

## **ELECTRIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**08/04/2008**

The special meeting of the Electric Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman, Ron Beauchamp, in old Council Chambers Meeting Room at the Civic Center, 225 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Present:** Ron Beauchamp, Glendon Brown, John Mellinger, Tim Wilson

**Absent:** Larry Arkens. 2 Vacancies

**Also Present:** Mike Furmanski-Electric Superintendent, Gerald Pirkola-Power Plant  
Gil Cheves-Council Liaison

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **American Transmission Company Discussion-Brett French, ATC Representative**

Brett French, senior regional manager for the American Transmission Company (ATC) was invited, by City Administration, to come to a meeting with the Electric Advisory Committee to update them on the improvements that have been made to the transmission system, and those still being worked on.

French gave a general overview of ATC saying they own and operate the transmission infrastructure throughout Upper Michigan and much of Wisconsin. They were formed January 1, 2001. At the time of startup, they looked at all the assets they had, situations where they could not serve all the load and recognized issues that needed to be addressed. They then came up with 9 major projects which developed into what they labeled the Northern Umbrella Plan. This plan began in 2003 and is scheduled to be wrapped up in 2010. This plan addresses the issues faced in this area such as limited transmission and also a reliability issue. ATC will have invested approximately \$569 million in the plan by the time of completion. A number of projects are in the northeastern portion of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula

ATC is also putting together load and generation scenarios in 5-10-15 year time frames. Not having enough information on their own, ATC is working with utilities, such as Escanaba, asking what they foresee happening, and then developing a futures analysis. Other issues that they must look at, is possible retirements of generation, such as Presque Isle and possibly Escanaba and also the emissions issues that are on going. All of this information will be put into analysis models to see where ATC will go from there. French stressed that ATC is going to be around for the long term.

French pointed out that after all the fact finding, a summary could be in order in 4-6 weeks time. He said they are 12-18 months out to getting a list of all the projects that ATC will be working on after the fact finding. This will then cover issues across the

whole Upper Peninsula. Challenges that French said face the ATC are a new biofuel plant near Kinross that is expected to be a significant increase in load, a manufacturing plant in the Calumet area which would be a large load increase for that portion of the system, and also the continued operation of NewPage and the expansion they are looking at and generation that they want to produce and put out there.

French stated that the Upper Peninsula system is in balance, and it is a critical balance. Anytime anything is done with load transmission or distribution, that balance changes. New transmission has to be constructed to support it.

French answered several questions from the audience during his presentation .

### **Public Comment**

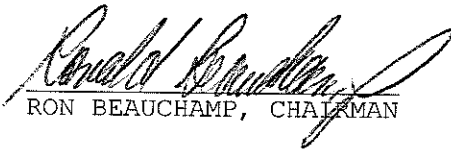
None-questions were answered during the presentation.

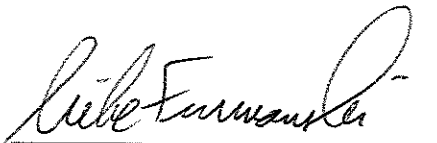
### **Committee/Staff Report**

Furmanski reminded everyone of the Energy Efficiency Symposium to be held on August 06, 2008 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm

APPROVED:

  
RON BEAUCHAMP, CHAIRMAN

  
MIKE FURMANSKI, ELEC. SUPT.