

Summary of June 22 SEAPA Meeting

- The contract for Robert Siedman, SEAPA's new CEO, was approved and accepted by Mr. Siedman.
- Power sales for the three communities reached a record high this spring thereby deferring the potential wholesale rate increase at least till next year.
- The Board discussed FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) relicensing of both Swan Lake and Tyee reservoirs. SEAPA is about to start the complex process for relicensing. Estimated costs per reservoir \$3-4 million.
 - The Board authorized the CEO and counsel to contract for help to lead SEAPA through the process.
 - A discussion will occur at a later date whether to include adding of a third turbine at Tyee and to possibly change reservoir draft limits as part of the relicensing or as a separate action.
- Snow pack was 1/3 higher than average so we are in good shape to supply the power needs of the three communities. The long term forecast is for warmer and wetter weather to come.
- The Board discussed the need for a policy on alternative power. That discussion raised multiple issues including the legal issue of the power sales agreement; compensation to both SEAPA and the rate payer; effects on grid resiliency, cost of maintaining the grid. This is a subject that needs more discussion and some hard data.
- A presentation was made on the increase in loads for the three communities. Loads in the past track very closely with heating needs. Four years ago loads began to exceed heating needs. This past year Petersburg has had more than a 3% increase in loads and Ketchikan has a 5% increase in demand.
- Last, the Board will be scheduling a work session to delve deeply into load forecasts, relicensing, alternative power, and new power generation.