LODGING, GIVE AWAY ITEMS, DIVIDERS, FILE POCKETS, EMAIL SBUSCRIPTIONS, BUSINESS LUNCH, 2X20 ROPE, SHACKLES, GARAGE DOOR OPE
30-Sep	ACH	Farmers & Merchants Union Bank		\$9.40	ACH Fees
		SUBTOTAL		\$980,951.65	
		TOTAL		\$1,335,111.48	APPROVED BY:
					DATE:

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT CUSTOMER OUTAGE REPORT

SUBSTATION 2 CIRCUIT # 201 DATE 4/20/25 Item #3.
 LOCATION OF FUSE OR RECLOSER 4F/87/96
 CUSTOMER NAME OR LOCATION 261 WHITNEY ST.
 REMARKS ~~DOWN~~ Squirrel contact outage

PART THAT FAILED

- 0 None
 1 Numerous
 2 Other-note in remarks
 3 Transmission equipment
 4 Substation equipment
O.H. DISTRIBUTION
 10 Anchor or guy
 11 Arrestor
 12 Conductor - Primary
 13 " - Secondary
 14 Connector
 21 Insulator
 24 Metering equipment
 25 Pole
 26 Recloser
 27 Riser or Jumper
 28 Splice
 29 Switch - GOAB
 30 " - Disc.
 31 Cutout - Fused
 32 Transformer - Line
 33 Transformer - Potential
U.G. DISTRIBUTION
 50 Arrestor
 51 Conductor - Primary
 52 " - Secondary
 53 Connector - Bolted
 54 " - Comp.
 55 " - Elbow
 56 " - Splice
 59 Terminator
 60 Transformer - Pad Mount
 61 Transformer - Bayonet Fuse
 62 Metering Equipment

WEATHER

- 0 Normal
 2 Wind
 3 Thunderstorm
 4 Rain
 5 Rain and wind
 6 Fog
 7 Ice
 8 Ice and wind
 9 Snow
 10 Extreme cold
 11 Extreme heat
 12 Extreme storm

CAUSE

- 0 Unknown
 1 Loss of supply
 2 Operating error
 3 Circuit overload
 4 Mis-coordination
 5 Faulty installation
 6 Lightning
 7 Wind
 8 Ice
 9 Cold weather
 10 Hot Weather
 11 Moisture
 12 Contamination
 13 Fire
 14 Extreme storm

FOREIGN OBJECTS

- 20 Vehicles
 22 Trees - tore down
 23 Trees - shorted
 24 Animals
 25 Birds
 26 Underground dig in
 27 Vandalism
 28 Other

EQUIPMENT

- 30 Manufacturing defect
 31 Equipment overload
 32 Electrical failure
 33 Worn out

(use 24 hour time)

TIME OFF 7:45 ON 8:15

Number of Calls 1

Number of Customers	Minutes Duration
<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>

TRANSFORMER FAILURE

CWL# _____ KVA _____
 MFG _____ AGE (est) _____
 Serial # _____
 Arrestor ON / OFF Tank (circle one)

ARRESTOR FAILURE

MFR _____ Porc Polymer
 Riser Line Transformer
 (circle all that apply)

DEVICE THAT OPENED

Distribution
Main Feeder

Breaker _____ Counter _____

Targets _____

Branch Line

O.C.R. _____ Size _____
 Fuse 0 Size 2500

Transformer

Fuse 0 Transf. Size 2500

ROUTING (initial)

Responded By JB

Line Assisted By

Assisted By

Manager DH

Outage File

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT CUSTOMER OUTAGE REPORT

SUBSTATION 3 CIRCUIT # 302 DATE 4/20/25 Item #3.
 LOCATION OF FUSE OR RECLOSER 4/E/60/54
 CUSTOMER NAME OR LOCATION 454 S. Birdsey
 REMARKS Cut out Broke in half, fuse fell open

PART THAT FAILED

- 0 None
- 1 Numerous
- 2 Other-note in remarks
- 3 Transmission equipment
- 4 Substation equipment
- O.H. DISTRIBUTION

- 10 Anchor or guy
- 11 Arrestor
- 12 Conductor – Primary
- 13 “ – Secondary

- 14 Connector
- 21 Insulator
- 24 Metering equipment
- 25 Pole
- 26 Recloser

- 27 Riser or Jumper
- 28 Splice

- 29 Switch – GOAB
- 30 “ – Disc.

- 31 Cutout – Fused
- 32 Transformer – Line

- 33 Transformer – Potential

U.G. DISTRIBUTION

- 50 Arrestor
- 51 Conductor – Primary

- 52 “ – Secondary

- 53 Connector – Bolted

- 54 “ – Comp.

- 55 “ – Elbow

- 56 “ – Splice

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(use 24 hour time)

TIME OFF 245 ON 335

Number of Calls 1

Number of Customers	Minutes Duration
<u>8</u>	<u>50</u>

TRANSFORMER FAILURE

CWL# _____ KVA _____

MFG _____ AGE (est) _____

Serial # _____

Arrestor ON / OFF Tank (circle one)

ARRESTOR FAILURE

MFR _____ Porc Polymer
 Riser Line Transformer
 (circle all that apply)

DEVICE THAT OPENED

Distribution

Main Feeder

Breaker _____ Counter _____

Targets _____

Branch Line

O.C.R. _____ Size _____

Fuse _____ Size _____

Transformer

Fuse _____ Transf. Size _____

ROUTING (initial)

Responded By JB

Line Assisted By JT

Assisted By —

Manager DH

Outage File

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT CUSTOMER OUTAGE REPORT

SUBSTATION 283 CIRCUIT # 302 103 DATE 9/13/25 Item #3.
 LOCATION OF FUSE OR RECLOSER Main C Phase Sturgis
 CUSTOMER NAME OR LOCATION 900 Western 542 Hamilton 896 Western
 REMARKS 231 Sturgis

PART THAT FAILED

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- 56 " - Splice
- 59 Terminator
- 60 Transformer - Pad Mount
- 61 Transformer - Bayonet Fuse
- 62 Metering Equipment

WEATHER

- 1 Normal
- 2 Wind
- 3 Thunderstorm
- 4 Rain
- 5 Rain and wind
- 6 Fog
- 7 Ice
- 8 Ice and wind
- 9 Snow
- 10 Extreme cold
- 11 Extreme heat
- 12 Extreme storm

CAUSE

- 0 Unknown
- 1 Loss of supply
- 2 Operating error
- 3 Circuit overload
- 4 Mis-coordination
- 5 Faulty installation
- 6 Lightning
- 7 Wind
- 8 Ice
- 9 Cold weather
- 10 Hot Weather
- 11 Moisture
- 12 Contamination
- 13 Fire
- 14 Extreme storm

FOREIGN OBJECTS

- 20 Vehicles
- 22 Trees - tore down
- 23 Trees - shorted
- 24 Animals
- 25 Birds
- 26 Underground dig in
- 27 Vandalism
- 28 Other

EQUIPMENT

- 30 Manufacturing defect
- 31 Equipment overload
- 32 Electrical failure
- 33 Worn out

(use 24 hour time)

TIME OFF 4:45 ON 7:50

Number of Calls 1

Number of Customers 27 Minutes Duration 3 hrs

TRANSFORMER FAILURE

CWL# _____ KVA _____

MFG _____ AGE (est) _____

Serial # _____

Arrestor ON / OFF Tank (circle one)

ARRESTOR FAILURE

MFR _____ Porc Polymer
 Riser Line Transformer
 (circle all that apply)

DEVICE THAT OPENED

Distribution
Main Feeder

Breaker _____ Counter _____

Targets _____

Branch Line

O.C.R. _____ Size _____
 Fuse 4E/05/39 Size 20T

Transformer

Fuse 10 Transf. Size 50 KVA

ROUTING (initial)

Responded By Jeff Kech

Line Assisted By Mason Craig

Assisted By Jake Bonas

Manager _____

Outage File _____



Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Item #4.

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Item Title: 2025 WPPI Energy Presentation-A Joint Action Update for Member Governing Bodies

Submitted By: Dalton Hiley, Lead Lineman

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Mike Peters, President and CEO from WPPI Energy, Presenting-A joint Action Update for Member Governing Bodies.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

N/A

Action Requested of Commission:

Discussion



THE POWER TO THRIVE

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A JOINT ACTION UPDATE FOR

MEMBER GOVERNING BODIES



Mike Peters
President & CEO
October 16, 2025

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

MEMBER-FOCUSED BUSINESS PLAN

Shaped by member feedback



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Top initiatives in 2025

- Electric generation resource planning
- Continued transmission investments
- Member satisfaction, unity

Ahead for 2026

- Develop 2027-2031 plan
 - Critically important: Member engagement and participation



Members form WPPI as a public power joint action agency



Every community has a seat on the board of directors



Board elects 11 representatives to an executive committee



Peak demand (in megawatts)²⁰²⁴

WPPI BY THE NUMBERS

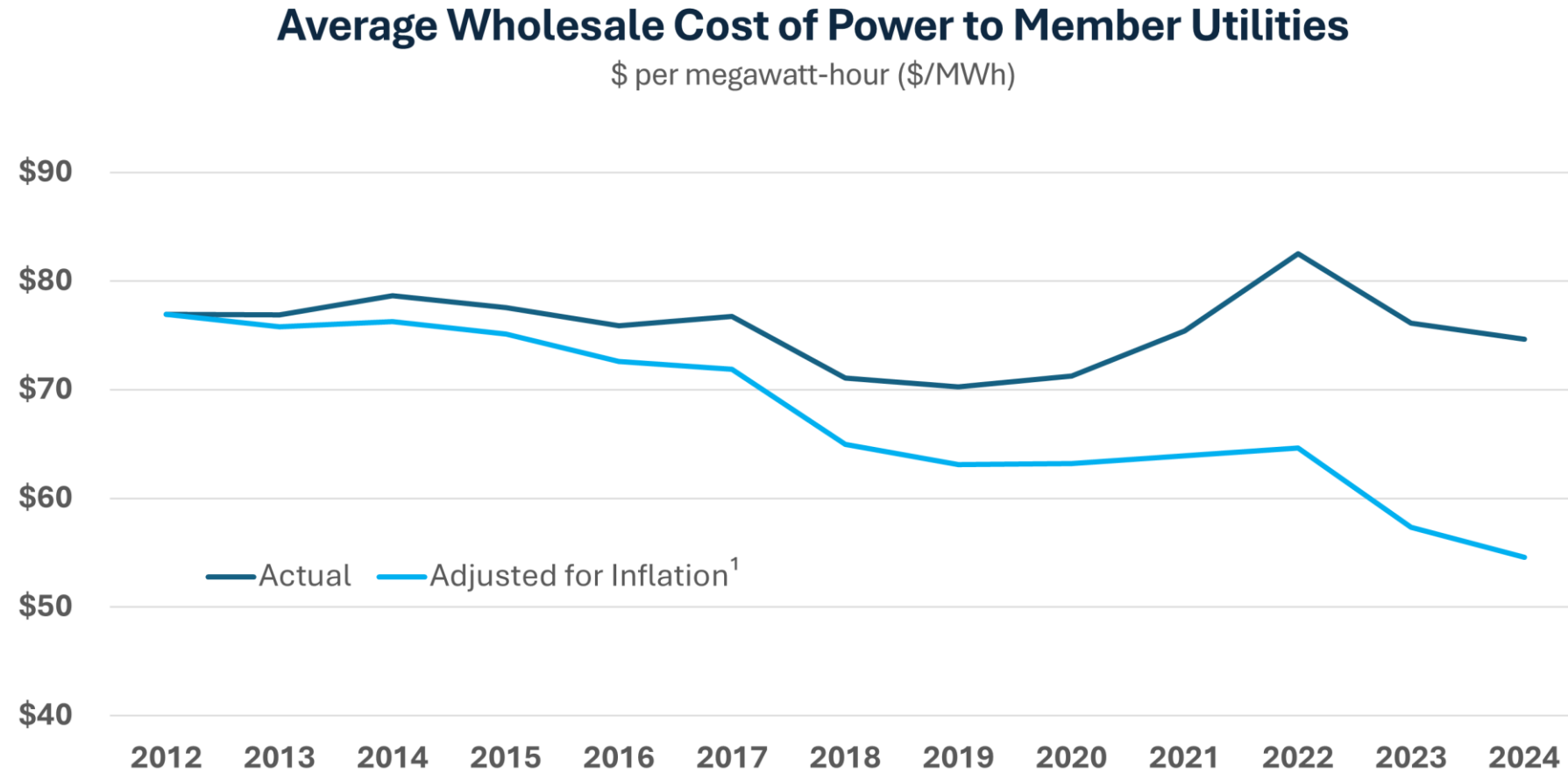


Annual budget
(in millions)²⁰²⁵

Total assets (in
millions)²⁰²⁴



STABLE, COMPETITIVE COSTS



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

OUR DIVERSE RESOURCE PORTFOLIO

WPPI's Primary Power Supply Resources



TRANSMISSION OWNERSHIP

Keeping costs down
for WPPI members



READY FOR THE FUTURE

- WPPI members are well positioned
 - Economies of scale, strength in numbers
 - Long-term power supply planning expertise
 - Financial strength



THE POWER TO THRIVE

Services, Support, Outreach & Advocacy

- Local data center inquiries
- Business technology developments
 - Outage management platform
 - Utility customer interconnection applications
 - GIS support
- Community outreach funds
- Energy policy advocacy
 - Tax exempt financing
 - Transmission right of first refusal



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Item #5.

Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Item Title: 2026 Operating and Capital Budget

Submitted By: Dalton Hiley, Lead Lineman and Michelle Kaltenberg, Business Manager

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Discussion of the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

N/A

Action Requested of Commission:

Discussion



#	Comments
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|---|---|
| 1 | Our latest electric rate increase went into effect 2/29/2024.
Our latest water rate increase went into effect 9/1/2025.
Our latest wastewater rate increase went into effect 4/1/2025 |
| 3 | 2026 Budget prepared with a 8% increase in dental and 10% in health insurance rates vs. 2025. |
| 4 | 2026 budget prepared anticipating approximatley +3% increase in operating wages/salaries and +3% Administration roles. |
| 5 | AT&T & Charter Pole Attachments were increased by 3%, per contracts. |
| 6 | ACEC capacity payment of \$29,400 is expected in 2026 for Sub # 4. |
| 7 | School Benefits maintained due to Mason Mosher being in the Lineman Apprenticeship Program and Dalton Hiley being in the Meter Technician Apprenticeship Program. |
| 8 | Proposed capital projects and correlating debt issuance funds are shown. |
| 9 | ATC Dividends are included in Electric Interest Income. |

COLUMBUS LIGHT DEPARTMENT
Electric Revenue and Expenses
Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

	Actual	Actual	Expected	Budget	Budget	% Budget Increase
	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	
OPERATING REVENUES						
Sales of Electricity						
Residential Sales (440)	2,378,917	2,356,044	2,814,307	2,495,263	2,523,685	1.1%
Commercial Sales (442) GS = <50 KW for 3 consec months	938,479	906,561	1,082,164	992,969	1,005,934	1.3%
Small Power Sales (443) CP - 1 = demand <200 KW	840,404	825,823	1,058,907	889,251	928,784	4.4%
Large Power Sales (443-82) CP-2 = demand <1000 KW	813,640	825,426	974,541	926,873	917,614	-1.0%
Industrial Power Sales (443-83) CP-3 = demand >1000 KW	2,528,744	2,718,086	3,447,431	2,861,288	3,172,569	10.9%
Public Street Lighting (444-91)	121,412	126,151	142,808	127,273	126,724	-0.4%
Athletic Field Lighting (444-92)	1,129	1,801	2,559	1,625	1,775	9.2%
Interdepartmental Sales (448)	12,734	9,764	8,533	10,000	6,500	-35.0%
Total Sales Electricity	7,635,459	7,769,656	9,531,251	8,304,542	8,683,585	4.6%
Other Operating Revenues						
Forfeited Discounts (450)	8,500	9,543	8,639	9,000	6,675	-25.8%
Rents From Electric Property (454)	71,350	72,595	73,895	72,600	75,230	3.6%
Other Electric Revenues (456)	5,875	8,338	25,989	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Total Other Operating Revenues	85,725	90,476	108,523	86,600	86,905	0.4%
Total Operating Revenues	7,721,184	7,860,132	9,639,773	8,391,142	8,770,490	4.5%
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Operation and Maintenance Expenses						
Purchased Power (555)	5,963,618	5,876,297	7,044,626	6,364,872	6,719,577	5.6%
Distribution Expenses	293,389	327,063	337,151	354,146	298,728	-15.6%
Customer Accounts Expenses	102,935	96,976	76,224	116,400	88,476	-24.0%
Sales Expenses	125,255	51,980	16,507	32,905	17,683	-46.3%
Administrative and General Expenses	746,192	654,485	954,209	810,176	880,332	8.7%
Taxes (Non-Tax Equivalent)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operation and Maint. Expenses	7,231,389	7,006,801	8,428,718	7,678,499	8,004,795	4.2%
Depreciation Expense (403) - Utility Financed	505,551	526,026	559,000	508,206	505,000	-0.6%
Depreciation Expense (403) - CIAC	56,138	52,330	67,500	60,000	61,200	2.0%
Taxes (Tax Equivalent) (408)	262,657	274,639	286,634	300,648	267,170	-11.1%
Total Operating Expenses	8,055,735	7,859,796	9,341,852	8,547,353	8,838,165	3.4%
Net Operating Income	(334,551)	335	297,922	(156,211)	(67,675)	-56.7%
Operating Income - CIAC						
NON-OPERATING REVENUES						
Merchandising & Jobbing Revenue (415)	-	52,745	-	-	-	0.0%
Merchandising & Jobbing Expense (416)	(1,003)	(67,777)	-	-	-	0.0%
Interest Income (419)	101,449	104,640	99,270	93,000	95,830	3.0%
Other Income Deductions (426)	-	-	(508)	-	-	#DIV/0!
Interest Expense (427 & 430)	(10,100)	(9,064)	(10,800)	(18,903)	(9,792)	-48.2%
Amortization of Debt Issuance Expense (4280)	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Amortization of Loss on Adv. Refunding (4281)	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Amortization of Bond Premium (4282)	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Amortization of Debt Discount & Expenses (428)	2,568	(8,604)	5,454	(2,400)	2,400	0.0%
Other Non-Operating Income (421)	11,340	1,456	451,111	169,000	12,000	-92.9%
Total Non-Operating (Income)/Expense	104,255	73,396	544,527	240,697	100,438	-58.3%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(230,297)	73,732	842,449	84,486	32,763	-61.2%

COLUMBUS LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Detailed Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses

Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

		Actual 12/31/2023 2023	Actual 12/31/2024 2024	Thru August YTD 12/31/2025 2025	Expected 2025	Budget 12/31/2025 2025	Budget 2026	% Budget Increase
30-440-61-0000	Residential Sales - Total	-	-	-	-	2,495,263	2,523,685	1%
30-440-61-0010	Residential Sales - City	2,300,057	2,444,516	1,919,433	2,789,150	-	-	
30-440-61-0011	Residential Sales PCAC - City	6,761	(160,149)	(39,916)	(59,874)	-	-	
30-440-61-0012	Res Sales Renew Engy - City	3,491	3,379	2,382	3,574	-	-	
30-440-61-0020	Residential Sales - Twn Clumbs	4,668	4,883	4,210	6,315	-	-	
30-440-61-0021	Residential Sales PCAC - ToFC	48	(290)	(35)	(53)	-	-	
30-440-61-0030	Residential Sales Town of Elba	63,823	68,294	51,387	77,080	-	-	
30-440-61-0031	Residential Sales PCAC - ToFE	69	(4,589)	(1,257)	(1,885)	-	-	
30-442-71-0010	S C/I Sales City1Ph	344,805	383,314	301,521	437,281	992,969	1,005,934	1%
30-442-71-0011	S C/I City1Ph PCAC	(462)	(27,002)	(8,253)	(12,380)	-	-	
30-442-71-0012	S C/I City1Ph Renew Engy	48	48	36	54	-	-	
30-442-71-0030	S C/I Town of Elba 1Ph	2,369	2,494	1,365	2,047	-	-	
30-442-71-0031	S C/I Town of ELba 1 Ph PCAC	(15)	(111)	(29)	(43)	-	-	
30-442-72-0010	S C/I Sales City 3Ph	581,911	579,986	468,978	663,466	-	-	
30-442-72-0011	S C/I City 3Ph PCAC	(1,491)	(43,639)	(14,536)	(21,804)	-	-	
30-442-72-0012	S C/I City 3Ph Renewal Energy	744	744	558	837	-	-	
30-442-72-0030	S C/I Town of Elba 3Ph	9,371	10,231	7,926	11,888	-	-	
30-442-72-0031	S C/I Town of Elba 3Ph PCAC	(119)	(887)	(466)	(698)	-	-	
30-442-93-0010	S C/I Security Lights City	1,325	1,412	1,022	1,533	-	-	
30-442-93-0011	S C/I Scurity Light City PCAC	(6)	(30)	(11)	(17)	-	-	
30-443-81-0010	Lg C/I Sales Small Pwr CP-1	843,074	902,839	728,619	1,092,929	889,251	928,784	4%
30-443-81-0011	Lg C/I Small Power CP-1 PCAC	(3,870)	(78,217)	(23,581)	(35,372)	-	-	
30-443-81-0012	Lg C/I Sml Pwr CP-1 Renew Engy	1,200	1,200	900	1,350	-	-	
30-443-82-0010	Lg C/I Sales Large Power CP-2	765,689	852,921	643,535	965,302	926,873	917,614	-1%
30-443-82-0011	Lg C/I Large Power CP-2 PCAC	(994)	(70,348)	(21,410)	(32,115)	-	-	
30-443-82-0030	Lg C/I Sales Large Power Elba	48,946	42,854	27,569	41,354	-	-	
30-443-82-0031	Lg Commer and Indust Sales PCA	(1,253)	(2,270)	(634)	(951)	-	-	
30-443-83-0010	Lg Commer and Indust Sales Ind	2,536,713	3,005,774	2,378,340	3,567,510	2,861,288	3,172,569	11%
30-443-83-0011	Lg Commer and Indust Sales PCA	(11,696)	(290,399)	(80,248)	(120,373)	-	-	
30-443-83-0012	Lg Commer and Indust Sales Ren	4,980	4,980	830	1,245	-	-	
30-444-91-0010	Public Str and Hwy Lighting Ci	119,386	126,180	94,263	141,394	127,273	126,724	0%
30-444-91-0011	Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC	(284)	(2,233)	(723)	(1,085)	-	-	
30-444-91-0030	Public Str and Hwy Lighting EI	2,327	2,302	1,694	2,542	-	-	
30-444-91-0031	Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC	(17)	(98)	(29)	(43)	-	-	
30-444-92-0010	Public Str and Hwy Lighting At	1,102	1,878	2,012	2,517	1,625	1,775	9%
30-444-92-0011	Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC	27	(76)	28	42	-	-	
30-448-95-0010	Interdepartmental Sales City	12,856	10,860	5,556	8,333	10,000	6,500	-35%
30-448-95-0011	Interdepartmental Sales PCAC -	(122)	(1,096)	133	200	-	-	
	Total Sales Electricity	<u>7,635,459</u>	<u>7,769,656</u>	<u>6,451,167</u>	<u>9,531,251</u>	<u>8,304,542</u>	<u>8,683,585</u>	
30-450-00-0000	Forfeited Discs	-	-	-	-	9,000	6,675	-26%
30-450-00-0010	Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc	7,462	9,231	5,508	8,262	-	-	
30-450-00-0020	Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc	1	-	4	5	-	-	
30-450-00-0030	Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc	254	312	248	372	-	-	
30-454-00-0000	Rent from Elect Prop	71,341	72,595	51,647	73,895	72,600	75,230	4%
30-456-00-0000	Oth Elect Rev	5,713	7,023	21,276	24,413	5,000	5,000	0%
30-456-20-0000	Oth Elect Rev Supplies & Expen	982	1,316	1,050	1,575	-	-	

Total Other Operating Revenues	85,753	90,476	79,732	108,523	86,600	86,905	0%
Total Operating Revenues	7,721,212	7,860,132	6,530,899	9,639,773	8,391,142	8,770,490	5%
Other Power Supply Expenses							
30-555-00-0000 Purchased Power (555)	5,963,618	5,876,297	4,363,084	7,044,626	6,364,872	6,719,577	
Total Other Power Supply Expenses	5,963,618	5,876,297	4,363,084	7,044,626	6,364,872	6,719,577	6%
Distribution Expenses							
30-580-20-0000 Oper Supervsn and Engineer Sup	9,844	14,438	4,833	7,250	13,984	8,500	-39%
30-582-10-0000 Station Exp Labor	-	-	2,803	4,205	-	3,500	175%
30-582-20-0000 Station Exp Supplies & Expense	2,055	1,333	5,489	6,434	2,000	2,000	
30-583-10-0000 OH line Exp Labor	962	740	111	166	837	200	-89%
30-583-10-5835 OH line Exp Labor Install Remo	-	339	368	552	384	475	
30-583-20-0000 OH line Exp Supplies & Expense	1,034	1,544	-	-	52,679	5,000	
30-584-00-0000 UG Line Exp	(738)	-	-	-	-	-	-79%
30-584-10-0000 UG Line Exp Labor	398	-	-	-	-	-	
30-584-10-5845 UG Line Exp Labor Install Remo	562	204	-	-	230	300	
30-584-20-0000 UG Line Exp Supplies & Expense	12,535	13,344	8,683	13,024	59,679	12,000	
30-584-30-5845 UG Line Exp Transportation Ins	61	-	-	-	-	-	
30-586-10-5865 Meter Exp Labor Install Remove	539	-	294	442	-	-	
30-586-20-0000 Meter Exp Supplies & Expenses	10,705	6,527	5,115	7,673	5,850	6,950	19%
30-587-00-0000 Customer Installations Exp	-	(622)	-	-	-	-	0%
30-587-10-0000 Customer Installations Exp Lab	-	451	-	-	-	-	
30-587-30-0000 Customer Installations Exp Tra	550	300	-	-	125	125	
30-588-00-0000 Misc Dist Exp	146	-	-	-	-	-	11%
30-588-10-0000 Misc Dist Exp Labor	72,872	114,724	80,694	121,041	110,996	109,775	
30-588-10-5883 Misc Dist Exp Labor Indirect W	441	-	-	-	-	-	
30-588-20-0000 Misc Dist Exp Supplies & Expen	11,392	26,332	26,471	39,707	-	35,000	
30-588-20-5881 Misc Dist Exp Supplies & Expen	26	-	-	-	20,000	0	
30-589-00-0000 Rents	-	-	-	-	15,240	0	-100%
30-591-10-0000 Maint of Struct Labor	826	1,612	4,988	5,981	450	1,000	122%
30-592-10-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Labor	4,508	12,973	20,527	22,541	6,675	8,666	130%
30-592-20-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Supplies	2,125	49,579	391	587	1,000	9,000	
30-592-30-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Transport	-	805	-	-	-	-	
30-592-40-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Inventory	-	215	-	-	-	-	
30-593-00-0000 Maint of OH Lines	(493)	(659)	-	-	-	-	105%
30-593-10-0000 Maint of OH Lines Labor	39,200	29,573	32,254	48,381	26,173	44,750	
30-593-10-5932 Maint of OH Lines Labor / Tree	13,578	7,238	23,052	24,579	6,816	25,225	
30-593-20-0000 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E	10,355	6,158	5,337	8,006	-	-	
30-593-20-5932 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E	5,242	547	(6)	(8)	1,500	750	
30-593-30-0000 Maint of OH Lines Transportati	187	148	-	-	-	-	
30-594-00-0000 Maint of UG Lines	(375)	-	-	-	-	-	-1%
30-594-10-0000 Maint of UG Lines Labor	17,197	13,315	11,755	13,632	10,604	12,525	
30-594-10-5942 Maint of UG Lines Labor Electr	1,132	932	924	1,385	824	1,070	
30-594-20-0000 Maint of UG Lines Supplies & E	57,722	9,858	2,507	3,760	5,000	2,735	
30-594-20-5941 Maint of UG Lines Supplies & E	667	-	-	-	-	-	
30-594-30-0000 Maint of UG Lines Transportati	30	366	-	-	500	500	
30-594-40-0000 Maint of UG Lines Inventory Al	-	800	-	-	-	-	
30-595-10-0000 Maint of Line Transformers Lab	245	141	-	-	159	207	30%
30-596-10-0000 Maint of Str Light, Signal Sys	9,378	10,227	2,918	3,527	8,044	3,350	-55%
30-596-20-0000 Maint of Str Light, Signal Sys	634	221	-	-	500	500	
30-597-10-0000 Maint of Meters Labor	6,277	3,361	2,859	4,288	3,397	4,425	19%
30-597-20-0000 Maint of Meters Supplies & Exp	1,572	-	-	-	500	200	
Total Distribution Expenses	293,389	327,063	242,368	337,151	354,146	298,728	-16%
Customer Accounts Expenses							
30-902-10-0000 Meter Reading Exp Labor	-	71	-	-	81	105	28%

