A General Session of the Board of Directors was held on June 23, 2016, at the Lower Valley Energy Afton office. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board Chairwoman, Linda Schmidt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Brog, Peter Cook, Rod R. Jensen, Ted Ladd, Dean S. Lewis, Linda Schmidt, and Nancy Winters.

OTHERS PRESENT: James R. Webb, President/CEO; Steve Duerr, Attorney; Rick Knori, Director of Engineering; Bill Spaulding, Director of Operations; Martell Brower, Director of Gas Operations; Wade Hirschi, CFO; Angela Jennings, BEC District Manager; Brian Tanabe, Communications Manager; Gay Petersen, Executive Assistant/HR.

Minutes of the April 28, 2016, General Session were accepted as presented.

Ren Orans and Michelle Chait from E3 presented the Lower Valley Energy and Fall River Electric consolidation study.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Jim Webb to sign to the proposed contract for Termination Dates for Power Resources Cooperative Membership Agreements and Subscription Agreements. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

An update was given on the USDA REDL&G loan for the ECW commercial conservations loans.

James R. Webb discussed the issues related to finding a suitable CNG fueling site in Jackson for ECW. He discussed the possibility of using the Lower Valley Energy Jackson yard as a possible alternative site.

A motion was made and seconded to approve using the LVE yard as the CNG Jackson fueling site as a last resort and submitting a proposal to ECW and the Town of Jackson. Safety issues were discussed. Motion carried. Lewis nay, Jensen, Brog, Cook, Ladd and Winters aye.

Phil Cameron of ECW and Martell Brower will bring a layout of the proposed CNG site for the LVE yard.

Will Hart, Executive Director, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association, joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Warren Jones reviewed The Energy Authority (TEA) Market Forecast as presented at the NEMS meeting.

Steve Duerr discussed issues and timing dates for updating the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Steve Duerr updated the Board on the termination of the Teton Village Ground Lease Agreement.

James R. Webb and Wade Hirschi reviewed the 2016 May Financial Statements.

James R Webb discussed the natural gas balancing account and recommended a rate increase due to higher natural gas costs.

A motion was made and seconded to increase natural gas rates by 5% effective after the 30-day notice period. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.
A motion was made and seconded to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of $15,186.39 for natural gas leak survey equipment. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

Bill Spaulding reviewed the outage and safety reports.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 9, 2016, safety meeting minutes. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a resolution for the Restatement of the Lower Valley Energy Qualified Retirement Plan. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a request for payment of discounted patronage capital from A Mattress Shop in the amount of $3,301.83. Motion carried. Voting was unanimous.

Linda Schmidt presented the NRECA Director Gold Certificate to Fred Brog.

Will Hart from ICUA reviewed his recent training from RESMA held in Jackson Hole this year. He reported that Board Due Diligence is a hot topic this year. He also reported that Jim Matheson from Utah has been appointed as the new NRECA President/CEO. He reviewed ICUA happenings and upcoming meetings.

Fred Brog discussed the importance of keeping vigilant on BPA transmission issues affecting Lower Valley Energy.

Nancy Winters reporting on ICUA strategic planning and dig laws. She reported that Will Hart was asked to serve on the Idaho State Parks and Recreation Board. Discussion was held on the biological opinion regarding dams on the Snake River.

Will Hart reviewed LVE’s options regarding ICUA scholarships for possible lineman apprentices.

Meeting adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Linda Schmidt, Chairwoman

Nancy Winters, Secretary/Treasurer