



KPP LIGHTNING ROUND

JUNE 2022

Luke Receives APPA Award

Burlington's Mayor Stan Luke was recently recognized and awarded by the American Public Power Association (APPA) at their 2022 National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Mayor Luke received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award which recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed greatly to the benefit of public power and APPA.

Mayor Luke has served more than 15 years as an elected official, including eight years on the City Council of Burlington before being elected twice as the city's mayor. He has been instrumental for the Kansas Power Pool, having served on KPP's board of directors and as President. Mayor Luke has provided critical testimony on behalf of public power to both Congress and the Kansas State Legislature. He is currently chair of APPA's Policy Makers Council and, since joining the council, has regularly attended APPA's Legislative Rally, National Conference, and the Policy Makers Council summer fly-in.

A video of all the APPA award presentations is available by clicking [here](#).

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Johnson Receives APPA Public Power Manager Certification

Tim Johnson, Director of Public Utilities for the City of Augusta received the American Public Power Association (APPA) Academy's Public Power Manager Certificate. The certificate was presented at the 2022 APPA National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. To earn the certificate, recipients had to complete required courses and develop a plan that identifies and addresses an opportunity for improvement within their organization. To earn his certification, Tim examined new approaches to improve performance and prepare employees for future leadership roles. Tim is a current member of the KPP Board of Directors, a position he has held since 2020.



KPP Members Asked to Participate in Kansas State & National Science Foundation Solar Energy Survey

KPP members are requested to complete a survey regarding the future viability of solar energy in rural communities in Kansas. The survey is part of a project undertaken at Kansas State University and supported by the U.S. National Science Foundation. The Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Kansas State will be compiling and analyzing the survey. KPP, KMEA, and KEPCo are each distributing the survey to their respective members.

The survey is designed to gather opinions of electricity service providers – specifically municipal utilities and rural electric cooperatives. A survey of individual residents in rural Kansas has already been completed. Only one person from each city should complete the survey. Please use the following link to complete the survey by July 15, 2022.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bKRAR94Hs7YdfRs

As a token of appreciation from the Kansas State survey team, they are offering survey respondents a K-State gift. Although the survey will be anonymous, respondents can request their gift by accessing a separate site using the link within the last page of the survey.



KPP Electric Vehicle Charger Programs

BROOKE CARROLL, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Annually, KPP plans and budgets to support members with the implementation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. KPP offers two programs to assist with educating KPP members and retail customers about EVs - the KPP Level 2 Charger Program and KPP Electric Vehicle Charger Installation Rebate.

The KPP Level 2 Charger Program

Each year KPP offers to the membership, on a first come, first serve basis, the option to participate in the KPP Level 2 Charger Program.

KPP's Obligations

- Supplies the Charging Equipment for 1 or 2 Chargers
- Wraps the Charger with the City Logo
- Covers the Cost of an Electrician if Needed
- Arranges Promotion/Chamber Events
- Coordinates PlugShare Mapping

City's Obligations

- Obtains City Council Approval
- Determines Location(s)
- Prepares Location(s)
- Provides Any Desired Signage
- Provides Any Desired Metering

KPP Electric Vehicle Charger Installation Rebate

KPP provides rebates up to \$1,500 to member's retail customers for the installation of charging infrastructure in member's communities for residential or commercial use. The retail customer provides a completed application along with supporting receipts to city staff and then KPP reimburses the city for the rebate amount.

Recently, at the June 20th Augusta city council meeting, Brooke Carroll presented the details of the KPP Level 2 Charger Program to the governing body. The Council voted unanimously to participate and to move forward



From left, Waterville city streets employee Terry Yungeberg, city electricity superintendent Chuck Tryon, Waterville City Council president Don King and Matt Umscheid, city electricity superintendent in training under Yungeberg. Photo by Sarah Kesinger

Waterville gets electric vehicle charging station — first in county

with the installation of two chargers. The locations under consideration for the chargers include the downtown shopping and dining area and an area park. Other KPP members who have participated in the program include Ellinwood, Hillsboro, Kingman, Marion, Waterville, and Winfield.

In the May 26th edition of The Marysville Advocate, the City of Waterville was recognized with the headline “Waterville Gets Electric Vehicle Charging Station – First in the County.” The PlugShare mapping tool shows that the charger in Waterville is already getting use and assisting drivers traveling the county for work.

In February, the City of Hillsboro took the KPP rebate program even farther. The City adopted a policy to assist area car dealerships with a matching contribution of up to \$1,500 for charging infrastructure expenses in addition to a reduced rate on the electricity consumed, with a condition that the chargers must be open for the public to use.



Hansen Passes APPA Chair's Gavel

On June 15th, KPP CEO & General Manager Colin Hansen completed his one-year term as the Chairman of the Board for the American Public Power Association (APPA). On the final morning of the APPA 2022 National Conference, Hansen passed the gavel to Tony Cannon, General Manager/CEO of the Greenville Utilities Commission in Greenville, North Carolina. Hansen will continue to serve as Immediate Past Chair for one year, which includes a position on the APPA Executive Committee and APPA Board of Directors. He will also chair the APPA Nominating Committee this year.

There were a number of association accomplishments during Hansen's year as Board Chair. Last November, the APPA Board adopted for the first time a five-year business plan that incorporates both the strategic plan and the financial plan for the association. Under that business plan, APPA currently does not plan to increase membership dues for the next five years.

In his outgoing Chair's comments, Hansen thanked the Board, membership and staff of the Kansas Power Pool. "I am incredibly grateful to the Kansas Power Pool Board of Directors and KPP membership for taking a chance on me as their next leader and supporting me over the past five

months as I shifted careers in the midst of a very busy year as your Board Chair," Hansen said. "Special thanks goes to my fellow staff members at KPP who are patiently training and educating me - and have covered for me - since I joined the agency in February."

