

The special meeting of the Truman City Council and Public Utilities Commission was held March 21, 2019 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Ebert

Present: Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, Wiederhoeft, Neitzke, Kelley on speaker phone  
Scott Reimer from Federated, Steve Moses, Kelly Dybdahl from Heartland

Absent: Brownlee, Nickerson

1. FEDERATED

While waiting for Heartland to arrive, Reimer spoke on the highlights of Federated. Federated believes on line control and preventive maintenance. Reimer stated that Truman would receive what they call village rates. Further stating that they will have rate comparisons at the meeting on Thursday. The question of if Federated would purchase if the Heartland contract doesn't go away was brought up. Reimer stated that it would be cleaner if we could get out of the contract. And that he felt there would be room for negotiations as there are parts of the contract they would be willing to take over. Reimer stated that he had been in discussion with Taylor as to the employees and they would have room for two linemen. Federated employees are required to live with 15 minutes of their depots.

2. HEARTLAND

Ekstrom started the discussion with Heartland by saying the city and TPU are looking at the future of TPU. Options we are looking into are selling to federated, management services from MMUA, or TPU being dissolved and operated by the city. Questioning if Heartland is will to work with us during this process. Moses responded by staying a contract is a contract. Moses advised that Heartland may have programs that could assist with rates. He suggested looking on their website [www.hcpd.com](http://www.hcpd.com) Moses also suggested that a meeting be set up with heartlands CEO. Kelley advised Ekstrom to schedule a meeting with Heartlands CEO. Dybdahl presented rates for towns near Truman showing rates from Madelia and Lake Crystal. Both towns also purchase power from Heartland. Neitzke questioned if we could see rates for similar towns that do not purchase power from Heartland. Moses also brought up load management to lower the peak rate. Kelley questioned how much it cost to add load management. Hendricksen advised it was between \$400.00 and \$600.00 to install.

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Heartland left the meeting. A rate study was discussed and Reimer advised that Star Energy out of Alexandria MN would be a good company to look into. Federated left the meeting. It was also suggested to check with Northland to see if they offer this service. Ekstrom will check with Northland. Hendricksen questioned how much MMUA gets paid. Ekstrom will obtain the bill from Judi. Neitzke questioned what the buyout cost would be. Ekstrom will ask in follow up email to Dybdahl. Discussion on the 2009 meetings and what was discussed was questioned. Ekstrom will obtain meeting minutes from Judi. Ekstrom noted that Federated mentioned that there was concern that the employees may retaliate.

4. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ebert, seconded by Hendricksen to adjourn. All yeas - carried.  
Time: 2:56.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer