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September 8, 2016

NOTICE
MEETING OF THE ELECTRIC COMMITTEE
(Blaies/Albers/Matchett/Pruett)

An Electric Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.**

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

I. Items to be Discussed
   A. Old Business
      1. Approval of August 10, 2016 Minutes
      2. Surplus Equipment
      3. Variable Frequency Drives
      4. South Loop Extension
      5. New Electric Customers

   B. New Business
      1. JF Electric Storm Restoration Rates
      2. IMEA Power Sales Contract Revision
      3. IMEA Annual Meeting
      4. Matt Kirkwood Annexation

   C. General Concerns

   D. Public Participation

   E. Adjourn

At said Electric Committee Meeting, the Village Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 – (c) (3)], litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 – (c)(1)]; or real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)].

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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 by Chairman Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairman Mike Blaies, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dean Pruett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of July 18, 2016 Minutes: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Surplus Equipment: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised we don't have anything to dispose of right now.

3. Variable Frequency Drives: Shane advised the VFDs are installed and operational. Public Works Director John Tolan confirmed we are receiving a check from IMEA in the amount of $13,931.25 to pay for them.

4. South Loop Extension: Shane stated we have working on this and have four left to switch over. He said this will be good work for the new guys.

5. New Electric Customers: John found a folder from Dennis and Ron that has a list of customers they were trying to annex in. John and Tony will use that information in this process.

Administrator Funderburg said with respect to the Charter and AT&T pole agreements, the pole count is complete. He is going to start the process to complete these agreements, but reminded the committee, he has several projects going on right now. Shane advised this winter, he will work on updating the GIS system with our electric information and plans on using the new guys for this. Once the information is loaded into GIS, he will be able to pull reports showing the number of poles, transformers, etc.

Trustee Trout asked how the new employees and Shane stated it's early, but the new employees are doing well. He said he has all the new employees on every job, and asked for everyone to please be patient, and let them all learn. He said you will also see more than one on an emergency call out, it helps to see those sitations. Andy leaves next Sunday

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for training. Matt and Max will go to training together later in September. John believes all 3 are no nonsense, safety conscious guys.

B. NEW BUSINESS: John advised we are revisiting our insurance coverages to make sure we have adequate coverage.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if the apprentices get paid when they are watching the various work situations, and John said yes, are they getting paid. He commented it is all about safety, and those situations are a valuable training tool.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Julie Polson

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Office Manager

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September 1, 2016

Shane Krauss
Village of Freeburg
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RE: **Storm Restoration Rates**

Dear Shane:

Enclosed are JF Electric's labor and equipment rates to perform storm restoration work. The labor rates are based off the IBEW Local 309 union agreement and will be updated accordingly.

JF Electric looks forward to assisting the Village of Freeburg with their needs. If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darran V. Ayres
Vice President, Utility Department

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Storm Restoration

Labor Rates

Effective 11/30/2015 through 11/27/2016

OVERHEAD RATES CLASSIFICATION	Straight Time	Time and One-Half	Double Time
Lineman, Journeyman	$ 102.44	$ 146.44	$ 190.45
Line Crew Foreman	$ 107.18	$ 153.31	$ 199.45
General Line Foreman	$ 113.13	$ 161.94	$ 210.74
Apprentice: 1st 1000 Hours	$ 63.22	$ 89.62	$ 116.02
Apprentice: 2nd 1000 Hours	$ 68.12	$ 96.71	$ 125.31
Apprentice: 3rd 1000 Hours	$ 73.03	$ 103.83	$ 134.63
Apprentice: 4th 1000 Hours	$ 77.92	$ 110.92	$ 143.93
Apprentice: 5th 1000 Hours	$ 82.83	$ 118.04	$ 153.24
Apprentice: 6th 1000 Hours	$ 87.73	$ 125.12	$ 162.52
Apprentice: 7th 1000 Hours	$ 92.63	$ 132.23	$ 171.83
Groundman – Equipment Operator	$ 89.66	$ 127.94	$ 166.21
Groundman – Winch Driver	$ 74.01	$ 105.25	$ 136.49
Groundman	$ 68.05	$ 96.62	$ 125.18
Safety Representative	$ 97.74	$ 125.56	$ 153.37

