

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met remotely in Work Session on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:45 P.M. The following Board Members were on the teleconference: Ryan Eidson, President; Robert L. Milan, Vice President; Mary Gonzales, Secretary; Jeff Bryant, Rose Mulvany Henry and Thomas Groneman.

Also on teleconference: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations; Jim Epp, Executive Director Water Operations; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Jerry Ohmes, Executive Director Electric Supply; Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Andrew Ferris, Director Electric Supply Planning; Randy Otting, Director Accounting; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; Sperlynn Byers, Acting Director of Information Technology; and Jody Franchett, Director Administrative Services.

A tape of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Eidson called the meeting to order at 4:45 P.M.

Roll call was taken, and all Board Members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Groneman and unanimously carried.

Item #5 – Durable Medical Equipment

Dustin Hare, Angela McCall, and Julio Caro, with the Community Health Council of Wyandotte County (CHC) and Louise Lynch gave a presentation to propose ending utility shutoffs for customers with power-dependent Durable Medical Equipment (DME) (see attached PowerPoint).

Ms. Lynch, spoke of the health situation that she is in with her husband and daughter, their use of DME and the appeal that electric service not be disconnected for those who rely on DME.

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Item #6 – 2021 Budget- Capital Projects

Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Randy Otting, Director Accounting, Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production, Jim Epp, Executive Director Water Operations, Jeremy Ash, Executive Director Electric Operations, and Sperlynn Byers, Acting Director of Information Technology gave a PowerPoint presentation to outline each of their departments proposed budgets for 2021 (see attached).

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Quach, Mr. Epp, Mr. Ash, and Mr. Byers answered questions from the Board.

Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 P.M. by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Henry and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President

**Ending Utility Shutoffs for Customers
with Power-Dependent Durable
—Medical Equipment (DME)—**

The Problem

- Many people, with an array of different medical conditions, rely on electricity to keep their DME functioning
- BPU currently cannot guarantee that these customers' medical service will not be interrupted if their billing account becomes delinquent
- Interruption of utility service is a health hazard, and could result in death or hospitalization



What is the Definition of DME?

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is equipment which can withstand repeated use, *and* is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, *and* generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury, *and* is appropriate for use in the home.

Source: Social Security Administration -
<https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0600610200>



DME Devices

Continuous passive motion devices

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices

Dialysis Machine*

Hospital beds

Infusion pumps & supplies

Nebulizers & nebulizer medications

Oxygen equipment & accessories (Oxygen Concentrators)*

Patient lifts

Pressure-reducing support surfaces

Ventilators*

Wheelchairs & scooters

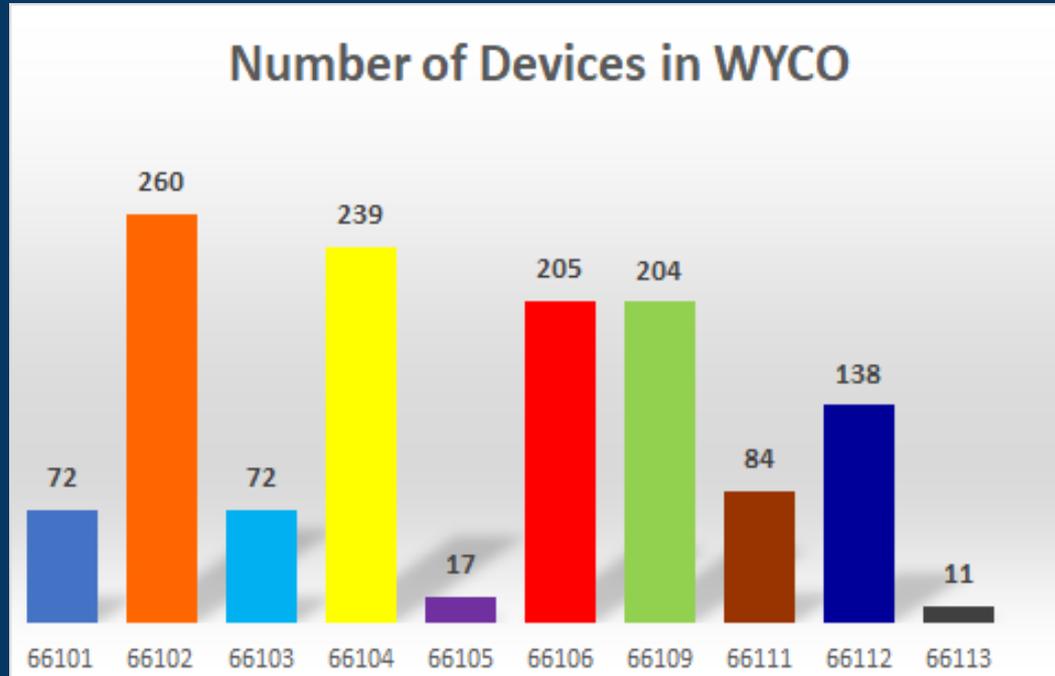
*Devices currently included in BPU's medical alert designation