30-902-20-0000	Meter Reading Exp Supplies & E	10,440	12,326	9,944	14,916	12,723	16,408	
30-902-30-0000	Meter Reading Exp Transportati	164	75	-	-	141	0	
30-903-10-0000	Customer Records & Clct Exp La	56,283	60,887	24,643	36,964	66,749	49,819	-30%
30-903-10-9033	Customer Records & Clct Exp Di	4,765	2,788	1,251	1,876	2,806	1,044	
30-903-20-0000	Customer Records & Clct Exp Su	31,284	20,809	15,178	22,467	33,500	21,000	
30-904-00-0000	Uncollectible Accounts	-	21	-	-	200	100	-50%
30-906-00-0000	Cust Svc & Informational Exp	-	-	-	-	200	-	-100%
	Total Customer Accounts Expenses	102,935	96,976	51,016	76,224	116,400	88,476	-24%
Sales Expenses								
30-912-00-9122	Demonstrating and Selling Exp	(337)	-	-	-	-	-	0%
30-912-20-0000	Demonstrating and Selling Exp	98	-	-	-	-	-	
30-912-20-9122	Demonstrating and Selling Exp	(3,068)	3,733	4,233	349	1,525	1,525	
30-916-00-0000	Misc Sales Exp	5,613	2,450	550	825	2,983	908	
30-916-20-0000	Misc Sales Exp Supplies & Expe	122,950	45,797	10,222	15,333	28,397	15,250	
	Total Sales Expenses	125,255	51,980	15,005	16,507	32,905	17,683	-46%
Administrative and General Expenses								
30-920-00-0000	Admin & General Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30-920-10-0000	Admin & General Salaries Labor	256,322	253,411	194,300	291,450	259,859	271,000	4%
30-921-00-0000	Ofc Supplies and Exp	-	212	10	15	140	140	4%
30-921-20-0000	Ofc Supplies and Exp Supplies	67,105	46,883	39,559	53,838	46,434	48,525	40%
30-923-20-0000	Outside Svcs Employed Supplies	19,468	38,391	82,237	86,605	25,000	35,000	40%
30-924-20-0000	Prop Insurance Supplies & Expe	23,924	25,916	25,858	25,858	26,953	26,375	-2%
30-925-20-0000	Injuries and Damages Supplies	3,992	4,700	4,732	4,732	5,000	4,826	-3%
30-926-00-9269	Employee P&B Fringes Cleared	(8,581)	(158,220)	(7,608)	(71,412)	(7,500)	(10460)	39%
30-926-10-9261	Employee P&B Sick Payout Benft	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	0%
30-926-10-9262	Employee P&B Holiday	7,597	11,932	9,451	14,176	11,094	12,620	14%
30-926-10-9264	Employee P&B School	37,163	58,663	41,019	61,529	43,357	47,926	11%
30-926-10-9265	Employee P&B Funeral/MISC	1,490	1,024	1,021	1,531	908	1,561	72%
30-926-10-9266	Employee P&B Vac Payout Benft	-	1,076	-	-	1,617	1,500	-7%
30-926-15-9269	Employee P&B Burden/OH Cleared	1,338	3,357	-	-	-	0	0%
30-926-20-0000	Employee P&B Supplies & Exp	88	-	-	-	5,870	0	0%
30-926-20-9260	Employee P&B WI Retirement	32,993	41,108	29,980	44,970	46,920	41,240	-12%
30-926-20-9266	Employee P&B Clothing Allowance	13,111	2,017	4,551	6,827	3,500	6,963	99%
30-926-20-9267	Employee P&B Health Ins	66,056	77,299	63,810	95,715	88,919	96,060	8%
30-926-20-9268	Employee P&B Life Ins	549	677	469	703	1,059	1,139	8%
30-926-20-9270	Employee P&B Cell Phone	838	975	718	1,076	1,900	1,900	0%
30-926-20-9271	Employee P&B Dental Ins	3,755	4,103	3,631	5,446	4,701	5,278	12%
30-926-20-9272	Employee P&B Vision Ins	517	567	471	707	510	647	27%
30-926-20-9273	Employee P&B GASB 68	-	1,291	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
30-928-00-0000	Regulatory Commisision Exp	-	-	-	-	5,000	1,000	-80%
30-928-20-0000	Reg Commisision Exp S&E	16,643	5,698	-	-	-	-	
30-930-00-0000	Misc General Exp	-	-	350	525	-	250	30%
30-930-10-0000	Misc General Exp Labor	29,336	24,449	33,040	49,560	23,863	30,511	
30-930-20-0000	Misc Gen Exp S&E	13,862	11,939	11,483	17,224	13,000	17,264	
30-933-00-0000	Vehicle Clearing	39,655	49,022	43,708	65,561	52,000	54,650	3%
30-933-10-0000	Vehicle Clearing Labor	31,616	34,976	30,198	45,297	29,522	30,942	
30-933-20-0000	Vehicle Clearing S&E	44,538	60,859	29,942	74,913	75,000	76,200	
30-933-30-0000	Vehicle Clearing Transportatio	(2,370)	-	-	-	-	-	
30-932-00-0000	Maint of General Plt	-	650	-	-	-	-	71%
30-932-10-0000	Maint of General Plt Labor	41,244	43,435	52,578	63,866	37,050	60,575	
30-932-20-0000	Maint Gen Plant S&E	3,947	8,076	8,997	13,495	7,500	15,700	
	Total Administrative and General Expenses	746,192	654,485	704,503	954,209	810,176	880,332	9%
	Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses-PSC	7,231,389	7,006,801	5,375,975	8,428,718	7,678,499	8,004,795	4%
	Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses	7,231,389	7,006,801	5,375,975	8,428,718	7,678,499	8,004,795	4%
30-403-00-0000	Depreciation Expense	505,551	526,026	330,000	559,000	508,206	505,000	-1%

30-403-00-0001	Depreciation Expense Pole Rent	56,138	52,330	45,000	67,500	60,000	61,200	100%
	Total Taxes	561,689	578,356	375,000	626,500	568,206	566,200	0%
30-408-00-0000	Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-408-20-4081	Taxes Property Tax Equivalent	212,958	217,357	150,000	225,000	236,447	211,140	-11%
30-408-20-4082	Taxes Social Security	37,388	45,155	32,159	50,239	51,646	44,407	-14%
30-408-20-4083	Taxes Gross Receipts Tax	4,752	4,084	1,902	2,853	4,990	2,910	-42%
30-408-20-4084	Taxes PSC Remainder Assessment	7,558	8,042	-	8,542	7,565	8,713	15%
	Total Taxes	262,657	274,639	184,061	286,634	300,648	267,170	-11%
	<u>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</u>							
30-415-00-0000	Rev from Merch Job & Cont Work	-	52,745	-	-	-	-	-
30-416-10-0000	Merch Job & Cont Wrk Labor	(582)	(45,273)	-	-	-	-	-
30-416-15-0000	Merch Job & Cont Wrk Burden/OH	(221)	(17,204)	-	-	-	-	-
30-416-30-0000	Merch Job & Cont Wrk Transport	(200)	(5,300)	-	-	-	-	-
30-419-00-0000	Interest and Dividends Income	101,449	104,640	66,180	99,270	93,000	95,830	3%
30-426-00-0000	Oth Income Deductions	-	-	(339)	(508)	-	-	#DIV/0!
30-427-00-0000	Interest on Long-Term Debt	(10,100)	(9,064)	(7,200)	(10,800)	(18,903)	(9,792)	-48%
30-428-00-4280	Amort of Debt Disc and Exp	2,568	(8,604)	3,636	5,454	(2,400)	2,400	100%
30-421-00-0000	Misc NonOper Income	11,340	1,456	445,740	451,111	2,000	2,000	0%
30-421-00-4211	Gain/Sales Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	167,000	10,000	100%
	Total Non-Operating/Misc Income	104,255	73,396	508,018	544,527	240,697	100,438	-58%
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(230,269)	73,732	1,103,881	842,449	84,486	32,763	

COLUMBUS WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Revenue and Expenses
 Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Expected 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% Budget Increase
OPERATING REVENUES						
Sales of Water						
Unmetered Sales (460)						
Metered Sales						
Residential (4611)	770,164	822,512	926,089	850,408	953,871	12.2%
Commercial (4610 & 4612)	194,634	216,668	268,933	222,338	277,001	24.6%
Industrial (4613)	62,109	62,818	59,097	70,230	60,870	-13.3%
Deduct Meter Charges (4614)	716	503	908	691	935	35.3%
Multi Family (4615)	57,592	66,518	70,381	69,097	72,492	4.9%
Public Authority (464)	29,930	38,634	45,777	45,861	47,150	2.8%
Total Metered Sales	1,115,144	1,207,653	1,371,183	1,258,625	1,412,319	12.2%
Private Fire Protection (462)	37,968	37,975	42,714	39,117	43,995	12.5%
Public Fire Protection (463)	441,742	475,133	541,902	487,929	558,159	14.4%
Total Sales of Water	1,594,855	1,720,762	1,955,799	1,785,671	2,014,473	12.8%
Other Operating Revenues						
Forfeited Discounts (470)	5,810	3,406	3,429	3,828	3,531	-7.7%
Other Water Revenues (474)	5,961	(3,512)	6,187	4,288	5,700	32.9%
Total Other Operating Revenues	11,770	(106)	9,615	8,115	9,231	13.8%
Total Operating Revenues	1,606,625	1,720,656	1,965,415	1,793,786	2,023,705	12.8%
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Operation and Maintenance Expenses						
Maintenance of Wells (614)	-	-	-	-	-	
Pumping Expenses	43,559	43,079	45,770	41,448	43,481	4.9%
Water Treatment Expenses	210,064	165,722	227,339	193,653	220,145	13.7%
Transmission and Distribution Expenses	194,100	170,133	142,788	332,690	133,390	-59.9%
Customer Accounts Expenses	43,078	35,543	(4,355)	37,088	13,759	-62.9%
Sales Expense	-	-	-	250	250	0.0%
Administrative and General Expenses	409,785	358,992	491,073	438,078	448,168	2.3%
Taxes (Non-Tax Equivalent)	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses	900,586	773,470	902,616	1,043,207	859,192	-17.6%
Depreciation Expense (403)	330,618	334,241	377,955	304,877	377,955	24.0%
Depreciation Expense (403) - CIAC						#DIV/0!
Depreciation Expense (403) - CIAC	46,659	43,964	54,000	43,200	54,000	100.0%
Taxes (408)	226,930	233,009	220,687	256,100	245,961	-4.0%
Total Operating Expenses	1,504,793	1,384,684	1,555,258	1,647,384	1,537,108	-6.7%
Operating Income	101,832	335,972	410,157	146,402	486,596	232.4%
Operating Income - CIAC						
NON-OPERATING REVENUES						
Revenues from Merchandising, Jobbing & Contract						
Costs & Expenses of Merchandising, Jobbing, etc						
Interest Income (419)	32,296	37,057	29,238	31,000	29,238	-5.7%
Misc Nonoperating Income (421)	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Impact Fees (421.1)						#DIV/0!
Interest Expense (427)	(62,850)	(60,150)	(69,300)	57,850	(63,250)	-209.3%
Amortization of Debt Issuance Expense (4280)	8,343	7,813	8,249	(7,901)	8,249	0.0%
Other Interest Expense (431)	34	22	(21)	(25)	(21)	0.0%
Appropriation of Earnings to Municipal Fund (439)	941	1,684	-	(845)	-	0.0%
Total Non-Operating (Income)/Expense	(21,235)	(13,573)	(31,835)	80,079	(25,785)	-132.2%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	80,597	322,399	378,322	226,481	460,812	103.5%

COLUMBUS WATER DEPARTMENT

Detailed Water Operation and Maintenance Expenses
Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

