



**Kansas Municipal Gas Agency
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2025**

Committee Members	City	Present/ Absent	KMGA Staff/Guests
Tony Lawson	Coffeyville	Present	Paul Mahlberg
Ethan Reimer	Halstead	Present	Terri Pemberton
Jason Thrasher	Hesston	Present	Dixie Riedel
Nathan Law*	Louisburg	Present	Brooke Kistler*
Katie Hodge*	Osage City	Present	
Stephanie Ashby	Walton	<i>Absent</i>	
Gus Collins	Winfield	Present	

**Participated virtually*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., which was held in Hesston, Kansas and virtually via Microsoft Teams. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 – Seek approval for the following items:

- **February 18, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting minutes**
Ethan Reimer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jason Thrasher and carried unanimously.
- **February 2025 Appropriations Report**
Paul Mahlberg presented the February 2025 Appropriations Report on behalf of Mike Meyer. Tony Lawson made a motion to approve the February 2025 Appropriations Report. Ethan Reimer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Gas Director's Report

Dixie Riedel provided updates on usage history and the Natural Gas Industry market, generally. Specifically, she noted that even with injections last week, storage is at the bottom of the 5-year average, and it will take roughly 3 Bcf/day of injections to get storage back to the level of last year pre-winter. She also noted significant demand projected due to 17.4 Bcf of approved and under construction LNG plants, with another 19 Bcf approved but not yet under construction. Additionally, there is another 5.5 Bcf of proposed LNG plant builds. However, it is unclear how the build out of the plants will be affected by economic conditions and global issues like the Russian/Ukrainian war. Dixie stated that based on pricing, now is a good time to lock in fixed prices, and discussion ensued about the gas acquisition agreement term. Dixie then went over the schedule for this year's four KMGA Regional meetings, which were included in the packet materials.

Item No. 4 – General Counsel Report

Terri Pemberton provided an update on Winter Storm Uri related to the class-action lawsuits and the likelihood of an appeal. Terri also provided an update on the KCC docket for Black Hills Energy.

Item No. 5 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg reminded the Executive Committee that the KMEA budget includes the hiring of a rate analyst that will report directly to Darren. The position was posted and has received hundreds of applications. Interviews will begin shortly. Paul also gave an update on discussions with Wood River regarding our contract, noting that Wood River is pleased with our relationship. Lastly, Paul reminded the Executive Committee that the full board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to be held virtually.

Item No. 6 – Old Business

- **Natural Gas Prepay Update**

Paul Mahlberg provided a Natural Gas Prepay Update and shared that KMGa continues to work with two groups, Black Belt/Goldman Sachs and MMGA/JP Morgan, on a pre-pay option that wouldn't require back-to-back agreements with cities. Goldman Sachs has provided an updated contract, and he's waiting for a contract from the MMGA/JP Morgan group. Once both contracts are in hand, staff will make a comparison and bring the results back to the Executive Committee. Paul noted that based on conversations with both groups, right now is not a good time for prepaids, but the idea is to still get a contract in place so when conditions are once again favorable, we can proceed without delay.

Item No. 7 – New Business

- **Permanent Legal/Regulatory Fund Discussion**

Paul Mahlberg presented a summary of Winter Storm Uri costs and the \$350,000 that was raised at that time to cover legal expenses. It was expected that the funds would last through 2021, but approximately \$45,000 remains. With the appeal likely to be filed in the class-action lawsuits, it makes sense to hold on to the funds in the event the cases get remanded back to the federal district court level where additional discovery may be required. Paul then provided a history of the KMGa Net Equity Fund Policy, and the KMEA Regulatory & Dispute Fund and how that fund can benefit members. Discussion ensued about how the KMEA fund works, the potential benefit of creating a similar fund for KMGa, and whether it makes sense to create a similar fund for KMGa or use the existing fund but increase the funding level. Staff was directed to put together a couple of options for the Executive Committee to review and discuss.

Item No. 8 – Executive Session


None.

Item No. 9 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Item No. 10 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.



Nathan Law