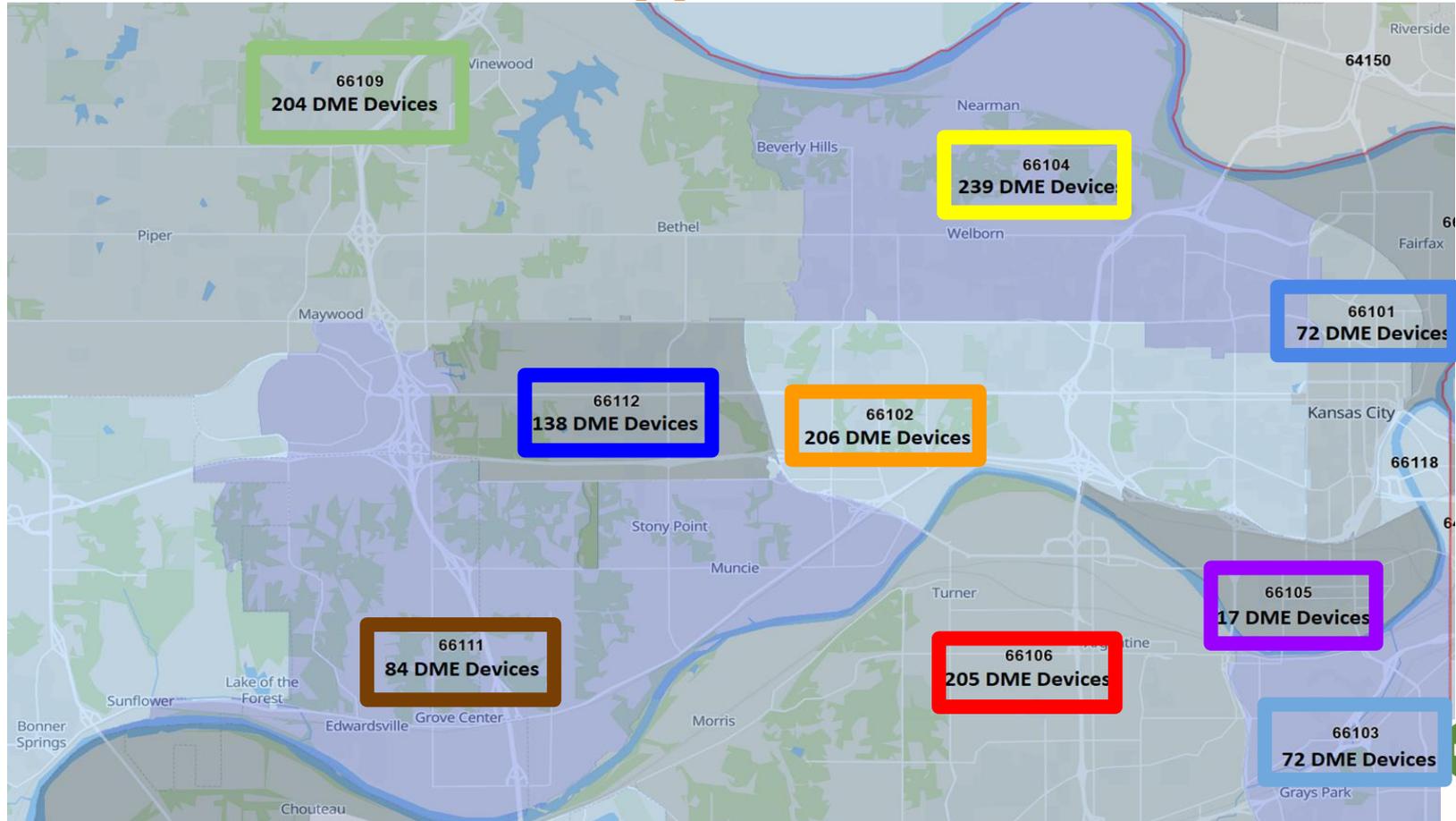
Number of Devices in Wyandotte County

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there are 1248 electricity-dependent DME devices in Wyandotte County.