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Equipment Rental Schedule

Effective 11/30/2015 through 11/27/2016

DESCRIPTION	HOURLY RATE
Pickup Truck (4 wheel drive)	$ 14.00
Service Truck	$ 22.00
Flatbed Truck (2 ton)	$ 28.80
Line Truck - Corner or Center Mount – Up to 20,000 lbs.	$ 29.00
Ring-O-Matic Jet Vac	$ 36.00
Bucket Truck - Two Man (to 56')	$ 29.00
Bucket Truck - Two Man (to 65')	$ 33.60
Bucket Truck - Two Man (to 95')	$ 70.00
Bucket Truck Mounted on Skidder	$ 75.00
Dump Truck (to 5 cubic yards)	$ 26.50
Truck Mounted Crane (15 to 19 ton)	$ 49.00
Truck Mounted Crane (to 25 ton)	$ 72.50
Rough Terrain Crane (to 15 ton)	$ 46.00
Rough Terrain Crane (to 25 ton)	$ 76.65
Pole Trailer (to 15,000 #)	$ 7.00
Production Digger with Auger	$ 82.50
Reel Trailer (to 3 position)	$ 11.00
Reel Trailer (to 4 position)	$ 11.00
Flatbed Trailer (to 12,000 #)	$ 6.75
Flatbed Trailer (to 24,000 #)	$ 7.80
Trencher - 30 h.p. with hoe and backfill blade	$ 25.00
Trencher - 50 h.p. with hoe and backfill blade	$ 31.00
Directional Boring Machine - 1620 Ditch Witch	$ 49.00
Directional Boring Machine (2440)	$ 103.80
Tractors - Crawler Type to JD 555G	$ 56.00
Tractors - Crawler Type to D6	$ 70.00
Tractors - Crawler Type to D8	$ 120.00
Crawler with Digger Derrick	$ 75.00
Skidder with Winch	$ 45.80
Backhoe	$ 36.00
Office Trailer	$ 3.50
Storage Trailer	$ 2.10
Material Trailer (to 5 ton)	$ 3.50
Power Saw (Gas or Electric)	$ 4.20
Electric Generator	$ 4.20
Air Compressor (to 125 CFM)	$ 11.55
Tension Machine (single wire to 1½" in diameter)	$ 43.00
Rope Pulling Machine (1 drum)	$ 43.50
Rope Pulling Machine (4 drum)	$ 50.00
Bobcat	$ 24.00
Lowboy	$ 11.50
5th Wheel	$ 54.00
Easement Machine	$ 45.00
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)	$ 6.35

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August 31, 2016

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BY:

Dear IMEA Participating Member:

In accordance with Section 3 of the Power Sales Contract, IMEA hereby gives notice of revisions to Rate Schedule B. This rate schedule was approved at the August 18, 2016 Board of Director's meeting and will become effective January 1, 2017. Please file the enclosed rate schedule with your Power Sales Contract with IMEA.

As always, call if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Gaden
President & CEO

Enclosure

SCHEDULE B

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY
POWER SALES RATE SCHEDULE

1. Applicability. This Power Sales Rate Schedule is applicable to electric service for all requirements for municipal use and redistribution to retail customers purchased in accordance with the provisions of the Power Sales Contract, other than those requirements purchased under Schedules B-2, B-4, and B-6.

2. Availability. This Power Sales Rate Schedule is available to Participating Members of the Agency who have executed a Power Sales Contract.

3. Character of Service. Electricity furnished under this Schedule B at one or more Points of Delivery as set forth in Schedule A shall be sixty-Hertz, three phase, alternating current.

4. Billing Rates. (a) For electricity furnished under Schedule B, the related charges for each Billing Period shall be determined as follows:

Demand Charges:	
Power Supply Charge	$9.50 per kilowatt ("kW") of Billing Demand
1991 Project Charge/Payment	As set forth in Section 4(b) below
Delivery Service Charge	$4.35 per kilowatt ("kW") of Billing Demand for Members with delivery voltage less than 100 kV -OR- $3.00 per kilowatt ("kW") of Billing Demand for Members with delivery voltage of 100 kV or greater
Backup Facilities Charge	Any Member who has access to an alternative feed for which IMEA incurs separate additional charges from a Delivery Service Provider will reimburse IMEA the actual cost of such additional facilities.
Energy Charge	35.00 mills per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for all Billing Energy
Reactive Demand Charge	$0.25 per kilo-VAr ("kVAr") for each kVAr of Maximum Lagging Reactive Billing Demand
Cost Adjustments	As set forth in Section 9 below

(b) 1991 Project Demand Charge/Payment. The 24 Participating Members who executed Power Sales Contracts in 1990 were given the option to structure their project demand charges based on 15, 20 or 30 year amortization. Participating Members executing Power Sales Contracts after March 1, 1991 (the first day of service under the 1990 Power Sales Contracts) were not given this option but rather were charged a fixed demand payment as described in 4(b)(3) below. For electricity furnished under Schedule B, the 1991 Project Demand Charge/Payment for each Billing Period shall be determined based on Items (1) (2) or (3) below:

(1) 1991 Project Demand Charge - Original 30 Year Amortization Members. In addition to the charges shown in Section 4(a) above, those 19 original Participating Members who executed Power Sales Contracts in 1990 and who elected to pay rates based on a regular thirty year amortization for debt service on the Agency's Series 1991 Revenue Bonds, which were refinanced by the Agency's Series 1998 and 2007C Revenue Refunding Bonds, shall pay the following demand charge for each Billing Period:

1991 Project Demand Charge	$2.40 per kilowatt ("kW") of Billing Demand

(2) 1991 Project Demand Payment – 15 and 20 Year Amortization Members. In addition to the charges shown in Section 4(a) above, those 5 original Participating Members who executed Power Sales Contracts in 1990 and who elected to pay rates based on an accelerated amortization period for debt service on the Agency's Series 1991 Revenue Bonds, which were refinanced by the Agency's Series 1998 and 2007C Revenue Refunding Bonds, (other than thirty years) shall pay monthly debt service payments based on the schedule provided by the Agency as amended subsequent to the Series 1998 Revenue Refunding Bond refinancing.

(3) 1991 Project Demand Payment – New Participating Members. In addition to the charges shown in Section 4(a) above, all new Participating Members that executed a Power Sales Contracts subsequent to March 1, 1991 shall pay a fixed 1991 Project Demand Payment associated with the Agency's Series 1991 Revenue Bonds, which were refinanced by the Agency's Series 1998 and 2007C Revenue Refunding Bonds. Prior to the effective date of any such Contract, the Agency shall establish a schedule of such payments based on the Agency's then current 1991 Project Demand Charge set forth in Section 4(b)(1) above and the new Participating Member's monthly billing demands for the most recent twelve months. Such calculation shall establish the monthly fixed 1991 Project Demand Payment for such new Participating Members which shall be paid each month by the Participating Member until such time as the debt service associated with the 2007C Power Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds are fully paid and retired by the Agency.

5. Billing Metering. The metered demand in kW each Billing Period shall be the highest 60 minute integrated demand (or corrected to a 60 minute basis if demand registers other than 60 minute demand registers are installed) measured during the Billing Period.

Demand and energy meter readings shall be adjusted, if appropriate, as provided in Schedule A of the Contract.

6. Billing Demand. The Billing Demand in any Billing Period shall be the metered demand for the period as determined under paragraphs 4 and 5 giving effect to all applicable adjustments, including those for Schedules B-2, B-4, and B-6.

7. Billing Energy. The Billing Energy in any Billing Period shall be the metered energy for the period as determined under paragraphs 4 and 5 giving effect to all applicable adjustments as required, including those for Schedules B-2, B-4, and B-6.

8. Maximum Lagging Reactive Billing Demand. The Maximum Lagging Reactive Billing Demand for any billing period shall be the highest hourly summation of the flow of reactive power from IMEA to each Participating Member during the Billing Period.

9. Cost Adjustments. The Agency shall apply adjustment factors as either charges or credits on the Participating Member bills as determined from the variance in the Agency's demand and energy supply costs from those as calculated at the time of the Agency's base rate determination or to distribute revenues associated with premiums charged to certain purchasers. Adjustments for variances in demand related costs shall be accounted for using the Demand Cost Adjustment ("DCA"). Adjustments made to credit the amount collected from the premium paid by new Participating Members or other purchasers shall be accounted for using the Premium Credit Adjustment ("PCA"). Adjustments for variances in energy related costs shall be accounted for using the Energy Cost Adjustment ("ECA"). Adjustments for variances in the 2007C debt service costs shall be accounted for using the Debt Service Adjustment ("DSA"). The DCA, PCA and ECA will be applied on the invoice following the applicable month of service but shall be applied to the demand or energy usage from the prior billing period. The DCA, PCA, ECA and DSA are further defined below:

DCA: Demand related cost variance shall be computed monthly as the difference between the Agency's actual and base demand related costs. The resulting DCA factor for the period shall be calculated to the nearest $0.01 per kilowatt, using the following formula:

$$DCA = \frac{SRDC - (9.50 \text{ times } MBD)}{MBD}$$

Where:

SRDC is the total fixed costs of the Agency's System Resources used to serve the Agency's Participating Members during the prior billing period, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Capacity payments to generating Participating Members.

