

### **Community Advisory Panel**

August 20, 2020



**Resolution 1420** 

### Community Advisory Panel Purpose

"...gather input from KUB customers, including but not limited to customers with lower incomes and environmental protection interests, to inform specific areas of operations, help build stronger community relationships, and to address specific issues raised by the coalition with regard to accessibility and transparency of KUB's policy decisions...."

### **PACE 10 Partners Council**



- Tied to Consent Decree implementation
- Goal: two-way communication with the community about PACE 10

### **Tree Trim Policy Review Panel**

- Response to public concern
- Goal: public review of KUB program, with recommendations for improvement



### Key Elements for Successful Efforts

- Diversity of viewpoints
  - Both bodies included a diversity of experiences and viewpoints
  - Both bodies included chief critics of KUB
- Third party facilitator
  - Provides for a neutral perspective to guide the group
- Board and Staff involvement
  - Firsthand understanding of the community's input

### **Community Advisory Panel**

- Modeled on the Partners Council
- To be facilitated by Dr. Bill Lyons
- Will include diverse representation
  - Low-income communities
  - Environmental advocates
  - Residential and business customers
  - City of Knoxville representatives

### **Proposed Timeline**

- Today resolution authorizing Panel
- September City input on proposed representation
- October resolution finalizing structure
- January first meeting of Panel

### **Resolution 1420**

- Directs the President and CEO to establish a Community Advisory Panel
- Provides for a second resolution finalizing the composition of the Board by November 1, 2020
- Provides that all meetings of the Panel be noticed, open to the public, and provide for public input
- Requires the President and CEO to report to the Board on the Panel's activities



### Freezing Residential Basic Service Charges

August 20, 2020



**Resolution 1421** 

### Residential Basic Service Charges

- Board previously committed to no increases for three (3) years beginning July 2020
- Current level of charges consistent with recent cost of service studies
- Proposed Charter amendment sought to "minimize fixed charges as a source of revenue"
- Council resolution endorsed Board consideration of freezing charges for five (5) years

### **Resolution 1421**

- Freezes residential basic service charges at current levels through December 2025
- Requires any increase in residential basic service charges thereafter be subject to the following
  - Completion of cost of service study
  - Discussion of cost of service and proposed increase at meeting prior to meeting with official action
  - 15-day public notice for discussion of cost of service and proposed increase



### Green Switch Match Pilot Program

August 20, 2020



**Resolution 1422** 

## KUB Has Offered Green Power Option for Many Years

- Green Power Switch began in 2000
- Program offered 150 kWh blocks of renewable energy for \$4 each
- KUB customers embraced program
- Recent program changes
  - Renamed Green Switch
  - Price decreased to \$2 per 200 kWh

## Proposed TVA Green Power Pilot Program Green Switch Match

- Additive, does not replace existing program
- Based on consumption
- Similar price 1¢ per kWh
- Similar resource mix
- Similar commitment
- No change to KUB margin
- Available October 1st

<b>Green Switch</b> Existing	<b>Green Switch Match</b> Proposed
\$2 per 200 kWh  ✓ Solar, Wind, Biogas Resource Mix ~70% Solar ~20% Wind ~10% Biogas  ✓ Residential and B&I Customer Eligibility  ✓ Month to Month Commitment ✓ Consistent Volume of RECs	1¢ per kWh  ✓ Solar, Wind, Biogas Resource Mix ~70% Solar ~20% Wind ~10% Biogas  ✓ Residential, Small Commercial Customer Eligibility  ✓ Month to Month Commitment ✓ Variable Volume of RECs
Aggregate REC Price (\$/MWh) \$10 \$10	

### **Marketing and Communication Plan**



August 20

Announce program to Board

August 21

Announce program to KUB Employees

Daily Meter article and mention in ICS Update

October 1

Publish web content at on kub.org homepage
Publish Web Content at <a href="https://www.kub.org/match">www.kub.org/match</a>
Post on all social media platforms