"Thank you also to the Kansas Municipal Utilities Board, Executive Committee, and membership for their longtime support and guidance. It was an honor to directly serve the KMU membership for 22 years. Special thanks to my fellow KMU staff that supported me while I took on increasing responsibilities with APPA."



KPP Cyber Seminar - Thursday, June 30

The second in the series of the virtual KPP Cyber Seminars will be held on Thursday, June 30th from 12 noon – 2 p.m. Travis Cleek and Jeremy Dreyer of SkyHelm will present on the topics of "Security is Only as Good as Your Weakest Link" and "Communicating the Need for Security Within the City to Leadership".

Jeremy is CEO and founder of SkyHelm and has over a decade of experience working with organizations of all sizes to build business-oriented technology solutions. Travis has over 15 years of IT experience and over 10 years of management experience in the advancement of cyber

security initiatives. Each topic is about 45 minutes and will begin at noon. If you have any questions about this upcoming event or would like to register, please contact Brooke Carroll at bcarroll@kpp.agency.



Evergy to Recover \$122.2 Million from Expenses Related to Winter Storm Uri

The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) will allow Evergy to recover \$122.2 million from expenses incurred during February 2021’s Winter Storm Uri. The average customer will see an increase of nearly \$3 per month in their utility bills. The increase will begin in April 2023 and last for two years. Evergy Kansas Central covers over 700,000 customers outside of the Kansas City Metro area, including Hutchinson, Topeka, Wichita, and much of eastern Kansas.

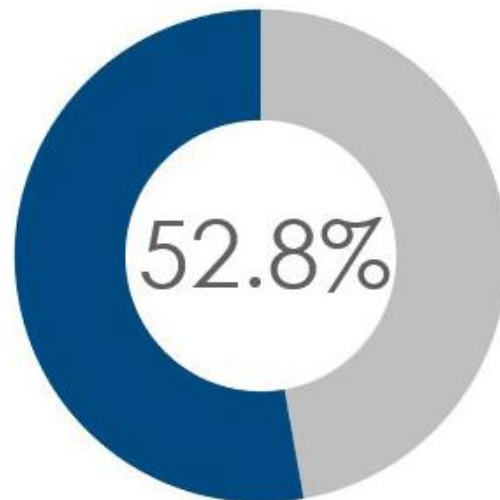
Evergy customers in the Kansas City Metro area (formerly Kansas City Power & Light) will actually see a credit on their bills due to the sale of excess power back to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) during that same time. This credit results in a \$6.60 monthly reduction in utility bills for these customers.

A group of high-volume energy users opposed the settlement, claiming it unjustly shifted costs from residential customers to industrial customers and failed to reward conservation efforts. The Commission set aside those claims, ruling that with each customer class, some customers made efforts to conserve, while others did not.

The Commission also stated that any proceeds received by Evergy from ongoing federal or state investigations into market manipulation, price gouging, or civil suits will be passed on to customers subject to winter storm recovery charges.



KPP Winter Storm Uri Costs



TOTAL WINTER STORM URI EXPENSES: \$21,063,883

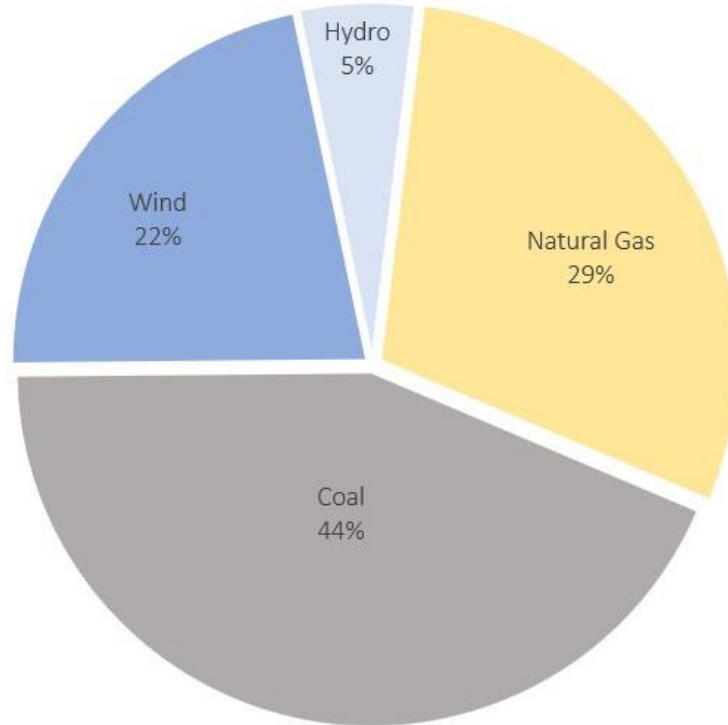
SURCHARGE RECOVERED: \$11,119,629



KPP Resources by Fuel Source

MAY 2022

Coal - 44%
 Natural Gas - 29%
 Wind - 22%
 Hydropower - 5%



Event Calender

DATES TO REMEMBER - 2022

JUNE 30, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar
Virtual

JULY 21, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

AUGUST 18, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 2022

KPP Fall Planning Summit
Wichita, Kansas

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar
Virtual

OCTOBER 20, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

KPP Rate Forum
McPherson, Kansas

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

DECEMBER 9, 2022

KPP Board Meeting

DECEMBER 9, 2022

Annual Membership Meeting
McPherson, Kansas

DECEMBER 29, 2022

KPP Cyber Seminar
Virtual

