



## Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. June 25, 2012 Meeting  
Council Conference Room, City Hall

### Minutes

**Commission Members Present:** Jeff Liverman, Fred Shanks, Phillip Smith, Jim Turpin and Bob Vaughan

**Commission Members Absent:** Steve Daniels, Joe King, and Bob Schasse

**Staff Present:** Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Jim Harr, Arnold Hendrix, Nate Lewis and Alan Spencer

**Others Present:** Dr. Gary Miller, Danville City Council  
Robert Taylor, Gamewood Technologies  
Denise Thibedeau, Danville Register and Bee

### Call to Order & Announcements

Chairman Vaughan opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

### Discussion / Business Items

Minutes of May 14, 2012 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of May 14, 2012.

There were none. Mr. Turpin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements: Michael Adkins reviewed the April 2012 financial statements.

Michael Adkins said that in response to a suggestion last month he included additional pages documenting how capital expense and capital projects figures were calculated. He explained that the pages show the figures in a budgetary format more familiar to the Commissioners.

Mr. Adkins said that all funds were performing well and that bad debts were running much lower than budgeted. Mr. Smith questioned if changes in Customer Service

policies were the reason for the decrease. Carolyn Evans detailed the collection policy changes and how they have assisted in the collection of bad debts. Mr. Turpin asked what the PCA maximum limit was per the rate stabilization plan. Jim Harr said that he would bring a report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Adkins then addressed additional questions from the Commissioners.

Update on the nDanville 2012 Fiber to the Home Deployment: Jason Grey gave an update on the initial fiber to the home deployment in the Averett community. He said that over the past six months a fiber optic has been built that will last 30-50 years. Grey said that the nDanville open access network can provide speeds faster than any other service provider to Danville residents.

Grey said that Gamewood Technology Group would be the initial internet and television provider. Grey explained that nDanville is an open access network and other providers are being actively recruited to offer retail services.

Robert Taylor from Gamewood Technology Group detailed the packages offered in the Averett area including bundled packages designed to allow savings. Taylor also explained their marketing plan stating that it was a targeted approach. According to Taylor, the services are called Fiber Flex. Taylor also said that all legal disclaimers would be clear and easy to read.

Reformatting of Utility Billing: Jim Harr explained that staff had been working on reformatting of the utility bill. Carolyn Evans said the new format is ready to go and that there would be a press release and an insert to be included in the bills. Evans said it is very similar to what is currently in place except that all of the charges are broken down; energy charge, PCA and PGA, customer charge. The new bills would provide more information about due dates and payments. Evans said the new bill will provide additional functionality.

## **Communications**

Director's Report: Jim Harr said that staff would provide a report on the Energy Efficiency Program and the power cost adjustment at the next meeting.

Public Comments: There were none.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2012. There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**July 23, 2012**

Date Approved

Submitted by Patti OKeefe  
Secretary to the DUC

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Chairman  
Danville Utility Commission