(2) The demand related costs of all long term power purchased by the Agency.

(3) One-half of the monthly debt service obligation associated with the financing of Agency- owned resources and facilities other than the debt service associated with the 2007C Revenue Refunding Bonds. The debt service obligation shall include any remaining capitalized interest once a project has been placed in commercial operations and shall be proportioned monthly based on historic monthly demand.

(4) The monthly fixed operations and maintenance expense associated with the production and transmission of electricity from the Agency's own resources.

(5) A credit for the revenue collected by the Agency related to the Schedule B-6 demand charges.

(6) A credit for the revenue collected by the Agency related to the Reactive Demand Charge.

(7) A credit for the revenue collected by the Agency related to the 1991 Project Demand Payment - New Participating Members as calculated in accordance with Section 4(b)(3) above.

(8) Other monthly fixed costs, credits or Agency obligations which are considered related to the supply of capacity to the Participating Members, and are considered appropriate to charge as a demand related cost by the Board of Directors.

MBD is the total kilowatt billing demand of the Agency's Participating Members under Rate Schedule B for the prior period, excluding the kilowatt billing demand billed under the Hydro Backup Rate (See Resolution 94-6-318) and Schedule B-6.

PCA: The PCA shall be a credit paid monthly to the 29 Participating Members who executed a Power Sales Contract with IMEA prior to January 1, 2007. The premium shall be collected from the Participating Members and other purchasers on a monthly basis based on the appropriate rate methodology as contained in the respective Addendum to Power Sales Contract. The total premium amount collected from Participating Members and other purchasers shall then be credited to the 29 Participating Members based on the following formula, rounded to the nearest $0.01 per kilowatt:

$$PCA = \frac{PR \text{ times } (-1)}{MBD29}$$

Where:

PR is the total premium revenues collected for the prior month from the premium charged to Participating Members and other purchasers under their respective Addendums.
MBD29 is the total kilowatt billing demand for the prior month of the 29 Participating Members who executed a Power Sales Contract with IMEA prior to January 1, 2007.

ECA: Energy related cost variance shall be computed monthly as the difference between the Agency's actual and base energy related costs. The resulting ECA factor for the period shall be calculated, to the nearest $0.00001 per kilowatt-hour, using the following formula:

$$ECA = \frac{SREC}{MBE} - 0.03500$$

Where:

SREC is the total energy related cost of the Agency's System Resources for the Agency's Participating Members' usage during the period, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Fuel and generation payments to generating Participating Members.

(2) The energy related costs of losses associated with transmission and distribution service charges.

(3) The costs of all long and short-term energy and all short term power purchased by the Agency.

(4) The monthly fuel and variable operations and maintenance expenses associated with the production of electricity from the Agency's own resources.

(5) One-half of the monthly debt service obligation associated with the financing of Agency- owned resources and facilities other than the debt service associated with the 2007C Revenue Refunding Bonds. The debt service obligation shall include any remaining capitalized interest once a project has been placed in commercial operations and shall be proportioned monthly based on historic monthly demand.

(6) For the period through 12/31/16 an adder of 2.50 Mills/kWh – For the purpose of funding ongoing capital requirements and increasing the Agency's General Reserve Fund.

For the period of 1/1/17 through 12/31/17 an adder of 2.75 Mills/kWh - For the purpose of funding ongoing capital requirements and increasing the Agency's General Reserve Fund.

For the period of 1/1/18 through 12/31/18 an adder of 3.00 Mills/kWh - For the purpose of funding ongoing capital requirements and increasing the Agency's General Reserve Fund.

For the period of 1/1/19 through 12/31/19 an adder of 3.25 Mills/kWh - For the purpose of funding ongoing capital requirements and increasing the Agency's General Reserve Fund.

For the period after 12/31/19 an adder of 3.50 Mills/kWh - For the purpose of funding ongoing capital requirements and increasing the Agency's General Reserve Fund.

(7) Current year Delivery Service Charge revenue in excess of delivery service expenses, which have not yet been placed into the Renewals & Replacements Fund or otherwise used to offset delivery service expenses ("Excess Delivery Service Revenues"), may be used at the discretion of the President & CEO as a credit in this

Energy Cost Adjustment ("ECA") formula. Delivery service expenses in excess of Delivery Service Charge revenue for a given month shall be added to the ECA formula if and to the extent there are no remaining Excess Delivery Service Charge Revenues for the current fiscal year.

