

Great River Energy Board Meeting Summary

Dec. 7-8, 2022

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Topics of interest from the December board meeting

CEO update

President and CEO David Saggau provided the following report:

- ▶ We have had a very successful 2022 from an operational and financial perspective, and we are in great position to finish the year strong.
- ▶ Congressional action averted a national rail strike. Although our power supply changes have reduced our dependence on rail, a strike would be disruptive.
- ▶ GRE will be involved in the 2023 legislative session, in large part to ensure energy policies being considered factor in effects on cost and reliability.
- ▶ GRE is monitoring the North Carolina substation attacks, which left 45,000 people without power. Staff continue to monitor the GRE system for indications of vulnerabilities or reconnaissance activity.
- ▶ Several cooperatives are receiving inquiries about various reports questioning winter energy sufficiency. NERC and MISO agree the electric system in the Midwest is well prepared for winter. GRE has historically prepared very well to respond to any extremes.
- ▶ 2022 was a successful year for GRE with many accomplishments, including progress on our power supply evolution, launching a regional transmission project, establishing a customer relationship with Connexus Energy, and selling Midwest AgEnergy.

Financial update

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Michelle Strobel provided an overview of October financials.

- ▶ The October margin was \$(13.3)M compared to a budgeted margin of \$(13.6)M for a favorable variance of \$0.3M. The year-to-date margin is \$65.9M compared to a budgeted margin of \$25.5M for a favorable variance of \$40.4M.
- ▶ Member revenue year-to-date is \$65.8M above budget, non-member revenue above budget \$39.3M, other revenue above budget \$0.9M, and non-operating revenue above budget \$14.4M.
- ▶ Ownership expenses are under budget \$(12.0)M, fuel expenses under budget \$(1.4)M, purchased power over budget \$91.8M, O&M expenses over budget \$1.6M, and margin is a positive variance of \$40.4M.
- ▶ Year-to-date energy and demand sales are 2.4% and 6.4% above budget, respectively.
- ▶ The power cost adjustment is a \$7.7M credit to members in October and a \$20.4M charge year to date.

Business improvement

Data Process Specialist Fayette Cote provided an overview of GRE's culture of business improvement and the status of 2022 submissions and savings.

Motions

A number of motions were approved, including the plan for 2022 margins.

For more information about the December meeting of GRE's board of directors, contact Daniel Becchetti, communications and marketing manager, at 763-445-5706. The next meeting will be Jan. 11-12, 2023, in Maple Grove, Minnesota.