- 66101 - 72
- 66102 - 260
- 66103 - 72
- 66104 - 239
- 66105 - 17
- 66106 - 205
- 66109 - 204
- 66111 - 84
- 66112 - 138
- 66113 - 11



DME Device Data Mapped

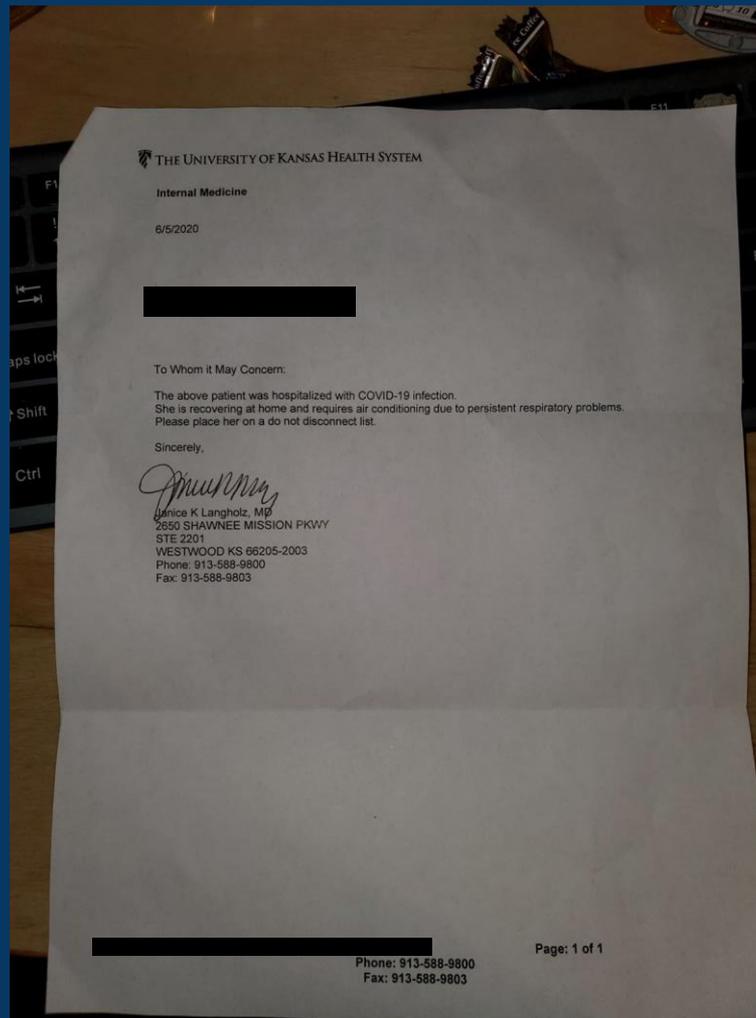


Policy Considerations

- Do not turn off services for customers with power-dependent DME on file
- Ask DME questions upon initiating service with a new customer
- Prominently display policy on BPU website, as well as how to participate
- Create a system prompt to contact customers with DME on file to help them find payment assistance



Testimony



Community
Health Council
of Wyandotte County

Thank You!



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2021 CAPITAL



NOVEMBER 18, 2020

CRITERIA FOR BUDGET

Budget Goals

1. Improve Customer Service
2. Improve Operational Efficiency
3. Improve System Reliability
4. Reduce Costs

2021 WATER CAPITAL

Water Work Equipment – \$ 276,000

- Trouble Truck (Water Dist.)
 - Water Tools (Water Dist.)
 - Water Work Equipment – Hydrant Truck
 - Radios
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2021 WATER CAPITAL

Water Transmission & Storage - \$ 2,768,201

Transmission Main 98th & Parallel	\$ 205,501
UG/CMIP Water Trans Projects	\$ 2,700
Water Storage Improvements	\$ 325,000
Water Trans Valve Improve	\$ 126,000
Water Transmission Improvement	\$ 109,000
Argentine 12 MG	\$ 2,000,000

2021 WATER CAPITAL

Water Distribution - \$ 5,887,251

Non Revenue Water Leak Detection	\$ 200,000
UG/CMIP Water Dist. Projects	\$ 2,242,273
Water Dist. Leak Project (KDHE)	\$ 1,433,485
Water Dist. System Improvements	\$ 727,842
Water Dist. System Relocations	\$ 265,000
Water Dist. Valve Improvements	\$ 522,667
Water Fire Hydrant Program	\$ 495,984

2021 WATER CAPITAL

Other Water Capital Projects - \$ 3,049,509

Water Technology	\$ 115,000
Water Meters	\$ 742,613
Water Services	\$ 772,617
Water Facility	\$ 821,534
Furnish & Equip	\$ 137,000
Water Grounds	\$ 87,000
Water Production Projects	\$ 375,000

2021 TOTAL CAPITAL

Sources of Funding - Water

Cash	\$8,706,288
KDHE Loan	\$3,632,728
Total	\$ 12,339,016

2021 ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Electric Transmission - \$ 2,310,000

