## JEA EPA COMMITTEE MINUTES February 11, 2015

The EPA Committee of JEA met on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in the 8th Floor Conference Room, JEA Plaza Tower, 21 W. Church Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

## Agenda Item I - Opening Considerations

- A. Call to Order Committee Chair Lisa Weatherby called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with Member Wyman Winbush in attendance. Both Committee Members participated telephonically. Present were Paul McElroy, Bud Para, Mike Brost, Melissa Dykes, Nancy Kilgo, and Gerri Boyce.
- B. Adoption of Agenda The Agenda was adopted on **motion** by Mr. Winbush and second by Committee Chair Weatherby.
- C. Approval of Minutes The November 13, 2014 Minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Winbush and second by Committee Chair Weatherby.

## Agenda Item II - New Business

- A. Clean Power Plan (CPP) for Existing Power Plants (Section 111(d)) Supplemental Proposal Bud Para, Chief Public Affairs Officer, provided an update on the EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan for Existing Plants, which included a change in the schedule for the final rulings from June 2015 to mid-summer 2015. All three rules: CO<sup>2</sup> emissions for existing plants, new units and modified units are expected to be finalized together in mid-summer. More than thirty states have formally objected to sections of the rules. States must submit a State Plan within one year of the Federal Rule and if not acceptable, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will put in place a Federal Plan. If a Federal Plan is imposed, the State could still establish a State Plan at a later date. The proposed CPP would require significant compliance by 2020. The EPA may loosen this date, but the final 2030 compliance date will remain firm. Mr. Winbush stated that JEA needs to ensure these issues remain in the minds' eye of City Council Members as they work on a new interlocal agreement. Mr. Para affirmed that we are committed to holding a follow-up Public Meeting once the final rule is published.
- B. The "Arizona Solution" The EPA proposed CPP would reduce the use of coal for generating electricity by 90% in Florida and by 100% in Arizona. Arizona utilities have proposed that the EPA:
  - Establish interim and final goals by taking into account the "remaining useful life" of
    plants and establish a re-dispatch schedule to provide an opportunity to pay back existing
    debt.
  - Allow states to set interim goals, and
  - Apply appropriate natural gas emission rate
- C. Upcoming Milestones Mr. Para announced that Acting Assistant U.S. EPA Administrator Janet McCabe will be testifying before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee later this morning on the Clean Power Plan. She will be the first from the EPA to testify before the Committee.

## D. Announcements

1. The next EPA Committee Meeting will be scheduled as appropriate.

E. Adjournment – With no further business claiming the attention of this Committee, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:50 AM.

APPROVED BY:

Lisa Strange Weatherby, Committee Chair

Date: 05/19/15

Submitted by:

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