October 4

WBIR prerecorded segment

October 5 - December 5 Billboard

October 6

**News Release** 



October 8 – November 8

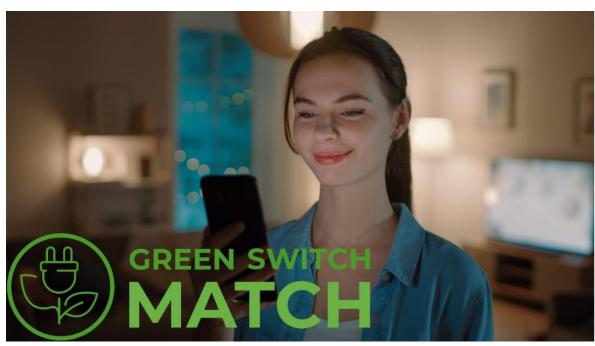
Targeted digital promotion with KNS

Paid Social Media Placement

100 percent renewable power.

### Billboard and Digital Marketing Material





CLEAN. SIMPLE. AFFORDABLE.

100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY
FOR YOUR HOME





### **Web Content and Online Enrollment**

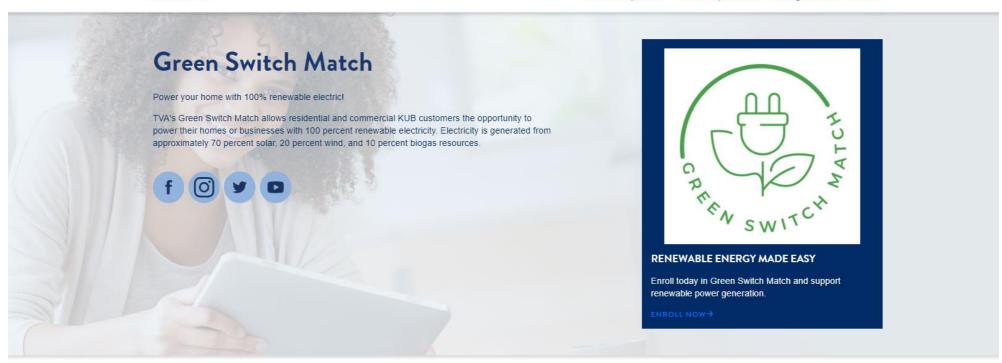






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#### Renewable Energy Resources

Electricity is generated from approximately 70 percent solar, 20 percent wind, and 10 percent biogas resources

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#### What is the cost?

Purchase green power in a quantity matching your monthly electric consumption by adding one cent per kWh to their bills.

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#### Green Switch Program

Purchase blocks to have a portion of your electricity generated by renewable energy.

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### **Resolution 1422**

- Authorizes KUB's participation in TVA's Green Switch Match Pilot program
- Authorizes KUB's President and CEO to take actions necessary for KUB to participate in the program



### **Advanced Distribution Management System**

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### **Technology Improves Outage Management**

#### 1993

- Paper Orders
- Paper Field Maps

#### 2003

- First Outage Management Software
- Mobile Units
- Digital Maps

#### 2017

 OMS / ADMS Roadmap Developed

#### 2020

 Implement with Oracle NMS v2.4















#### 1994

- Implemented computerized outage call list
- Digitized trouble tickets & tied to GIS