(8) Other monthly operating costs, credits or Agency obligations which are considered related to the supply of energy to the Participating Members, and are considered appropriate to charge as an energy-related cost by the Board of Directors.

(9) At the discretion of the President & CEO, up to $1,500,000 of Rate Stabilization Account funds may be used in any month (up to a maximum of $6,000,000 in any one fiscal year) as a credit to SREC to reduce the rate impact to the Members caused by any extraordinary cost(s) which results in the average cost to the Participating Members exceeding a 10% increase over the same month of the previous year. If the President & CEO elects to use any Rate Stabilization Account funds for such purpose, then the funds will be recouped through a charge to the SREC over a period not to exceed the following 12 monthly periods.

MBE is the total kilowatt-hour billing energy for each billing period of the Agency's Participating Members.

DSA: The debt service cost variance associated with the Series 2007C Bonds shall be computed monthly as the difference between the revenue collected from the 1991 Project Demand Charge in Section 4(b)(1) above and the monthly debt service requirement ("DSR") for the 2007C Bonds. Amounts calculated for the DSA may be accumulated for several months during a fiscal year and then apportioned on a pro-rata basis to the 19 Participating Members paying the 1991 Project Demand Charge for regular 30 year debt service in accordance with Section 4(b)(1) above. Credits so accumulated shall be refunded to such Members during the fiscal year at the discretion of the President & CEO so the net amount remaining in the DSA at the end of the fiscal year is zero.

$$DSA = (2.40 \text{ times } ABD) + DSB - DSR$$

Where:

ABD is the adjusted billing demand of Participating Members paying 30 year debt service.
DSB is the debt service collected under the B-2 rate.
DSR is the actual debt service requirements for the billing period. The debt service requirement shall be proportioned monthly based on historic monthly demand.

10. Adjustment for Service to Non-Participating Members. Adjustments to the Energy Cost Adjustment may be made monthly to reflect the costs of service and revenues derived from sales by the Agency to non-participating member systems. The revenues from such sales shall be examined monthly on a case-by-case basis and any profits shall be credited to the rate stabilization account unless directed otherwise by the Board of Directors.

11. Tax Adjustment. In the event of the imposition of any tax, or payment in lieu thereof, by any lawful authority on the Agency for the purchase, production, transmission, or sale of electricity, the charges hereunder may be increased to pass on the Member its share of such tax or payment in lieu thereof.

12. Billing Period. The Billing Period shall be as nearly as practical to a calendar month.

Effective: January 1, 2017

Approved: _____
Chairman

Issued by: _____
President & CEO

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Date: September 6, 2016

Re: **Electric Agency Update 2016 – 17**

To: IMEA Board Members

From: Kevin M. Gaden, President & CEO

Executive Board Meetings: The next IMEA Executive Board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 28** at 10:00 a.m. at IMEA headquarters.

IMEA Board Meeting: The next IMEA Board Meeting will take place on **Friday, November 4** at IMEA headquarters. A Gas Agency board meeting will take place that morning at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch and an IMEA Executive Board Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The IMEA Board Meeting will immediately follow the Executive Board Meeting. That evening, the IMEA annual dinner and awards banquet will begin with a 6:00 p.m. reception at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield. The next morning, the IMEA Annual Meeting will take place at the hotel, beginning with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. and ending at noon.

Reserve Your Room for the IMEA Annual Meeting: The IMEA Annual Meeting will be held the evening of Friday, November 4 and the morning of Saturday, November 5 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, a Doubletree by Hilton property at 701 East Adams in Springfield. IMEA has arranged with the hotel a special room rate of $99 for November 4. **Call 217-544-8800 or 1-866-210-7502 before Friday, October 21 to make your reservations.** Be sure to mention you are with the IMEA Annual Meeting to get the special rate.

Agency Staff Meets with the Governor's Office: Staff, along with representatives of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, met last week with Governor Rauner's newly appointed energy advisor. He is Jason Heffley, who was formerly with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The governor's previous energy advisor, Alec Messina, is now head of Illinois EPA. We took the opportunity to brief Heffley on the municipal electric systems of Illinois, as well as discuss our views on the various bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly that relate to energy policy and, in particular, the value of generation within both the PJM and MISO regional transmission organizations. The meeting was cordial and informative.