Victory West Cable Upgrade	\$ 1,250,000
• 69KV - Maywood	
• 69KV - Quindaro	
Fiber Optics Additions	\$ 310,000
Miscellaneous Transmission Projects	\$ 250,000
Mill St. to Kaw 69KV Backup	\$ 500,000

2021 ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Electric Substations - \$ 1,320,000

Speaker Switchgear	\$ 500,000
Fisher Decommission	\$ 200,000
General Improvements & Security	\$ 300,000
Miscellaneous Projects	\$ 320,000

2021 ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Electric Distribution - \$16,828,708

Annual OH Construction	\$ 2,013,814
G&W Switch Replacement	\$ 2,000,000
Fisher UG Feeders	\$ 7,490,000
Annual UG Construction	\$ 1,512,394
Piper OH Feeders	\$ 3,812,500

2021 ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Electric General Const. - \$ 3,000,000

Automobiles	\$ 100,000
Work Equipment	\$ 750,000
Electric Tools	\$ 100,000
Electric Facilities	\$ 750,000
Electric Meters	\$ 1,000,000
Electric Technology	\$ 200,000
IVR & Outage Management	\$ 100,000

2021 ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

Sources of Funding - Electric Operations

Cash	\$ 20,302,708
2016C Bond Issue	\$ 1,500,000
2020A Bond Issue	\$ 10,000,000
Total	\$ 31,802,708

2021 ELECTRIC PRODUCTION

Nearman Power Station – \$ 2,095,998

N1 #5 Feed Water Heater Replace	\$ 130,000
N1 5KV Cable Replacement	\$ 180,102
N1 DCS Evergreen	\$ 15,000
N1 Drum_Heater Instrument Upgrade	\$ 545,984
N1 MCC/Load Center Replacement	\$ 859,837
N1 GSU Bushing/Arrestor Replacement	\$ 205,102
N1 Simulator Upgrade to Version 3.7	\$ 159,973

2021 ELECTRIC PRODUCTION

Nearman Common - \$ 2,988,423

NC Coal Conveyor Belt Replacement	\$ 150,000
NC Fire Protection System Upgrade	\$ 2,779,919
NC Coal Handling System Relay Upgrade	\$ 58,504

2021 ELECTRIC PRODUCTION

Other Electric Production Capital - \$ 2,056,369

• QC Levee Improvement (COE)	\$ 265,000
• Electric Production Work Equip	\$ 350,000
• Dogwood Capital Projects	\$ 792,000
• CT4 Hyd. Oil/Lube Oil Varnish Removal	\$ 177,901
• CT2 Air Inlet Duct Replacement	\$ 213,982
• CT2 RTU to Schweitzer Upgrade	\$ 43,504
• CT3 Air Inlet Duct Replacement	\$ 213,982

2021 ELECTRIC PRODUCTION

Sources of Funding – Electric Production

Total Cash \$7,140,790

2021 TECHNOLOGY

Enterprise Technology - \$ 5,043,500

Application Services:	\$ 2,640,000
Business Application Development	\$ 1,415,000
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Development	\$ 525,000
Utility Ops Development	\$ 700,000
Data Services:	\$ 750,000
Business Intelligence Services	\$ 250,000
Systems Integration Services	\$ 250,000
Systems Management Services	\$ 250,000

2021 TECHNOLOGY

Enterprise Technology

Infrastructure Services:	\$ 1,653,500
Upgrade and Modernization	\$ 1,088,500
Business Continuity	\$ 490,000
Customer Service	\$ 75,000

2021 ELECTRIC SUPPLY

Electric Supply Capital - \$0

No Proposed Capital for 2021

2021 COMMON CAPITAL

Common - \$ 870,250

Administrative Services & Utility Services

Security Improvements	\$	110,000
Facilities	\$	113,000
Furniture & Equipment & Grounds	\$	152,250

Admin Services Technology

EDM Modules and Install (Mobile App and OCR Documents)	\$	117,000
Copier Lease	\$	378,000

Total Cash	\$	870,250
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Other

Annual Heat Pump	\$	225,000
Economic Development	\$	500,000

2021 TOTAL CAPITAL

2021 Capital (Projected)

Water	\$	12,339,016
Electric Operations	\$	31,802,708
Electric Production	\$	7,140,790
Electric Supply	\$	0
Technology	\$	5,043,500
Common	\$	870,250
Total	\$	57,196,264

2021 TOTAL CAPITAL

BPU Sources of Funding (Projected)

Cash	\$ 42,063,536
KDHE Loan	\$ 3,632,728
2020A Bond Issue	\$ 10,000,000
2016C Bond Issue	\$ 1,500,000
Total	\$ 57,196,264