		Actual 12/31/2023 2023	Actual 12/31/2024 2024	Thru August YTD 12/31/2025 2025	Expected 2025	Budget 12/31/2025 2025	Budget 2026	% Budget Increase
50-461-60-4611	Metered Sales to Customers Met	770,164	822,512	617,392	926,089	850,408	953,871	12.2%
50-461-70-4610	Metered Sales to Customers Met	8,192	8,667	4,863	7,294	7,188	7,513	4.5%
50-461-70-4612	Metered Sales to Customers Met	186,442	208,001	174,426	261,638	215,150	269,487	25.3%
50-461-80-4613	Metered Sales to Customers Met	62,109	62,818	39,398	59,097	70,230	60,870	-13.3%
50-461-60-4614	Metered Sales to Customers Ded	716	503	605	908	691	935	35.3%
50-461-90-4615	Metered Sales to Customers Mul	57,592	66,518	46,921	70,381	69,097	72,492	4.9%
50-464-00-0000	Oth Sales to Public Author	29,930	38,634	30,518	45,777	45,861	47,150	2.8%
	Total Metered Sales	1,115,144	1,207,653	914,122	1,371,183	1,258,625	1,412,319	12.2%
50-462-00-0000	Private Fire Protection Svc	37,968	37,975	28,476	42,714	39,117	43,995	12.5%
50-463-00-0000	Public Fire Protection Svc	441,742	475,133	361,268	541,902	487,929	558,159	14.4%
	Total Water Sales	1,594,855	1,720,762	1,303,866	1,955,799	1,785,671	2,014,473	12.8%
50-470-00-0000	Forfeited Discs	5,810	3,406	2,286	3,429	3,828	3,531	-7.7%
50-474-00-0000	Oth Wtr Rev	5,961	(3,512)	4,125	6,187	4,288	5,700	32.9%
	Total Other Operating Revenues	11,770	(106)	6,410	9,615	8,115	9,231	13.8%
	Total Operating Revenues	1,606,625	1,720,656	1,310,277	1,965,415	1,793,786	2,023,705	12.8%
	Pumping Expenses							
50-623-00-0000	/Svc Pub Author/Fuel Purchased	37,422	38,337	29,436	44,154	35,509	39,042	9.9%
50-624-10-0000	/Svc to Oth/Pmp Labor & Exp La	430	282	193	290	215	273	
50-633-10-0000	/Fertil Sales/Maint-Pmp Exp La	-	850	884	1,326	724	1,166	-27.2%
50-633-20-0000	/Fertil Sales/Maint-Pmp Exp Su	5,707	3,611	-	-	5,000	3,000	
	Total Pumping Expenses	43,559	43,079	30,513	45,770	41,448	43,481	4.9%
	Water Treatment Expenses							
50-641-20-0000	Chemicals Supplies & Expenses	77,394	51,057	41,514	62,271	74,000	62,000	-16.2%
50-642-10-0000	Oper Labor and Exp Labor	43,283	52,272	42,422	63,633	49,612	50,435	49.6%
50-642-20-0000	Oper Labor and Exp Supplies &	41,206	18,063	32,142	48,213	15,000	46,250	
50-651-00-0000	Maint of Structure and Imprv	-	-	-	-	7,998	-	-87.3%
50-651-10-0000	Maint of Structure and Imprv L	1,234	1,271	691	1,036	1,417	1,200	
50-652-00-6521	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Mainten	-	150	-	-	-	-	18.9%
50-652-10-6521	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Labor/M	16,882	14,114	12,941	19,412	13,112	15,595	
50-652-10-6522	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Labor/M	14,227	16,953	12,958	19,438	16,914	16,315	
50-652-20-0000	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Supplie	95	95	48	71	-	100	
50-652-20-6521	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Supplie	11,436	6,073	820	1,230	7,800	1,000	
50-652-20-6522	Maint of Wtr Trtmt Eqp Supplie	4,307	5,673	8,024	12,036	7,800	27,250	
	Water Testing - Notification	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total Water Treatment Expenses	210,064	165,722	151,559	227,339	193,653	220,145	13.7%
	Transmission and Distribution Expenses							
	Operation Supplies and Expenses							
50-660-00-0000	Oper Supervsn and Engineer	-	-	-	-	-	-	
50-660-20-0000	Oper Supervsn and Engineer Sup	16,406	-	4,833	7,250	4,984	7,467	-74.0%
50-661-10-0000	Storage Facilities Exp Labor	-	135	242	362	101	350	
50-661-20-0000	Storage Facilities Exp Supplie	-	4,500	-	-	25,000	-	
50-662-10-0000	Trans and Dist Lines Exp Labor	6,472	14,537	10,869	16,304	15,054	10,434	-76.1%
50-662-20-0000	Trans and Dist Lines Exp Suppl	10,817	10,090	8,011	12,016	6,740	6,740	
50-662-20-6622	Trans and Dist Lines Exp Suppl	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	
50-663-10-0000	Meter Exp Labor	203	-	-	-	-	-	
50-663-10-6635	Meter Exp-Install, Remove and	1,777	3,423	1,099	1,648	2,600	1,754	-96.5%
50-663-20-0000	Meter Exp Supplies & Expenses	4,737	-	38	57	50,155	100	
50-664-10-0000	Customer Installations Exp Lab	685	1,877	3,687	5,530	1,077	5,100	36.1%
50-664-20-0000	Customer Installations Exp Sup	18,302	13,953	9,541	14,312	12,000	12,703	
50-664-20-6641	Water Testing-Notification Sup	929	929	-	-	-	-	0.0%
50-665-00-0000	Misc Exp	509	-	-	-	-	-	
50-665-10-0000	Misc Exp Labor	40,060	45,446	33,921	50,881	43,300	41,096	-15.3%
50-665-10-6653	Misc Exp Labor Indirect Work O	197	-	166	249	-	-	
50-665-20-0000	Misc Exp Supplies & Expenses	18,334	15,755	173	12,260	20,000	12,500	
50-665-20-6651	Misc Exp Supplies & Expenses	31	-	-	-	-	-	
50-666-20-0000	Rents Supplies & Expenses	535	550	-	-	-	-	100.0%
50-666-20-0000	Rents Supplies & Expenses	535	550	-	-	-	-	
50-672-10-0000	Maint of Dist Resv & Standpipe	61	630	480	720	720	539	-61.9%
50-672-20-0000	Maint of Dist Resv & Standpipe	65	11,650	12,700	13,050	12,500	4,500	
50-673-10-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	3,590	2,640	1,037	1,555	2,443	911	
50-673-10-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	14,038	3,629	4,590	6,885	-	7,050	
50-673-20-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	5,305	1,179	525	788	1,457	1,100	

50-673-20-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	19,820	3,416	13,909	11,863	470	12,219	
50-673-30-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	160	-	-	-	-	-	
50-673-30-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	4,163	2,290	-	-	-	-	
50-673-40-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	544	-	-	-	-	-	
50-673-40-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	3,837	3,871	-	-	-	-	
50-675-00-6752	Maint of Svcs Cross Connection	-	-	-	-	11,760	-	-37.4%
50-675-10-0000	Maint of Svcs Labor	10,464	6,803	2,156	3,234	4,264	4,374	
50-675-20-0000	Maint of Svcs Supplies & Expen	9,890	1,792	1,002	1,503	2,215	1,548	
50-675-20-6751	Maint of Svcs Supplies & Expen	486	6,564	(9,481)	(14,222)	1,594	6,500	
50-675-30-0000	Maint of Svcs Transportation	1,080	440	-	-	-	-	
50-675-40-0000	Maint of Svcs Inventory Alloca	1,359	480	-	-	-	-	
50-676-00-0000	Maint of Meters	(8,240)	(2,407)	(5,910)	(8,865)	(5,000)	(8,198)	-123.5%
50-676-10-0000	Maint of Meters Labor	2,966	2,221	719	1,078	1,424	1,723	
50-676-20-0000	Maint of Meters Supplies & Exp	-	2,593	-	-	31,110	-	
50-677-00-0000	Maint of Hydrants	(2,503)	-	-	-	-	-	
50-677-10-0000	Maint of Hydrants Labor	3,485	8,445	2,809	4,213	6,721	2,380	-92.2%
50-677-20-0000	Maint of Hydrants Supplies & E	1,465	1,662	77	115	-	500	
50-677-30-0000	Maint of Hydrants Transportati	285	40	-	-	-	-	
50-677-40-0000	Maint of Hydrants Inventory AI	1,252	450	-	-	30,000	-	
Total Transmission and Distribution Expenses		194,100	170,133	97,192	142,788	332,690	133,390	-59.9%
Customer Accounts Expense								
50-902-00-0000	Meter Reading Exp	(15,340)	(5,121)	(11,010)	(16,515)	(7,618)	(16,515)	-229.1%
50-902-10-0000	Meter Reading Exp Labor	336	148	97	145	139	137	
50-902-20-0000	Meter Reading Exp Supplies & E	8,455	9,980	8,061	12,092	10,251	12,455	
50-902-30-0000	Meter Reading Exp Transportati	113	115	-	-	150	150	
50-903-00-0000	Customer Records & Clct Exp	(40,372)	(30,420)	(28,989)	(43,484)	(35,000)	(40,210)	-123.0%
50-903-10-0000	Customer Records & Clct Exp La	57,173	41,970	13,539	20,309	48,890	36,492	
50-903-10-9033	Customer Records & Clct Exp Di	951	43	316	475	75	500	
50-903-20-0000	Customer Records & Clct Exp Su	31,762	18,827	15,082	22,623	20,000	20,750	100.0%
50-904-00-0000	Uncollectible Accounts	-	1	-	-	-	-	0.0%
50-906-00-0000	Cust Svc & Informational Exp	-	-	-	-	200	-	-100.0%
Total Customer Accounts Expense		43,078	35,543	(2,903)	(4,355)	37,088	13,759	-415.9%
50-910-00-0000	Sales Exp	-	-	-	-	250	250	0.0%
Administrative and General Expenses								
50-920-10-0000	Admin & General Salaries Labor	128,422	143,938	109,822	164,733	147,213	153,638	4.4%
50-921-00-0000	Ofc Supplies and Exp	1,447	190	10	15	-	-	48.3%
50-921-20-0000	Ofc Supplies and Exp Supplies	36,306	39,518	30,615	45,923	26,728	39,639	
50-921-20-9999	Ofc Supplies and Exp Supplies	-	63	-	-	-	-	
50-923-20-0000	Outside Svcs Employed Supplies	77,583	47,894	59,593	68,389	60,000	50,000	-16.7%
50-924-00-0000	Prop Insurance	-	-	-	-	17,500	-	1.5%
50-924-20-0000	Prop Insurance Supplies & Expe	15,949	17,278	17,239	17,239	-	17,756	
50-925-20-0000	Injuries and Damages Supplies	2,661	3,133	3,154	3,154	3,760	3,249	-13.6%
50-926-00-0000	Employee Pensions and Benefits	(7,756)	(2,774)	(5,571)	(8,357)	(3,856)	(8,357)	116.7%
50-926-00-9269	Employee P&B Fringes	(5,527)	(56,834)	(4,661)	(6,991)	(5,466)	(6,991)	27.9%
50-926-10-9261	Employee P&B Sick Payout	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
50-926-10-9262	Employee P&B Holiday	11,608	16,684	12,872	19,308	21,375	15,645	-26.8%
50-926-10-9264	Employee P&B School	3,954	6,811	3,968	4,452	9,300	4,500	-51.6%
50-926-10-9265	Employee P&B Funeral/MISC	1,490	1,772	953	1,430	2,398	1,348	-43.8%
50-926-10-9266	Employee P&B Vacation Payout	873	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
50-926-15-9269	Employee P&B Burden/Overhead	8,474	2,457	-	-	-	-	0.0%
50-926-20-0000	Employee P&B Supplies & Exp	(1,163)	-	-	-	500	500	100.0%
50-926-20-9260	Employee P&B WI Retirement	20,708	22,556	17,759	26,638	21,583	27,221	26.1%
50-926-20-9266	Employee P&B Clothing Allowance	805	2,437	1,993	2,989	3,050	3,050	0.0%
50-926-20-9267	Employee P&B Health Ins	61,318	63,774	50,005	75,007	55,901	74,970	34.1%
50-926-20-9268	Employee P&B Life Ins	364	435	284	427	651	771	18.4%
50-926-20-9270	Employee P&B Cell Phone	1,438	1,475	1,098	1,646	1,500	1,500	0.0%
50-926-20-9271	Employee P&B Dental Ins	3,553	3,164	2,650	3,975	3,093	3,844	24.3%
50-926-20-9272	Employee P&B Vision	461	407	314	471	360	434	20.6%
50-926-20-9273	Employee P&B GASB 68	-	(3,477)	-	-	-	-	0.0%
50-928-00-0000	Regulatory Commisison Exp	-	-	-	118	100	100	0.0%
50-928-20-0000	Regulatory Commisison Exp Su	-	-	118	177	-	-	
50-930-10-0000	Misc General Exp Labor	7,168	4,913	6,295	9,443	4,713	7,699	20.5%
50-930-20-0000	Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex	6,574	7,414	7,465	11,197	4,100	10,000	
50-930-20-9300	Misc General Exp Other General	969	-	-	-	-	-	
50-930-20-9351	Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex	-	-	-	-	5,870	-	
50-932-00-0000	Maint of General Plt	-	650	-	-	500	-	100.0%
50-932-10-0000	Maint of General Plt Labor	16,389	18,920	13,778	20,667	17,229	19,711	
50-932-20-0000	Maint of General Plt Supplies	4,134	7,326	9,934	14,900	31,133	15,286	
50-933-00-0000	Transportation Equip Maintenan	29	(968)	2,256	3,384	200	1,969	100.0%
50-933-10-0000	Transportation Equip Maintenan	11,552	9,835	7,158	10,736	8,642	10,685	
Total Administrative and General Expenses		409,785	358,992	349,101	491,073	438,078	448,168	2.3%

Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses-PSC		900,586	773,470	625,463	902,616	1,043,207	859,192	-17.6%
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses		900,586	773,470	625,463	902,616	1,043,207	859,192	-5.1%
50-403-00-0000	Depr Exp	330,618	334,241	251,970	377,955	304,877	377,955	24.0%
50-403-00-0001	Depr Exp Pole Rent	46,659	43,964	36,000	54,000	43,200	54,000	100.0%
Total Depr Exp		377,277	378,205	287,970	431,955	348,077	431,955	0.0%
50-408-00-0000	Taxes	(11,052)	(7,323)	(7,935)	(11,903)	(6,101)	(11,903)	95.1%
50-408-20-4081	Taxes Property Tax Equivalent	212,073	213,932	135,000	202,500	235,465	224,836	-4.5%
50-408-20-4082	Taxes Social Security	23,540	25,067	19,113	28,669	25,402	31,608	24.4%
50-408-20-4084	Taxes PSC Remainder Assessment	2,370	1,333	-	1,420	1,335	1,420	6.4%
Total Taxes		226,930	233,009	146,178	220,687	256,100	245,961	11.5%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES								
Revenues from Merchandising, Jobbing & Contract								
Costs & Expenses of Merchandising, Jobbing, etc								
50-419-00-0000	Interest and Dividends Income	32,296	37,057	19,492	29,238	31,000	29,238	-5.7%
50-427-00-0000	Interest on Long-Term Debt	(62,850)	(60,150)	(46,200)	(69,300)	57,850	(63,250)	-209.3%
50-428-00-4280	Amort of Debt Disc and Exp Amo	8,343	7,813	5,499	8,249	(7,901)	8,249	100.0%
50-431-00-0000	Oth Interest Exp	34	22	(14)	(21)	(25)	(21)	100.0%
50-439-10-0000	Approp of Income to Muni Funds	941	1,684	-	-	(845)	-	100.0%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		(21,235)	(13,573)	(21,223)	(31,835)	80,079	(25,785)	-19.0%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		205,695	219,436	124,955	188,852	336,179	460,812	144.0%

