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ENERGY BOARD

June 11, 2026 – 5:30 pm

222 Laporte Ave – Colorado Room

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Hilary Klein, Jason Hevelone, Frederick Wegert, Aleksander Thorstensen, Marge Moore (remote), Brian Smith, Natalie Montecino, Wendell Stainsby, Scott Canonico

Board Members Absent:

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff Members Present: Christie Fredrickson, Glenn Pease, Yvette Lewis-Molok (remote), Poorva Bedge, Peeyosha Hiremath (remote), Neal May (remote)

Members of the Public: Rick Coen, Stacey Baumgarn, Ryan Seeboth, Robert Youngberg (remote), Bill Althouse (remote), Pete Eberle (remote), Allen Best (remote), Andrew Finanger

PLATTE RIVER DER IGA REVIEW AND UPDATE

Glenn Pease, Senior Supervisor, Mechanical Engineer

Mr. Pease explained that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is an agreement between the four owner communities and Platte River. The IGA is for demand side management (DSM) and distributed energy resources (DER), providing a framework for DER program management and funding. The IGA was originally established in 2014 (forming Efficiency Works) and has been updated as needed over the last 12 years, most recently in 2019 which enabled water conservation rebates with the water conservation group at Fort Collins Utilities. Today, the update to the 2026 IGA is looking at the governance and data exchange between the owner communities and Platte River.

Ms. Fredrickson added that the 2026 IGA modernizes the partnership between Platte River and the owner communities by creating the governance, funding mechanisms, and data-sharing needed to support the next generation of distributed energy resources and virtual power plant initiatives, which is a driving force behind the current update for 2026.

Updates to the 2026 IGA include development and deployment of flexible resources through Virtual Power Plant (VPP), moving beyond “programs” previously covered by IGA. It also includes expanded distribution system data sharing for purposes of DER management, expanded customer data sharing provisions (sharing info from Platte River back to Utilities), a revised DER Governance strategy (broader operational input into decision making necessary for VPPs), modernization of legal language throughout document, and clean up and clarification of definitions.

Mr. Pease explained the data agreement helps us, it enables Fort Collins Utilities to unify with Platte River, which sets the stage for how the VPP will operate and helps to benefit with peak reductions. He added that in Platte River’s terms, Platte Rivers terms, reducing the peak means they don’t have to generate as much power which is beneficial for everyone because it keeps rates lower. From a distribution utility perspective (such as Fort Collins Utilities), data sharing allows the Utility to share distribution level information with Platte River to make sure the VPP is operated effectively and gives us the ability to exchange information, optimize these resources really to make up the, the best of what we’re investing in this virtual power plant.

Mr. Pease explained the confidential system information sharing helps to aggregate all of the four owner communities DERS into a more common unified approach and allows Platte River to operate more effectively in the market. The customer information sharing between Platte River and Utilities is one way which allows customers to sign up for efficiency programs through Platte River (and the Utility shares their

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data), making sure that Platte River has what they need to operate programs effectively, otherwise both Platte River the Utility have to rely on the vendor that all is well.

The governance and decision-making framework of the IGA starts with the Utility Directors, and then flows to the DER Advisory Committee, then that committee provides strategic direction to the Joint DER Team, who ensures there is operational alignment and budgetary resources, and then they pass it along to program teams who help roll out implementation.

Chairperson Smith commented that he didn't see any sections about personal identifying information of utility customers and wondered if that would or would not be shared. Ms. Lewis-Molok said this IGA sets the background for how data is going to be shared, but customer data can be shared per the Utility's confidentiality agreement with Platte River. Generally, it will be shared in aggregate, but there are instances where the committee may deem necessary to share more identifying information, but the data will always be protected, if it is shared, it needs to be returned back to Fort Collins Utilities or destroyed. Ms. Lewis-Molok added that the Utility treats confidential data very seriously, and they have asked every community to treat each community's data as their own respect within the confines of what they should do for confidential information under the law.

Board member Moore moved to support the revisions of the intergovernmental agreement with Platte River and owner communities for supporting continued DER programs and load management.

Vice Chairperson Wegert seconded the motion.

Discussion:

None.

Vote on the motion: It passed unanimously, 9-0