#### 2011

 Upgraded OMS Version

#### 2018

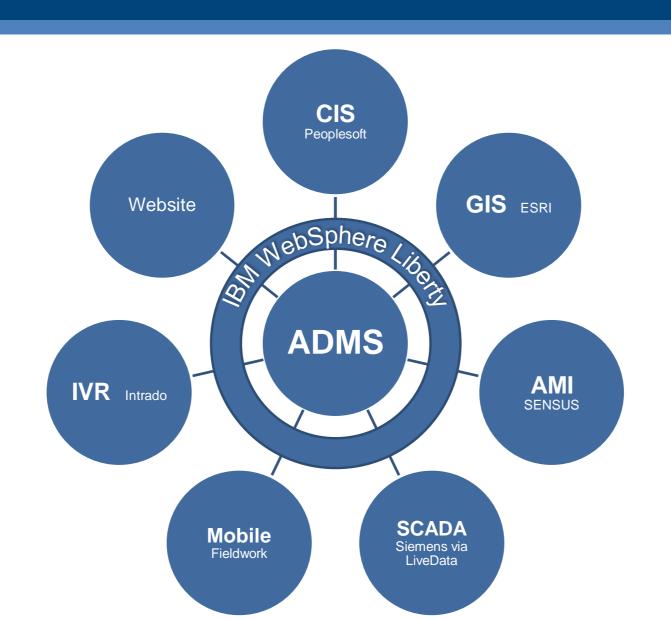
 Kicked off Oracle NMS Project

### **ADMS Project Details**

- Replace Outage Management System (OMS) with Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) from Oracle
- Cost
  - Licensing/hardware \$800k
  - Implementation \$2.4M
- Project started August 2018
  - Phase 1 Go-Live July 2020
  - Phase 2 Go-Live Fall 2020
- Nearly 50 KUB employees on project team

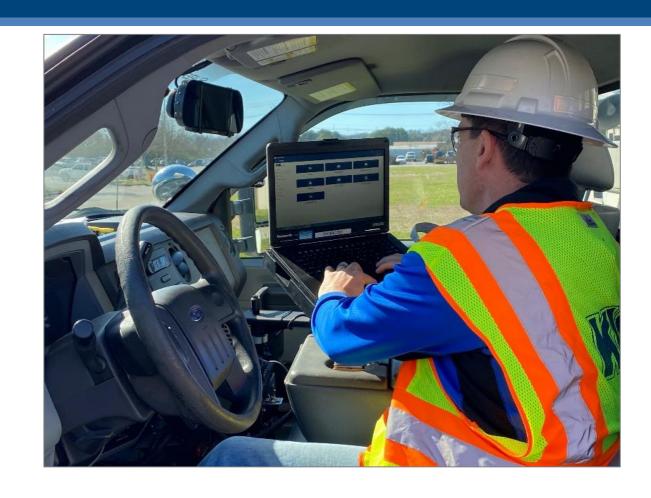


### Connecting Multiple IT Systems



### **ADMS to Provide Improvements**

- Leverage meter data
- Instant system monitoring
- Real-time resource visibility
- Improve outage information to customer



### **Increased Outage Analytics**

- Enhanced storm resource management
- Insight on utility system performance
- Ability to confirm service restoration after response
- Automatically calculate reliability metrics

### **ADMS Go-Live Success**

- July storms tested ADMS
- July 31
  - 20,000+ customers impacted
  - 35 crews and 30+ individual resources supporting restoration
- KUB System Operators benefit
  - Focus on restoration
- KUB customers benefit
  - ADMS confirms predicted outages
  - SCADA + AMI = Accuracy



### **Next Generation of Outage Management**

- Utilize data to predict fault locations
- Enhance customer service and communication
- Improves safety by incorporating distribution automation devices



Tishia Andrew Thank you Knoxville Utilities Board! It was nasty out last night and our power was restored within 3 hours. I am grateful for all of you that go out in these bad storms and work for us.

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David Johnson KUB definitely has their ducks in a row on storm restoration. Top notch

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### Return to Normal Billing Operations

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### **Continuing to Serve Our Customers**

- Disconnection moratorium continues
- Waiving transaction and late fees
- Considering resuming prior to start of heating season
- Planning enrollment in automatic payment plans with up to 15 months for repayment
- Directing customers to payment assistance programs and partners

### **Available Sources of Assistance**

- \$4.3 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Project Help has ~\$185K in approved-aid remaining
- TN CARES Funding grant applications for \$850K
- Network of ~200 faith-based organizations and other social service agencies with utility bill assistance funds



### **APPA Sue Kelly Community Service Award**

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## KUB Receives American Public Power Association's Sue Kelly Community Service Award





Speaking: Decosta Jenkins
Past Board Chair, APPA
President & CEO, Nashville
Electric Service



### TVA EnergyRight Top Performer Awards

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# KUB Achieves Top Performer Status in Five TVA EnergyRight Programs



## IM EnergyRight®



Speaking: Cynthia Herron VP, Energy Services & Programs Commercial Energy Solutions, TVA