COLUMBUS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Wastewater Revenue and Expenses

Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

	Actual 2024	Thru Aug YTD 2025	Expected 2025	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% Budget Increase
OPERATING REVENUES						
Wastewater Revenue:						
Metered Sales						
Residential (4806)	997,651	857,585	1,286,378	1,354,141	2,006,749	48.2%
Commercial (4807) & (4809)	356,371	299,412	449,117	483,826	700,623	44.8%
Industrial (4808)	85,959	53,617	80,426	150,158	125,464	-16.4%
Public Authority (482)	34,545	29,035	43,552	52,996	67,942	28.2%
Service to other systems	133,014	98,368	147,552	195,662	134,678	-31.2%
Total Wastewater revenues	1,607,540	1,338,017	2,007,025	2,236,784	3,035,457	73.6%
Other operating revenues:						
Forfeited Discounts (470)	3,885	2,760	4,141	5,688	3,680	
Miscellaneous (483) & (487)	137,391	152,948	176,422	405,370	167,743	
Total operating revenues	1,748,816	1,493,725	2,187,588	2,647,842	3,206,880	21.1%
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Operation and Maintenance Expenses						
Operation:						
Supervision and labor	40,254	58,394	87,590	73,392	73,248	100.0%
Power and fuel for pumping	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Power and fuel	83,625	60,488	80,732	55,841	69,550	24.6%
Other operating supplies, expense	69,103	15,954	23,930	115,000	25,000	-78.3%
Transportation	815	18,265	18,265	1,551	22,325	1339.4%
Chemicals	145,568	108,229	162,344	214,600	165,515	-22.9%
Total Operation	339,366	261,329	372,862	460,384	355,638	-22.8%
Maintenance:						
Collection system	39,994	121,857	182,786	82,485	88,458	7.2%
Pumping equipment	30,668	17,199	25,799	32,885	22,904	-30.4%
Treatment and disposal plant equipment	21,492	20,166	30,248	45,095	30,120	-33.2%
General plant structures and equipment	267,292	144,829	217,244	305,869	187,575	-38.7%
Total Maintenance	359,445	304,051	456,077	466,334	329,057	-29.4%
Customer Accounts						
Accounting and collecting	68,489	17,881	26,821	17,752	24,700	39.1%
Administrative and general:						
Salaries & Benefits	380,753	296,861	445,292	344,159	419,882	22.0%
Office supplies	21,583	19,580	29,369	22,000	24,150	9.8%
Outside services employed	115,529	123,885	185,828	400,000	150,275	-62.4%
Insurance	32,621	32,010	32,010	34,300	32,978	-3.9%
Miscellaneous	9,314	5,927	8,890	7,650	20,100	162.7%
Vehicle	9,960	29,329	43,993	16,000	39,375	146.1%
Total administrative and general	569,761	507,592	745,383	824,109	686,760	-16.7%
Total operation and maintenance	1,337,062	1,090,854	1,601,143	1,768,579	1,396,155	-21.1%
Depreciation:						
Depreciation (403)	(484,477)	(114,000)	(171,000)	406,843	(117,420)	-128.9%
Taxes (408)	26,422	24,290	36,435	37,194	34,125	-8.3%
Total operating expenses	879,007	1,001,144	1,466,578	2,212,616	1,312,860	-40.7%
Operating income	869,809	492,582	721,010	435,225	1,894,020	335.2%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES						
Interest Income (419)	163,730	95,001	142,501	42,000	136,310	224.5%
Amortization of Debt Issuance Expense (4280)	(27,130)	8,379	12,569	-	-	0.0%
Interest Expense (431)	(197,402)	(50,400)	(75,600)	215,105	(51,925)	-124.1%
Other Non-Operating Income (421)	462	(291)	(437)	(106)	3,175	100.0%
Total Non-Operating (Income)/Expense	(60,339)	52,689	79,033	256,999	87,560	-65.9%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	809,470	545,270	800,043	692,224	1,981,580	186.3%

COLUMBUS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Detailed Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Expenses
Projected 2025 Year End for 2026 Budget

	Actual 12/31/2024 2024	Thru Aug YTD 12/31/2025 2025	Expected 2025	Budget 12/31/2025 2025	Budget 2026	% Budget Increase
60-480-60-0000 Metered Sales to Customers-RES	997,651	857,585	1,286,378	1,354,141	2,006,749	48.2%
60-480-70-0000 Metered Sales to Customers-COM	249,677	214,663	321,995	338,673	502,313	48.3%
60-480-80-0000 Metered Sales to Customers-IND	85,959	53,617	80,426	150,158	125,464	-16.4%
60-480-90-0000 Metered Sales to Customers-MUL	106,694	84,748	127,122	145,153	198,311	0.0%
60-482-00-0000 Svc to Pub Authorities	34,545	29,035	43,552	52,996	67,942	28.2%
Total	1,474,526	1,239,649	1,859,473	2,041,121	2,900,779	21.7%
60-483-00-0000 Svc to Other Sys	-	-	-	-	-	-
60-483-00-1100 Svc to Other Sys-Elba	11,109	6,169	9,253	18,663	8,565	-54.1%
60-483-00-1200 Svc to Other Sys-Fall River	121,905	92,199	138,298	176,999	126,113	-28.7%
Total Other Sewer	133,014	98,368	147,552	195,662	134,678	-41.4%
Total Sewer Utility-Public Charges	1,607,540	1,338,017	2,007,025	2,236,784	3,035,457	-9.9%
60-485-00-0000 Cust Forfeited Disc	3,885	2,760	4,141	5,688	3,680	100.0%
Total	3,885	2,760	4,141	5,688	3,680	-
60-483-00-1300 Svc to Other Sys-Water Qual Tr	65,109	65,109	67,664	66,000	65,750	-0.4%
60-483-00-1400 Svc to Other Sys-To Discharge	46,575	61,250	71,875	257,970	63,693	-75.3%
60-483-00-1500 Svc to Other Sys-High Streng D	21,299	18,960	28,440	74,400	27,750	-62.7%
60-487-00-0000 Misc Oper Rev	3,208	7,629	8,443	4,000	7,550	100.0%
60-487-00-9000 Misc Oper Rev-Connection Fees	1,200	-	-	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	137,391	152,948	176,422	405,370	167,743	-9.6%
Total Operating Revenue	1,748,816	1,493,725	2,187,588	2,647,842	3,206,880	121.1%
Supervision and Labor						
60-820-10-0000 Supervsn and Labor L	40,254	53,560	80,340	68,408	68,408	100.0%
60-820-20-0000 Supervsn and Engineering supp	-	4,833	7,250	4,984	4,840	100.0%
Total	40,254	58,394	87,590	73,392	73,248	-16.4%
Pumping Expenses						
60-821-00-0000 Pwr and Fuel for Pmping	-	-	-	-	-	-
60-822-00-0000 Pwr and Fuel-Aeration Eqp	83,625	60,488	80,732	55,841	69,550	24.6%
Total Pumping Expenses	83,625	60,488	80,732	55,841	69,550	-13.9%
Water Treatment Expenses						
Water Treatment Labor and Expenses						
60-826-00-0000 Oth Chemicals-Sewage Trtmt	145,568	108,229	162,344	214,600	165,515	-22.9%
Total	145,568	108,229	162,344	214,600	165,515	2.0%
60-827-00-0000 Oth oper Supplies and Exp	29,204	14,713	22,070	115,000	25,000	-78.3%
60-827-00-1000 Oth Oper Supplies & Exp-Wa/Ph	39,899	1,240	1,861	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total	69,103	15,954	23,930	115,000	25,000	4.5%
60-828-00-0000 Transportation Exp	815	18,265	18,265	1,551	22,325	1339.4%
Total	815	18,265	18,265	1,551	22,325	22.2%
60-831-00-0000 Maint of Sewage Clcton Sys	19,297	92,612	138,918	53,240	53,240	0.0%
60-831-10-0000 Maint of Sewage Clcton Sys L	20,697	29,245	43,868	29,245	35,218	20.4%
Total	39,994	121,857	182,786	82,485	88,458	-51.6%
60-832-00-9000 Maint-Clct Sys Pmp Eqp	20,238	14,314	21,471	30,000	20,554	-31.5%
60-832-10-0000 Maint-Clct Sys Pmp Eqp L	10,430	2,885	4,327	2,885	2,350	-18.5%
Total	30,668	17,199	25,799	32,885	22,904	-11.2%
60-833-00-0000 Maint-Trtmt, Dispose Plt Eqp	6,772	12,071	18,106	37,000	18,000	-51.4%
60-833-10-0000 Maint-Trtmt, Dispose Plt Eqp L	14,720	8,095	12,142	8,095	12,120	49.7%
Total	21,492	20,166	30,248	45,095	30,120	-0.4%
60-834-00-0000 Maint-Genl Plt Struct & Eqp	154,500	53,916	80,874	214,956	60,350	-71.9%
Total	154,500	53,916	80,874	214,956	60,350	-25.4%
60-834-10-0000 Maint-Genl Plt Struct & Eqp L	112,791	90,913	136,370	90,913	127,225	39.9%
Total	112,791	90,913	136,370	90,913	127,225	-6.7%
Total Water Treatment Expenses	574,932	446,499	660,616	797,485	541,897	-18.0%
Customer Accounts Expense						
60-903-00-0000 Customer Records & Clct Exp	56,479	7,129	10,693	7,000	9,950	42.1%
60-903-10-0000 Customer Records & Clct Exp L	12,011	10,752	16,128	10,752	14,750	37.2%
Total Customer Accounts Expense	68,489	17,881	26,821	17,752	24,700	-7.9%
Administrative and General Expenses						
60-920-10-0000 Admin & General Salaries L	233,756	167,871	251,807	167,871	233,471	39.1%

	Total	233,756	167,871	251,807	167,871	233,471	-7.3%
60-921-00-0000	Ofc Supplies and Exp	21,521	19,517	29,275	22,000	24,150	9.8%
60-921-00-1000	Ofc Supplies & Exp- Iss/Prem/P	63	63	94	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	21,583	19,580	29,369	22,000	24,150	-17.8%
60-923-00-0000	Outside Svcs Employed	115,529	123,885	185,828	400,000	150,275	-62.4%
	Total	115,529	123,885	185,828	400,000	150,275	-19.1%
60-924-00-0000	Property Insurance	29,024	28,893	28,893	30,000	29,760	-0.8%
60-925-00-0000	Injuries and Damages	3,597	3,118	3,118	4,300	3,218	100.0%
	Total	32,621	32,010	32,010	34,300	32,978	99.2%
60-926-10-9262	Employee P&B Holiday	8,635	10,601	15,901	14,008	13,850	100.0%
60-926-10-9264	Employee P&B School	12,595	7,178	10,766	11,000	10,750	-2.3%
60-926-10-9265	Employee P&B Funeral	-	1,055	1,583	-	-	0.0%
60-926-20-9260	Employee P&B WI Retirement	33,764	23,298	34,947	32,769	32,550	-0.7%
60-926-20-9266	Employee P&B Clothing Allowanc	1,945	1,364	2,046	10,000	2,000	100.0%
60-926-20-9267	Employee P&B Health Insurance	81,434	79,037	118,556	99,379	118,120	18.9%
60-926-20-9268	Employee P&B Life Insurance	966	1,036	1,553	2,316	1,431	-38.2%
60-926-20-9270	Employee P&B Cell Phone	1,025	885	1,328	980	1,170	100.0%
60-926-20-9271	Employee P&B Dental Insurance	4,422	4,053	6,080	5,210	5,865	100.0%
60-926-20-9272	Employee P&B Vision Ins	576	483	725	626	675	100.0%
60-926-20-9274	OPED Exp GASB 75	1,635	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Total	146,997	128,990	193,485	176,288	186,411	#DIV/0!
60-930-00-0000	Misc General Exp	9,254	3,335	5,002	7,500	4,850	-35.3%
60-930-10-0000	Misc General Exp - Labor	-	594	891	-	-	0.0%
60-932-00-0000	Maint of General Plt	60	1,998	2,996	150	15,250	100.0%
60-933-00-0000	Vehicle Clearing	9,960	29,329	43,993	16,000	39,375	146.1%
	Total Misc	19,274	35,256	52,883	23,650	59,475	151.5%
	Total Administrative & General Expenses	638,250	525,473	772,204	841,861	711,460	-15.5%
60-403-00-0000	Depreciation Expense	(484,477)	(114,000)	(171,000)	406,843	(117,420)	-128.9%
	Total Depr Exp	(484,477)	(114,000)	(171,000)	406,843	(117,420)	-128.9%
60-408-00-0000	Taxes	-	-	-	37,194	-	-100.0%
60-408-20-4082	Taxes Social Security	26,422	24,290	36,435	-	34,125	-
	Total Taxes	26,422	24,290	36,435	37,194	34,125	-100.0%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES							
60-419-00-0000	Interest and Dividends Income	163,730	95,001	142,501	42,000	136,310	224.5%
60-427-00-0000	Interest on Long-Term Debt	(197,402)	(50,400)	(75,600)	215,105	(51,925)	-124.1%
60-428-00-4280	Amort of Debt Disc and Exp	(27,130)	8,379	12,569	-	-	0.0%
60-439-00-0000	Approp Income Muni Funds	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
60-439-10-0000	Approp Income Muni Funds Labor	462	(291)	(437)	(106)	(325)	100.0%
60-421-00-4211	Gain/Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	3,500	100.0%
	Total Non-Operating Revenue (Exp)	(60,339)	52,689	79,033	256,999	87,560	300.4%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)							
		809,470	545,270	800,043	692,224	1,981,580	500.4%



