

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, October 11, 2001

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **LIGHT AND POWER COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 11th day of October, 2001.

Committee: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark, Trustees Habecker and Newsom
Attending: Chairman Jeffrey-Clark and Trustee Habecker
Absent: Trustee Newsom
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Light & Power Director Matzke, Deputy Town Clerk van Deutekom

Chairman Jeffrey-Clark called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS RATE INCREASE – REPORT.

Ruben Blackmon, General Manager/Charter Communications reported a rate increase of \$4.04 for basic cable service effective December 1, 2001. This increase is a direct result of increased programming, maintenance, and equipment costs. Areas discussed include programming and licensing fees, analog vs. digital systems, organizational changes, new technology, and FCC regulations.

ITRON DATA PAC UPGRADE – REPORT.

Director Matzke reported that the Dept. purchased the Itron DataPac vehicle mounted remote meter reading system in March 2000. In August, Itron announced a hardware and software upgrade to the system that further improves reading efficiency. The upgrade is available through Hometown Connections for \$4,500 until November 1, 2001. After November 1st, the cost of the upgrade will be \$5,000. This purchase was not anticipated or included in the 2001 Budget, however, there is sufficient funding in capital equipment to accommodate this upgrade. The **Committee recommends approval to purchase the Itron DataPac upgrade from Hometown Connections at a cost of \$4,500.**

REPORTS

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA): Director Matzke presented the proposed PRPA 2002 Budget and explained that the final Budget will be adopted in December 2001. Delivery of the first gas turbine is scheduled in November. The Board approved a 15-year contract with a private company for the sale of 10,000 tons of ash per year to be used for road materials and concrete.

Financial Report: The September income statement and graphs were reviewed and discussed.

Project Updates:

New service lines are being installed at **Kiowa Ridge Subdivision**. Staff is assisting with the **Fairgrounds lighting** project by removing and erecting light poles. The new **duct system** to Mall Road is in the bidding process. Power lines to create a loop feed to the **Black Canyon Subdivision** will be buried underground through a portion of MacGregor Ranch. A field demonstration will be conducted for **new streetlights in Bond Park**. Citizens will have an opportunity to view a variety of styles and choose their favorite.

There being no further business, Chairman Jeffrey-Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.