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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 21ST IN MCPHERSON

The Board of Directors at the last regular meeting of the NWKMEA held in Hays set for 2:00 p.m., May 21st at the Elks Club in McPherson as the location for the first annual meeting of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.

Preceding the annual meeting will be a 12:30 p.m. luncheon for all Board of Directors and guests. A guest speaker will be featured after the lunch.

Sponsors of the luncheon will be members of the Agency's management team: Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb of New York, Lazard Freres & Co. of New York, Salomon Brothers of New York and Beecroft, Cole Co. of Topeka.

The business meeting following the luncheon will include routine business and the election of officers and also the approval of the operations budget.

Reservations for the luncheon may be obtained by contacting the Agency office in Hays. Lodging reservations should be made directly to the following: Wheat State AC 316 241-4230; Holiday Manor AC 316 241-5343 or Red Coach AC 316 241-6960.

KMU will host a cocktail hour following the business meeting.

AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS

Agency Board meetings are held on a monthly basis and usually the second Wednesday of the month. This year's annual meeting date is an exception to normal. All meetings are open to interested citizens of member cities.

OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON MAKE 32

The Ottawa City Commission passed the ordinance to join the Agency on April 2 and the Washington City Council passed the ordinance on April 15. The actual acceptance of these two cities into the Agency will be after completing the reorganization of the Agency on a statewide basis.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

According to population statistics as published by the League of Kansas Municipalities for 1976, the combined population for the 32 member cities of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency is 134,581 persons.

AGENCY POWER SUPPLY STUDY

Vern Thorwald of R.W. Beck & Associates, Denver, is presently updating the electrical data from all member cities in preparation for the power supply study. A meeting has been set on April 21st with the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission to discuss the various aspects of the power supply study.

INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES

Numerous meetings have been held during the last several months with engineers, legal counsel, financial advisors and member cities in preparation of a June issuance of bonds to construct interconnection facilities for member cities. These bonds will be secured with agreements signed only between the Agency and the cities for whom the facilities will be constructed and are not an obligation of other Agency members. The cities involved in the project are: Sharon Springs, St. Francis, Goodland, Oberlin, Norton and Ellis. Several other members have expressed an interest in the Agency constructing interconnection facilities for them and those bonds are scheduled for sale later in the summer.

KMU TO HOST AGENCY GROUP DURING 51ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 23 IN HUTCHINSON

Kansas Municipal Utilities, Inc., will host a cocktail party on April 23 for members of the Agency. The event will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn & Holidome in Hutchison in the Regency Room. The event is in conjunction with KMU's 51st annual conference slated for April 23, 24 and 25.

THIS IS FIRST EDITION OF THE AGENCY'S NEW NEWSLETTER

To improve communications with the enlarged membership of the Agency, the Board of Directors at its last meeting authorized the establishment of this newsletter which is being sent to all member cities. The initial editions will be Xeroxed and mailed from the KMU office in McPherson, but following the name change in May, a more formal format will be followed.