

# Great River Energy Board Meeting Summary

## November 1-2, 2023

### Maple Grove, Minnesota

#### Topics of interest from the November board meeting

##### **CEO update**

President and CEO David Saggau provided the following report:

- ▶ The year-to-date margin is a positive variance of \$35.0M. The year-to-date PCA is a \$28.2M credit to members.
- ▶ Year-to-date energy and demand sales are 0.2% and 3.0% higher than budget, respectively.
- ▶ The GRE 2024 budget includes an average bundled rate increase of 2.2%. The forecast includes many updates from the past year.
- ▶ The Public Utilities Commission held scoping meetings for the Northland Reliability Project. The meetings allowed the public to share their ideas on the project, including where it is located and alternatives to the project.
- ▶ GRE joined several utilities to apply for the certificate of need for the Big Stone South-Alexandria-Big Oaks project. This project is one of 18 transmission projects approved in tranche 1 of MISO's long-range transmission plan and is the second project to reach this stage of the permitting process.

##### **Financial update**

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

- ▶ The September margin is \$5.1M compared to a budgeted margin of \$(2.8)M for a positive variance of \$7.9M.
- ▶ Member revenue is \$(20.5)M below budget, non-member revenue under budget \$(43.5)M, other revenue over budget \$0.4M, and non-operating revenue over budget \$17.2M.
- ▶ Ownership expenses are under budget \$(1.0)M, fuel expenses under budget \$(11.1)M, purchased power under budget \$(65.4)M, O&M expenses under budget \$(3.9)M, and the year-to-date margin is a favorable variance of \$35.0M.
- ▶ September energy and demand sales were 3.4% and 25.0% higher than budget, respectively.
- ▶ Year-to-date energy and demand sales are 0.2% and 3.0% higher than budget, respectively.
- ▶ The September PCA is a \$3.0M credit to members.

##### **Business improvement**

Executive Services Manager Christian Howe presented a business improvement on backup internet for the July 2023 off-site board strategy session, the first off-site meeting with a hybrid attendance option. The GRE team built a mobile internet network (with VPN into the GRE system) to ensure a reliable and secure hybrid meeting with audio, video, and content sharing for all attendees of this important meeting.

##### **Consent agenda**

A number of items were approved on the consent agenda, including GRE's 2024 budget.

For more information about the November meeting of GRE's board of directors, contact Daniel Becchetti, communications and marketing manager, at 763-445-5706. The next meeting will be Dec. 6-7.