2026 Budget - Capital Projects and Additions

October 9, 2025

Sewer Utility Needs for FY 2026

Item	Cost	Comments	Funding
1 2026 Street Projects	\$ 358,700.00	School Street 2026	Borrowing
2 Collection System Work	\$ 450,000.00	Repair work on 20% of collection system; jetting, televising, lining, grout work, etc.	Borrowing
3 Sand Filter Rehab	\$ 60,000.00	Isolation Valves, Sand Replacement, other repair work/engineering	Borrowing
4 Biosolids Handling/Project Design/Planning	\$ 298,115.00	Engineering and design portion of project to begin construction in 2027	Borrowing
5 Effluent Sampling/Metering	\$ 135,000.00	New Sample location and sampling process needed for Effluent Samples/Metering	Borrowing
6 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 75,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.	Borrowing
7 Scum Pumps & Flanges	\$ 50,000.00	Replacement of all scum/sump pumps in WWTP and flanges that are worn including piping.	Borrowing
9 Birdsey Lift Station	\$ 75,000.00	PLC/SCADA control Panel	Borrowing
10 Hughes (James St) Lift Station	\$ 75,000.00	Replace Forcemain at Hughes (James St) Lift Station	Revenues
11 2026 Dodge 3500 Super Crew Truck	\$ 69,314.00	Replace 2012 Chevy Pickup	Revenues
12 Equipment for Lift Stations	\$ 50,000.00	Portable Generator and Trailer for Emergencies	Revenues
13 Tools	\$ 15,000.00	Outfit the Hoist Truck	Revenues
14 Blower Filter Intakes	\$ 13,000.00	Replace Intake Filter Housings for Blowers	Revenues
15 Equipment for Collection Systems	\$ 10,000.00	Hot Water Pressure Washer for Pump Maintenance	Revenues
16 Belts and Seam Wire	\$ 8,425.00	Spare Parts on Hand for Gravity Belt Filter Press	Revenues
17 Facility	\$ 5,000.00	Replace Splitter Box Screens	Revenues
18 Lab Equipment	\$ 5,370.00	Thermo Scientific Water Filtration System	Revenues
Borrowing Total	\$ 1,501,815.00		
Revenue Total	\$ 251,109.00		
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,752,924.00		

Water Utility Needs for FY 2026

Item	Cost	Comments	Funding
1 2026 Street Projects	\$ 652,920.00	2026 School Street	Borrowing
2 WP#2 Softener Reconditioning & Repainting	\$ 617,000.00	Recondition the Zeolite Softeners & Repaint the interior of the Vessels	Borrowing
3 WP #2 MCC Replacement	\$ 286,200.00	MCC Electrical Buckets and Panel Replacement	Borrowing
4 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 50,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.	Borrowing

5 SCADA Upgrade	\$ 34,600.00	SCADA Upgrade-Computer/Software Upgrade	Borrowing
6 Plant #3 Land Search	\$ 40,000.00	Plant #3 Land Search Engineering and Testing	Revenues
7 WP#2 Dehumidifier 1 of 4 Replaceme	\$ 22,000.00	Dehumidifier #1	Revenues
8 Meter Test Bench	\$ 55,655.00	Water Meter Test Bench with Plumbing	Revenues
9 2026 Dodge 3500 Super Crew Truck	\$ 31,285.00	Replacement for Truck #23-1/2 Electric and 1/2 Water	Revenues
10 Equipment	\$ 15,714.00	Leak Detector/Listening Device	Revenues
11 2026 UTV	\$ 15,000.00	New 2026 UTV with Sprayer	Revenues
12 Equipment	\$ 9,000.00	Replacement for 2006 Husler Lawnmower	Revenues
13 Facility Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	Sealcoat parking Lot- 1/2 Electric and 1/2 Water	Revenues
14 Testing Equipment/Tools	\$ 5,500.00	Hach DR 99, Cutoff Saw	Revenues
Borrowing Total	\$ 1,702,720.00		
Revenue Total	\$ 137,154.00		
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,839,874.00		

Electric Utility Needs for FY 2026

Item	Cost	Comments	Funding
1 Complete 4.16kV conversion	\$ 970,000.00	Covert the remainder of the 4.16kV to 12.47kV via contract and done before failure of Substation #1.	Borrowing
2 Transformers (Stock/hospital Project/APC)	\$ 601,000.00	Purchased for Hospital project and APC as well as inventory needs in our yard.	Borrowing
3 Citrcuit 202/302	\$ 361,000.00	Circuit tie to 203/302	Borrowing
4 Hospital Expansion Project Equipent Order	\$ 320,000.00	Equipment needed to perform hospital work in 2026.	Borrowing
5 Circuit 403	\$ 62,000.00	Reroute Circuit 403	Borrowing
6 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 50,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.	Borrowing
7 Decommission Substation #1	\$ 10,000.00	Turn Off and scrap Substation #1. Scrap value may be less than disposal costs.	Revenues
8 Reconnect Padmount Step-Down	\$ 10,000.00	Unit on Ludington & HWY 89 should be reconnected so it is ready to serve load	Revenues
9 2026 Dodge 3500 Super Crew Truck	\$ 31,285.00	Replacement for Truck #23-1/2 Electric and 1/2 Water	Revenues
10 2026 UTV	\$ 15,000.00	New 2026 UTV with Sprayer	Revenues
11 Equipment	\$ 15,000.00	Thumper (Uderground Fault Locator	Revenues
12 Trailer	\$ 14,839.64	Refurbish the Double Axel Reel Trailer	Revenues
13 Equipment	\$ 9,000.00	Replacement for 2006 Husler Lawnmower	Revenues
14 Overhead & Underground Line Tools	\$ 8,844.00	Cable Cutter, (2) 6 Ton Cut/Crimp Tools	Revenues
15 Facility Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	Sealcoat parking Lot-1/2 Electric and 1/2 Water	Revenues
16 Overhead Equipment	\$ 3,500.00	Hot Arm Refurbishment	Revenues
17 Tools	\$ 2,761.00	Hammer Drill, Fish Tape, Brush Cutter, Light Tower	Revenues

Borrowing Total	\$ 2,384,000.00
Revnue Total	\$ 105,229.64
SUB TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,489,229.64</u>

Borrowing Total	\$ 5,588,535.00
Revnue Total	\$ 493,492.64
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,082,027.64</u>

Utilities Department Report

Electric Department:

- Reconstructions of aged overhead infrastructure
- Set temporary poles for hospital project
- J&R finished boring on 10/3 begging cable terminations
- New service construction for cardinal heights apartment building
- Mason attending apprenticeship school 10/20-24
- Service upgrade outages
- Finalizing budget for 2026

Water Department:

- Lead and Copper result letters and DNR paperwork
- Progressing with the Hydrant Flushing/ valve turning Program for the Season
- Plant #3 Planning
- Cardinal heights water main
- Brookside construction
- Working on CIP and Budgeting for 2026

Wastewater Department:

- Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing last week.
- Visu-Sewer completed most of the lining of Ludington. Waiting on their schedule to coordinate with DOT for permission to complete the intersection of Ludington and James.
- Repaired damaged 10" PVC line by the cable boring crew (Hospital Project).
- Getting quotes for Tertiary Filter repairs.

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Great Lakes Utilities going strong at 25

When 10 Wisconsin municipalities banded together in 2000 to form a new municipal electric company — known as Great Lakes Utilities (GLU) — they understood joint action would not only deliver greater control over their power supply, but also strengthen reliability and support collaboration. GLU is marking a major milestone this October, as the joint action agency celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Today, GLU maintains a diverse portfolio of power supply resources, providing full-requirements service to nine of its 13 member communities — Bangor, Clintonville, Cornell, Kiel, Medford, Shawano, Stratford, Trempealeau, and Wisconsin Rapids — and partial-requirements service to Manitowoc. The remaining members — Gresham, Marshfield, and Rice Lake — receive various services, including power supply planning, MISO day-ahead and real-time generation market bidding, and capacity procurement. By pooling resources and working collaboratively, these communities have been able to secure affordable power, diversify their generation mix, and pursue new projects that would be challenging for individual utilities to undertake on their own. GLU's aggregated load is approximately 400 MW and 2 million MWH.

In addition to power supply planning and forecasting, GLU also manages energy market participation and scheduling, retail rate case support, and other services on behalf of its members. GLU operations are managed by the staff at Marshfield Utilities.

"GLU's success is built on the strength of cooperation," says Nicolas Kumm, GLU's Managing Director. "The collaboration from our member utilities helps ensure our communities remain suc-

Municipals celebrate uniqueness of public power

Each year, the first full week of October is set aside to recognize the people and qualities that contribute to the uniqueness of public power. Public Power Week 2025 is taking place Oct. 6–10, offering a chance to celebrate the many ways locally owned, not-

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GLU member communities

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cessful today and into the future with reliable, affordable power supply." From addressing changing energy demands to planning for a cleaner, more resilient future, the organization has helped its members navigate an evolving industry while keeping the focus on local decision-making and community needs.

GLU is a municipal electric company operating as a public body and political subdivision of the state, with legal status separate from its member utilities. Its project-based structure allows members to select projects and services of their choice.

GLU is one of three "joint action agencies" (JAAs) operating in Wisconsin. In 1978, MEUW was integral in passing legislation that led to the formation of the state's first JAA, which today operates as Upper Midwest Municipal Energy Group (UMMEG). Another JAA — WPPI Energy — began operation in 1980. Sixty-four of the 81 municipal utilities in the state have aligned themselves with a JAA. ●

Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin's mission is to **strengthen and unify community-owned utilities**. Since 1928, MEUW has been the trade association for Wisconsin's 81 public power communities and is affiliated with the American Public Power Association (APPA) — www.publicpower.org

Inside 725 *Insights from the MEUW Office*

For public power enthusiasts, the month of October is a time of celebration. The first full week of October is “Public Power Week” and a chance for folks from coast to coast to reflect on the special qualities that come with community ownership of their electric utility. Closer to home, October is the time we celebrate the founding of MEUW. As legend has it, in the weeks after a legislative hearing at the Capitol in Madison, a group of forward-looking community leaders recognized that municipal utilities needed a “stronger and more unified approach.” They organized a meeting on Oct. 18, 1928, and laid the foundation for a new organization that would serve as the voice of public power in Wisconsin.

While much has changed in the 97 years since, MEUW remains committed to maximizing the shared interests of municipal electric utilities. The current [Board of Directors](#) — comprised of 19 utility leaders and 10 alternates representing municipal utilities large and small from all corners of the state — are stewards of the original vision. In the past year, working groups of Board members have come together to strategize and develop plans to keep MEUW strong. The work of executing the [Strategic Plan](#) is an ongoing effort designed to build ownership among a new generation of public power advocates.



MEUW members representing the communities of Cedarburg, Columbus, Hartford, Juneau, Kaukauna, Lake Mills, Oconomowoc, Plymouth, Slinger, and Waupun joined MEUW President and CEO Tim Heinrich and Director of Legislative and Regulatory Relations Tyler Vorpapel for the first District Dinner of 2025. The gathering occurred in Hartford on Sept. 23 and continued a long-standing MEUW tradition of meeting for dinner, networking, and education about issues that matter to municipal utilities.

A total of eight dinners were organized this year.

Registration is still open for three remaining dates — Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Cashton; Thursday, Oct. 9, in Merrilan; and Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Mazomanie. Visit [MEUW.org](https://www.meuw.org) for details and to sign up for one of these free events.

Signs of success are visible as MEUW continues to enjoy a period of stability and unity. This newsletter is a prime symbol. The first edition of *LIVE LINES* was published on Dec. 4, 1961, and we continue to use this important communications vehicle to engage our members. Beyond just the current happenings and industry trends, *LIVE LINES* is a valuable instrument in the municipal utility tool box. Our readership is varied — from linemen and office staff, city and village leaders, local utility commissioners, to lawmakers and even utility customers — the information we provide is designed to educate and inform.

LIVE LINES is also an important archive, chronicling history and serving as a reliable resource. One example is the periodic “Legal Report” that explains common topics affecting MEUW members. This month’s column dedicates significant space to the nuances of public-bidding laws and how they impact unit-price contracts — a subject many municipal utilities encounter. Thanks to MEUW’s long-time partnership with the Boardman Clark law firm, this expert perspective highlights another example of MEUW’s long-term, tangible value.

Another regular column is the “Community Spotlight” — a feature that takes *LIVE LINES* readers into the communities across Wisconsin where public power thrives. The journey began with the first article in August 2018, and we’ve now made it through nearly all 81 cities and villages, offering a brief glimpse into what makes each one special. Through the years, I’ve heard from a lot of folks about how much they enjoy learning about each municipality. As we complete the profiles, I’m interested in your feedback about what we do once the story of every community has been written. Should we begin the journey again with a refresh of what’s happening?

LIVE LINES is also a place for MEUW to showcase the best of public power. The strategy work being undertaken by the MEUW Board includes an emphasis on advocacy. We’ve always used these pages to keep you updated on regulatory and legislative changes impacting munis. That won’t change, but you can expect to see even more stories and ideas about how you can personally help advance the cause.

Having members who are engaged is a goal of every association like MEUW. We are fortunate that so many people care about what we’re doing and understand the impact of their own personal involvement. As MEUW marks 97 years, we offer our heartfelt thanks for giving us so much to celebrate!

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LIVE LINES has been published continuously for many decades and provides useful information, news on emerging utility issues and legislation, updates on events, training programs and member services, as well as engaging feature stories spotlighting utilities, communities and leaders.

Reader comments and suggestions are welcome — send by email to news@meuw.org

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Marshfield Utilities hosts community forum with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

When U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) visited Marshfield in late August, she met with local business leaders for a roundtable discussion at Marshfield Utilities (MU). The event was hosted in conjunction with Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce to provide participants an opportunity to share how current and proposed legislation is impacting their businesses and the community at large.

Sen. Baldwin addressed several key issues, including the impact of proposed budget cuts on low-income families, tariffs, as well as her work on several congressional committees. MU General Manager Nicolas Kumm shared insights about topics affecting utilities, including:



- The need for permitting reform and timely approval processes;
- Maintaining a strong focus on electric reliability;
- Ensuring FEMA reimbursement for mutual aid efforts during disasters;
- Funding programs that help customers struggling to pay their utility bills;
- Holding polluters accountable for PFAS cleanup and disposal costs; and
- Securing resources to replace aging water infrastructure to help keep rates affordable.

