



Minutes for October 21, 2021

**Members attending the meeting:**

Christina Boulter, Mark Campen, Tiki Dixon, Erin Gill, Terry Ledford, Amy Midis, Kent Minault, David Myers, Stephen Smith

**Others in attendance:**

Facilitator: Dr. Bill Lyons

KUB Staff: Gabriel Bolas, Mike Bolin, Jamie Davis, Susan Edwards, Derwin Hagood, Elba Marshall, Tiffany Martin, Mark Walker, John Williams

KUB Board members: Kathy Hamilton

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The Community Advisory Panel met at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021 at KUB's Mintha Roach Corporate Services and Training Center.

Dr. Lyons welcomed the panel members and asked if anyone had corrections to the meeting minutes from last month's meeting. There were no corrections.

Dr. Lyons explained the agenda for this meeting was to begin discussion about KUB rates, as the panel requested. He noted as the discussion related to rates is likely to continue over multiple meetings, the panel may wish to discuss the meeting schedule to determine if a November session should be added to the schedule. The members agreed they would like to meet in November. Dr. Lyons also noted if any members of the panel who were not able to attend the tour of KUB's facilities are interested in a tour at a later date, KUB is willing to arrange this.

Dr. Lyons recognized Mike Bolin, KUB Vice President of Utility Advancement, to begin the discussion about rates. Mike started by saying his intent was to keep the session conversational and hear thoughts and questions from the panel throughout his presentation. Mike started with an overview of KUB's bill and the various components customers see on their bills.

The panel discussed time-of-use rates and KUB's current pilot for residential customers. Dr. Smith spoke about the importance of sending customers the right price signals to

encourage them to use energy during off peak times and noted the associated environmental benefits. Mike discussed TVA's generation portfolio and how it is managed to generate electricity based on demand from customers. Tiki Dixon expressed interest in how customers can have more awareness of time-of-use and how it could help them. After quite a bit of discussion about time-of-use, Dr. Lyons suggested this topic be scheduled for more discussion at a future meeting.

The panel continued to discuss rates for each of KUB's four utilities, and it was noted that each utility is unique in how the rates were developed and are structured. Dr. Smith asked about the fixed fees and how they differ for the systems. For example, the basic service charge for gas is less than the others. KUB staff explained for gas in particular, the system is newer than the others and has required less capital investment. There was some discussion about fixed charges versus variable rates and policy decisions about how to recover costs, and it was agreed there will be more discussion about this as the panel proceeds.

There was discussion about the current status of the gas industry and effects on rates, and there was discussion about the wastewater system and history related to KUB's current rates and the EPA Consent Decree.

Dr. Lyons noted the scheduled time for the meeting had come to an end. Dr. Smith expressed his desire to ensure there is full discussion of certain aspects of rates and opportunity for all different perspectives to be shared. Dr. Lyons agreed this is important, and the panel's discussions will continue accordingly. The next meeting was proposed to be held November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.