This meeting highlighted the value of open dialogue among policymakers, businesses, and utilities to support reliable services, economic growth, and strong communities. ●

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Imposter domains from fraudulent websites are designed to mimic legitimate businesses for the purpose of misleading users, stealing information, or carrying out unauthorized transactions. These lookalike sites often contain subtle misspellings, extra characters, or different domain extensions to appear authentic. Remember to:

- **Double-check website URLs:** Always verify that you are visiting an official website. Look closely at the spelling and structure of the domain name.
- **Be wary of unexpected communications:** If you receive suspicious emails or messages that prompt you to click on links or provide sensitive information, confirm their authenticity.
- **Use bookmarks and trusted links:** Access sites using saved bookmarks or links from official communications, rather than clicking on unsolicited links or links that come up when searching the web. Even a “sponsored” site can originate from imposters.
- **Report suspicious activity:** If you come across a website or receive a message that appears to impersonate another individual, notify them immediately.



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MEUW NEWS Monitor

Forum to address service territories planned for Oct. 27

Periodic and ongoing conflicts over service-territory boundaries prompted the MEUW Board of Directors to establish an ad hoc committee to explore opportunities for the association to play a more prominent role in exploring new solutions, including the possibility of a legislative fix. MEUW is hosting a Service Territory Symposium this month to educate members about the current laws surrounding utility service territories and to develop a deeper understanding of recent case studies impacting municipal utility boundaries. The members-only meeting is planned for Oct. 27 in Wisconsin Rapids and will include presentations about relevant state laws and Public Service Commission rules, as well as dialogue featuring sample territorial agreements and key cases. Additional details will be provided directly to utility leaders. Please direct questions to MEUW Director of Legislative and Regulatory Relations Tyler Vorpagel at (920) 265-7720.

Leadership training to focus on consistency

MEUW's three-part Municipal Utility Leadership Certificate Program continues with another class later this year, "Leading with Consistency."

This topic is being offered because consistency was identified as a critical competency for municipal utility leaders.

The one-day leadership development course focuses on why consistency is essential to being an effective utility leader. The training will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, in Mauston. Participants will learn practical tactics they can apply to become a consistent leader and learn how consistency can inspire people to work toward a common goal. Click [here](#) for details.

Underground Facility Locator Workshop planned for spring

MEUW will once again offer an Underground Facility Locator Workshop in 2026. The workshop will be held April 1 in Spooner, and will cover information found in Units 1-3 of the National Utility Locating Contractors Association (NULCA) Professional Competency Standard including locating theory and use of the transmitter and receiver. The workshop will include both classroom instruction and hands-on practice locating, using a variety of techniques outside. All learners will receive a certificate documenting the training received. Mark your calendars — registration will open early next year. ●

Community solar legislation introduced — again

In September, LRB-0693/4730 was circulated for co-sponsorship from Sen. Pat Testin (R-Stevens Point) and Rep. Scott Krug (R-Rome) that would allow for third-party ownership and sale of solar energy in the state of Wisconsin. This is the third consecutive legislative session that a proposal like this has been introduced, and in each previous session, MEUW and others aligned with our interests have successfully prevented it from being enacted into law. While this particular bill applies only to investor-owned utilities, we continue to oppose these bills because once they are established, it would be easy to include other utilities in the future.



These community solar schemes are problematic because they erode the strong regulatory structure that we have worked so hard to achieve and that many see as an ideal model. This would require granting third-party developers access to our systems and require affected utilities to purchase power at rates that are often more costly. There are also many concerns about sales tactics used by these developers and the information they provide to our customers.

MEUW has joined with other utility associations and interested parties in sending a [letter](#) to legislators explaining why this would be a bad idea for Wisconsin and electric customers across the state. MEUW is continuing to meet with legislators to educate them on the issue and encourages MEUW members to do the same when they see their state senator or representative.

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MEUW wants to celebrate our members! *LIVE LINES* already includes Member News about new hires, promotions, retirements, honors, and awards. We want to share details about marriages, births, and other important life milestones, too. Simply send an email to news@meuw.org, so we can share those tidbits in MEUW member communications.

Annual Electric Operation Conference set for Jan. 14-15 in Wisconsin Dells

Registration will open on Monday, Oct. 20, for the next Electric Operations Conference & Expo (EOCE26), which is happening in Wisconsin Dells early next year.

Annually, municipal and electric cooperative employees come together to network and learn about important topics impacting utility operations. MEUW and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) will hold



EOCE26 at the Kalahari Resort on Jan. 14-15. Employees at all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

EOCE26 will feature presentations on topics of interest to municipal utilities as well as a large trade show with more than 100 utility suppliers showcasing the latest products and services for utility operations.

The keynote address will be delivered by renowned safety speaker, Brandon Schroeder. A journeyman electrician, Brandon's journey as a safety speaker began in 2012, following a life-altering workplace accident that nearly claimed his life: He'll explain how one decision to take a shortcut on the job changed everything.

Full details about the conference, including a list of sponsors and registration information, is available [here](#).

Municipal utility employees from across Wisconsin gathered in September for MEUW's annual **Accounting and Customer Service Seminar**. Each year, the event features an update from the Public Service Commission (PSC) with relevant and timely policy reminders. In preparation for this year's appearance, MEUW asked PSC staff to include "tips" and insights about billing audits, rate-case filings, and handling customer complaints. The resulting presentation is a helpful resource that will benefit all municipal utilities. MEUW members interested in receiving the slides are encouraged to send an email to office@meuw.org to request them.

Members' *NEWS*



Adam Schleicher, P.E., is the new Utilities Director for the City of Stoughton. Most recently, he worked for nine years as Director of Public Services for the City of Sun Prairie. His first day with Stoughton Utilities was Sept. 29.

Nick Mueller has joined Jefferson Utilities as Lead Lineman. He previously worked for Waterloo Utilities.

Kaukauna Utilities has hired two new employees:

- **Jason Burton** has joined as Journey Line Technician, and **Alex Springhetti** is a new Electrical Technician.
- In addition, **Cooper Sanderfoot**, a seasonal employee, accepted a full-time position as Junior Water Utility Technician.

Justin Hoffman has joined Menasha Utilities as a Project Engineer. He previously worked at Manitowoc Public Utilities.

Becky Neefe has joined Spooner Utilities as Utility Clerk. She will be training with and taking over for **Penny Swan**, who will be retiring in January.

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for-profit utilities serve their customers and support their communities.

Public power utilities are committed to reliability, affordability, and local decision-making. Public Power Week highlights the work of the dedicated employees who keep the lights on and the essential role public power plays in driving economic growth, protecting the environment, and responding to community needs. (*Check out the infographic on page 12*).

Whether through community events, customer appreciation efforts, or educational outreach, Public Power Week is an opportunity to show how public power benefits everyone it serves. MEUW joins its members in thanking utility employees and celebrating the unique value of public power in Wisconsin and across the country. ●



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"Indefinite Quantity" contracts and Wisconsin public bidding laws



By Jared Walker Smith
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As public entities, municipal-owned electric utilities are subject to Wisconsin's public bidding laws. (A "nuts-and-bolts" overview of these laws was published in the [March 2024](#) edition of *LIVE LINES*). A typical electric utility public construction project allows contractors to bid a set amount for the project. These projects have a detailed scope of work supported by specific plans and specifications, including expected quantities, locations for the work, and a final deadline. However, not all projects are so rigid — throughout the course of a year utilities will be faced with unexpected construction needs, particularly overhead and underground distribution work. Some utilities have started implementing unit price contracts without a set (or even known) maximum quantity or location of work and which are intended to be in place for an extended period of time.

As more utilities consider whether to implement these "indefinite quantity" unit price contracts, it is important to understand the unique issues these contracts raise related to Wisconsin's public bidding and public construction laws. This article explores these issues and suggests what measures may mitigate compliance concerns. As always, this comes with an important caveat — any utility contemplating an indefinite

quantity contract should consult with their local counsel before bidding.

Unit Price Contracts Under Wisconsin's Public Bidding Law. To start, unit price contracts are impliedly authorized under Wisconsin's public bidding law, with such contracts having been affirmed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court in *Probst v. City of Menasha*, 245 Wis. 90, 13 N.W.2d 504 (1944), in *Thomsen-Abbott Const. Co. v. City of Wausau*, 9 Wis. 2d 225, 100 N.W.2d 921 (1960), and again in *Gottschalk Bros., Inc. v. City of Wausau*, 56 Wis. 2d 848, 203 N.W.2d 140 (1973). While subsequent cases make clear that there is a fine line between a unit price contract and a contract utilizing unit prices to determine the total contract price, a well drafted unit price contract should hold up to scrutiny.

When it comes to awarding a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, in the simplest unit price contract, the lowest bidder is the bidder with the lowest price per unit. This analysis gets harder where a single contract contemplates multiple unit prices. This issue may be surmountable where total quantities have been reasonably estimated, but utilities should provide a clear understanding to bidders on how the lowest bid will be determined.

Indefinite Quantity Contracts. An "indefinite quantity contract" (IQC) is a unit price contract that typically has no upper limit on the number of units which may be procured during the term of the contract. Where there are multiple unit prices in a single contract and quantities of each type of

unit are unknown, evaluating the lowest bidder becomes a much more fraught calculus.

Importantly, IQCs cannot be so open-ended as to allow a buyer to purchase no units during the term. This could render the entire contract void as a matter of law. For such an agreement to be enforceable, a buyer must be obligated to purchase a minimum quantity of units. Without a minimum quantity requirement, such contracts typically fail for lack of consideration on the part of the buyer.

IQCs and Wisconsin Law. One of the main issues with IQCs is that Wisconsin's public bidding laws generally presume that the total cost of a project, when bid, is known for determining the responsibilities of the bidder and the owner.

Wisconsin Statute § 62.15(3) requires that bids be accompanied by a certified check or a bid bond equal to at least 5% and not more than 10% of the bid. This provision provides for liquidated damages for the utility should an accepted bidder fail to sign the contract and provide surety for performance of the contract.

The total value of the contract also determines: what level of surety will be required; what level of penalty any required bond must carry; and what provisions the construction contract must include regarding the duties of the prime contractor and the ability of the owner to pay subcontractors. See Wis. Stat. §§ 779.14(1e), (1m)(d), and (1m)(e).

These issues carry beyond the formation of the contract and bidding. During the performance of the work, a utility is

obligated to grant a contractor:

[A]n estimate of the amount and proportionate value of the work done, which entitles the contractor to receive the amount of the estimate, less the retainage, from the proper fund. The retainage shall be an amount equal to not more than 5 percent of the estimate **until 50 percent of the work has been completed.** Wis. Stat. § 66.0901(9)(b) (emphasis added).

After 50% of the work has been completed, partial payments must be made in full and no additional retainage is permitted except under specific circumstances. *Id.*

However, under an indefinite quantity contract, the total cost of a project is open-ended leading to potential issues with implementing these statutory requirements — e.g., how long *must* a utility retain 5% and at what point *must* the utility stop retaining 5%?

Addressing Issues with IQCs. Without additional court guidance, the following are only suggestions on how a utility may set up an IQC to address the issues described above. A utility should consult with local counsel during project planning to determine if any of these suggestions will work for the utility's proposed project.

Contract Terms. An IQC could include all statutorily required contract terms for any value contract. For example, IQCs would require contractors to pay all claims related to the project, maintain a list of all subcontractors, suppliers, and service providers, authorize the utility to make direct payments

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to subcontractors or issue checks payable to the contractor and the subcontractor(s), and require payment and performance bonds rather than any authorized alternative assurance. Wis. Stat. § 779.14(1e)(a) & (b), & (1m)(d)1.a., 2.a., & 3.

Alternatively, the terms could be based on the guaranteed minimum quantity required to make the contract enforceable, a reasonable estimate of the total quantity expected, or an established maximum quantity that the utility can purchase under the contract. The first two options risk having statutorily non-compliant or less protective terms should the utility purchase more than the minimum quantity or estimate. And a guaranteed maximum quantity potentially limits the flexibility of having an indefinite quantity contract.

Payment and Performance Bonding and Retainage. Both a required payment and performance bond and the ability of the utility to retain amounts from completed work raise similar issues—they are based on the total cost of the project, which by the nature of an indefinite quantity contract is unknown until the contract term ends.

One approach that has been utilized (but not reviewed by any court) is using a master agreement that establishes the unit price for bidding purposes, but which contemplates the parties entering into individual task orders for each identified sub-project. Task orders entered into during the term of the master agreement would then estab-

lish the quantities and total cost for each sub-project. Bonding terms would be based on the sub-project total cost and payment estimates and retainage could be reasonably estimated based on the percentage of the sub-project that has been completed.

An alternative would be to have bonding and payment based on the guaranteed minimum quantity, reasonable estimate, or established maximum quantity options discussed above.



These options carry the risk of under or over protecting the utility, impacting the price of the bid, or arguable non-compliance with statutory retainage requirements (over or under retaining).

Bid Bonds. Bid bonds face similar issues to payment and performance bonds. The amount of the bid bond is based on the total bid cost. Solutions similar to those proposed above could be implemented.

An issue not addressed by utilizing task orders is that a utility must return the certified check or release the bid bond upon the contractor's execution of the contract and provision of the required sureties. Under the task order set-up, the master agreement is signed upon bid acceptance, but the required sureties are provided on a task order basis. This requires either a longer retention of the bid bond or a return of the bid bond prior to the provision of a payment and performance bond.

Utilities could consider utilizing the guaranteed minimum quantity to establish the amount and retention period

for the bid bond. If the guaranteed minimum quantity is based on a known portion of the project, the initial task order could be executed concurrently with the master agreement. The risk remains that the execution and provision of sureties for additional task orders will not be secured by the retention of the bid bond.

Additional Considerations

Contract Length. Just as Wisconsin law is silent on IQCs, it is also silent on what is a reasonable term for such contracts. Outside of market restrictions (a contractor may be hesitant to be tied to a unit price for an extended period of time in today's supply chain world), utilities should consider that Wisconsin's public bidding laws are there "to prevent fraud, collusion, favoritism and improvidence in the administration of public business, as well as to insure that the public receives the best work or supplies at the most reasonable price practicable." *Aqua-Tech, Inc. v. Como Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District*, 71 Wis. 2d 541, 550, 239 N.W.2d 25 (1976). Utilities should keep these considerations in mind when determining how often the utility should be going back out to bid on an IQC—whether annually, biannually, or other time frame.

Plans and Specifications and Change Orders. A contractor is entitled to rely upon the express representations in the plans and specifications prepared by a utility in preparing and submitting its bid, even where the contract places a duty of investigation upon the contractor. An IQC where the exact locations and quantities of the work may be unknown

at the time of bid could lead to costly change orders if actual site conditions differ from the general assumptions set out in the plans and specs. While this is always good advice, utilities should use extra caution when working with their engineers on the preparation of plans and specifications and their attorney on a contract that protects the utility in these situations.

It may be helpful to have different contracts for different types of projects. A utility may also wish to reserve the right to separately bid out any particularly complicated project that could otherwise be covered under the scope of the IQC.

PSC Construction Authorization. A utility should also never forget the requirements in Wis. Stat. § 196.49 to obtain a certification or approval of the PSC before beginning a project. A utility should consider how it will define its proposed project for the purposes of determining whether the project qualifies for an exemption from obtaining PSC authorization based on the "estimated gross cost of the project" under Wis. Stat. § 196.49(5g).

Conclusion. IQCs may provide additional flexibility for electric utilities. Regardless, these contracts should be used only after due consideration of all potential issues, consultation with local counsel, and careful crafting of bidding documents and plans and specifications. ●



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Belmont is a small village with a big role in state history



By Karen Whitmer

Located in Lafayette County in southwestern Wisconsin, Belmont may be small — just under a 1,000 residents — but it plays a big role in the state's history. In 1836, the village

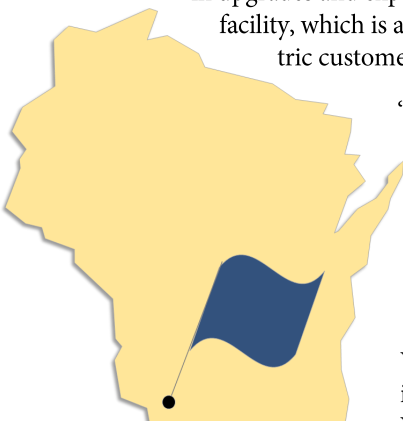
briefly served as the first capital of the Wisconsin Territory, helping the region establish a government, pass laws, and prepare for statehood. By the time Wisconsin became the 30th state in 1848, the capital had already moved to Madison. However, the First Capitol Historic Site in Belmont preserves that early chapter and continues to attract visitors interested in the state's beginnings.

While Belmont's history is notable, the village is now defined by its people and strong sense of community. That pride is reflected in Belmont Municipal Light and Water, which provides its residents with reliable, affordable electric, water, and wastewater service while supporting local growth and development.

"Belmont is proud of its history, but we're even more proud of the strong community we have today," said Julie Abing, Belmont's Clerk-Treasurer. "Our municipal utility is here to support that, making sure we have the services and connections we need to grow together."

The role of Belmont's municipal utility

Belmont Municipal Light and Water is at the heart of the village's progress. According to Abing, the utility serves about 580 electric customers, including 490 residential accounts, while also supporting Belmont's largest customer, Lactalis. The French-based multinational, one of the world's largest dairy companies, operates 13 facilities in the United States — including two in Wisconsin. The Belmont plant produces feta cheese, a product with rising demand across the United States. To keep pace, Lactalis continues to invest in upgrades and expanded production at the facility, which is also the utility's largest electric customer.



"Lactalis not only supplies high-quality cheese, but the Belmont plant also provides jobs and economic support, making it a cornerstone of the local economy," said Abing.

With just four employees — including lineman Mike Wedig — Belmont Muni-

pal Light and Water manages electric, water, and wastewater services for the community. To handle larger projects, the utility often joins forces with neighboring municipal utilities. Crews from across southwest Wisconsin frequently work alongside Belmont's staff, especially during storm restoration or major upgrades.

"These utilities team up for more than emergencies — they collaborate on big projects too," said Mike Czuprynski, MEUW's Director of Safety Services and Operations. "Sharing people, tools, and know-how helps them accomplish more for their communities. It's a brotherhood, and it's great to see."



Village revitalization and community growth

Incorporated in 1894, Belmont takes its name from the French phrase *beau mont*, or "beautiful mountain." Today the village works to attract new businesses and residents while keeping that small-town beauty intact.



Additional residential development is also expected in the future. The Liberty Ridge Subdivision, located across from the school on the north-east side of the village, has created new housing opportunities for families. To support development, Belmont

created a Tax Increment District (TID) that reinvests future property tax revenue from the district into developers' incentives. "Both the subdivision and the TID are investments in Belmont's future," Abing said. "They help attract new families while easing the burden on current taxpayers."

Belmont is also committed to making sure growth is matched with a good quality of life. Bond Park offers a playground, walking trail, and picnic shelter; Leahy Park includes basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts; and Trail Side Park, the newest addition, provides a gathering spot for trail riders and community events.

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Events that bring the village together

Though the capital moved to Madison long ago, Belmont still attracts history enthusiasts to the First Capitol Historic Site, located just outside the village and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Visitors also come for Belmont's annual events, which showcase community spirit and pride. Each September, the Belmont School & Community Fair — Wisconsin's oldest free fair —



Belmont is home to the First Capitol Historic Site, where a commemorative tablet marks the first session of the legislative assembly that occurred on Oct. 25, 1836.

Did you know? The claim that Belmont — which was the site of 46 days of meetings in 1836 to lay the groundwork for state government — is the first capital of Wisconsin is a bit misleading. The community was originally chosen as the center of a territory that at the time included present-day Iowa, Minnesota and parts of Illinois and the Dakotas. During that first meeting, lawmakers chose Madison as home to the territory's Capitol Building.

brings residents and visitors together for livestock shows, horse competitions, a parade, and a variety of family-friendly activities. The day after Thanksgiving, the village is home to the Turkey Trot 5K, a festive run and walk along scenic streets that allows participants to burn off holiday treats while supporting local projects.



Both the Turkey Trot and other seasonal initiatives are supported by Belmont Forward, a community-focused organization that also leads beautification projects. Belmont Tourism Commission sponsors the Belmont Holiday Trail, encouraging festive lights and decorations throughout Bond Park and the village. These events and programs reflect the friendliness and energy that define Belmont today.

A village shaped by past and present

Although Belmont may be best known for its place in Wisconsin's history, the village today is defined by the services, projects, and traditions that drive it forward. With reliable utilities, strong community ties, and steady investment in growth, Belmont continues to be a place where residents can thrive.

"We have a special community," Abing said. "We have an interesting past, but more importantly, we have a vibrant future. We are a community that loves their family, friends, and neighbors, and are willing to help others when the need arises. All of us at Belmont Municipal Light and Water are proud to serve our community." ●

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MEUW professional development programming will continue in 2026

The association's marquee training programs will once again be offered in 2026. Two series — "Fundamentals of Utility Management" and the three-part "Municipal Utility Leadership Program" — are designed to expand municipal workers' skillsets. Each of the day-long training classes is available to employees of all skill levels and is especially suited for those new to public power or those who aspire to leadership roles at their utility. As always, veteran employees interested in a refresher on the topics are encouraged to attend as well.

Course offerings and planned dates for 2026 are as follows:

- Feb. 11** — Utility Accounting and Finance
- Apr. 2** — Leading Through Collaboration
- June 3** — Regulation, Compliance & Safety
- Aug. 5** — Leading with Consistency
- Oct. 7** — Utility Planning & Risk Management
- Dec. 2** — Leading Through Coaching

All training will take place in person in Mauston. Full details about the topics covered is available [here](#). ●

Get to know a little about some Wisconsin lawmakers



Rep. Piowarczyk is new to representing 98th District



Jim Piowarczyk (R-Hubertus) took office in January 2025 as the State Assembly

representative for Wisconsin's 98th District. The 98th Assembly District covers parts of Washington and Waukesha counties in southeastern Wisconsin. It includes the city of Hartford and the villages of Merton, Sussex, and Lannon.

One of his first assignments was becoming Vice Chair of the Assembly's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee — a role he's embraced given his years in law enforcement. He also sits on the Colleges and Universities, Housing and Real Estate, State Affairs, State and Federal Relations, and Sporting Heritage committees. In addition, he was chosen to lead the Speaker's Task Force on Government Efficiency and Modernization, where he's working on ways to update how state government uses technology, including artificial intelligence.

Piowarczyk grew up in Kewaskum and graduated from Kewaskum High School. He later earned a degree in police science from Moraine Park

Technical College and studied justice administration at Marian University. In 1994, he joined the Glendale Police Department, where he served for more than 20 years, rising to the rank of sergeant. He also worked part-time as an officer for the Kewaskum Police Department.

After retiring from police work, Piowarczyk moved into business and entrepreneurship. He built and ran several Snap Fitness gyms in southeastern Wisconsin, eventually growing to five locations before selling the business in 2020. He also launched Realty Solutions Group, a real estate firm, and co-founded Wisconsin Right Now, a conservative news site that reflects his long-standing interest in current events and public policy.

Outside of work, Piowarczyk has always been active coaching youth sports ranging from basketball and football to snowboard racing. He and his wife, Susan, live in the Town of Erin and have three children.

Rep. Tranel serves on Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities



Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) has served in the State Assembly since 2011, representing the 49th District.

Located in southwestern Wisconsin, the district covers all of Crawford County and most of Grant County, including the cities of Boscobel,

Basics of Advocacy webinar coming soon

MEUW is organizing an "Advocacy 101" webinar to share insights about the legislative process and explain how everyday people can use their voices to influence lawmakers.

In this interactive session, MEUW will break down the basics in a simple, practical way. Participants will take away:

- What advocacy is (and how it's different from lobbying);
- Why advocacy matters — to our communities, industry;
- An understanding about the key decision-makers, who they are and how they shape policy; and
- Ideas to share your story and get your message across.

The webinar will also include a short practice exercise to try out an "elevator pitch" and share tips for having conversations with lawmakers.

No experience is required — just bring your curiosity and a willingness to give it a try. By the end, you'll walk away with a few simple tools and a better understanding of how everyday people can make a real difference. Watch for details!

Fennimore, Lancaster, Platteville, and Prairie du Chien.

Now in his seventh term, Tranel plays a key role in shaping policy as a member of the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities. He also serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, guiding policies that support Wisconsin farmers, and sits on committees addressing insurance and commerce.

Born in Dubuque, Iowa, Tranel grew up on his family's dairy farm in southern Grant County and graduated from Wahlert Catholic High School. He earned a degree in economics and finance from Loras College, where he developed the analytical and financial skills that would later help him manage his own farming and business ventures.

After college, Tranel returned

home to build his career in agriculture and business. He manages Tranel Farms USA, Inc., his family's multigenerational dairy operation, working to modernize the business and adapt to the evolving dairy market. He also co-founded Fleege Tranel, LLC, a partnership that broadened his involvement in agribusiness and gave him deeper insight into the financial and operational challenges faced by family farms.

Beyond his legislative work, Tranel remains active in community life through the Knights of Columbus, his parish council, the Farm Bureau, and the Platteville Regional Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Cuba City with their five children, where he continues to balance farming, family, and public service. ●

Elkhorn schools lead the way with energy-efficiency partnership

The Elkhorn Area School District (EASD) is setting a strong example for how Wisconsin schools can reduce utility costs and improve building performance through strategic energy efficiency initiatives. With guidance and support from Focus on Energy in partnership with Elkhorn Light & Water, EASD is implementing a series of upgrades and assessments that are already delivering measurable savings, making it a model for other districts and municipal utilities across the state.

EASD's journey began in 2022 with several foundational projects, including a boiler upgrade at the elementary school, a lighting retrofit at the high school, and a solar photovoltaic installation. These early efforts laid the groundwork for deeper energy-saving strategies. In late 2023, Nick Datka joined EASD as Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and immediately partnered with Focus on Energy to leverage a federal Energy CLASS Prize grant. This grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy, supports schools in reducing energy use and training staff in energy management.

One of the district's key steps was benchmarking energy use across its buildings. Focus on Energy helped EASD collect and analyze utility data, starting with Elkhorn Middle School, which had historically high energy bills. The school's ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager® score of 37 out of 100 confirmed the need for improvement. In April 2024, Focus on Energy conducted a comprehensive energy assessment of the building,

identifying two major issues: high-efficiency boilers running unnecessarily at full power and malfunctioning Variable Air Volume (VAV) box controllers causing fans to overwork.

EASD responded quickly. By August 2024, boiler settings were adjusted to reduce gas usage during the heating season, and plans were made to replace the broken VAV controllers. These targeted actions, supported by Focus on Energy incentives, are already paying off. The district is now saving an estimated 6,837 therms of natural gas and 269,121 kWh of electricity annually. These savings translate to 478,367 pounds of CO₂ emissions avoided and \$39,398.25 in yearly utility cost reductions. Additionally, EASD earned over \$40,000 in financial incentives from Focus on Energy.

EASD's success story highlights the value of municipal utilities' proactive collaboration with Focus on Energy. By encouraging local schools to engage with energy advisors, utilities can help their communities unlock significant savings, reduce environmental impact, and reinvest in educational environments. These efforts not only lower operating costs but also foster long-term sustainability and resilience.

As EASD demonstrates, even modest upgrades and operational changes can yield substantial benefits when paired with expert guidance and financial support. To learn more about how your utility can support local schools in their energy efficiency journey, visit [Focus on Energy's education resources](#).

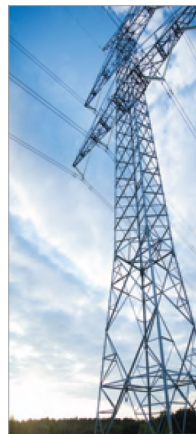


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3,349 Median population of the 81 communities that operate their own electric utility.

Merrillan is the smallest with about 550 residents and Sun Prairie is the largest with a population of 38,387.

315,515 Number of homes and businesses that receive power from a community-owned utility. The total population of those communities is about 507,000.

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11 Percentage of state's electricity distributed by municipal utilities.



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