

Summary of Meeting #1 — Metropolitan Reliability Advisory Committee
May 6, 2008
5:30 p.m.
Robert J. Mohart Center

Committee Members in Attendance

Dee Evans	Allen Norman
Carol Grimaldi	Howard Townsend
Peter Hughes	Mark Parker
Angie Splittgerber	Mina Harron
Margaret May	John Teasdale

Ex-Officio Committee Members in Attendance

Scott Burnett	John DeBauche
Alan Bax	Melba Curls
Stan Counts	Kim Randolph

- The first meeting of the Metropolitan Reliability Advisory Committee was called to order by Deborah Holmes of Fleishman-Hillard at 5:45pm,
- Introductions of the Fleishman-Hillard team, how it became involved with this project and its role as facilitator for Advisory Committee Meetings.
- Holmes outlined the purpose of the group —to study the issues and opportunities around a new substation to help KCPL make an informed decision on where to construct this substation.
- Holmes outlined the ground rules for the meetings including: leave your baggage at the door, attend each meeting (meetings will be kept to 90 minutes), respect the opinions of others, and bring constructive ideas to the table.
- A question was raised regarding what time of day worked best for Committee Members to meet. Alternate suggestions included 6:00 p.m. and earlier in the day. Meetings will continue to begin at 5:30 p.m.
- The Committee was asked if there were any conflicts with meeting on the Tuesday following Memorial Day, May 27th. No issues were raised.
- Committee member Angie Splittgerber announced that she will not be able to attend on May 13th; her alternate will attend in her place.
- Splittgerber raised a concern that KCP&L may potentially be looking at location and design as two separate issues, she feels as though the two go hand-in-hand.

Presentation

- Steve Gilkey, KCP&L, began “Electricity and Substation 101” presentation covering why the substation is needed and trends in power usage.
- During Mr. Gilkey’s presentation, the following questions/issues were raised:
 - Will EMF emissions increase? Mr. Gilkey indicated the lines will not cause any additional emissions.
 - A request was made for literature regarding EMF studies and environmental impact studies. Matt Tidwell, director of public affairs for KCP&L, discussed KCP&L’s Environmental Department that routinely measures EMF output at area

- substations. KCP&L will bring a representative of this group to a future meeting to address all environmental concerns.
- Projected capacity for the new substation. KCP&L will provide this information at a future meeting.
 - A request was made for specific power usage statistics for the Troost corridor and the area to be serviced by this new substation. This information will be provided for the next meeting.
 - A request was made to review the environmental impact studies for each potential substation site when that information is available.
 - A request was made that KCP&L provide the Committee with a map of the area to be serviced by the Troost substation.
 - With regards to the size of the potential substation, clarification was provided to the committee equating the dimensions of the substation to 1.5 city blocks.

Additional Discussions

Following the conclusion of Mr. Gilkey's presentation, the Committee continued discussions:

- *Can the new substation handle a 10 percent spike in energy usage?* KCP&L confirmed the substation would be able to handle the spike in energy usage.
- *There are currently no options on land on Troost?* KCP&L confirmed.
- *Is the 47th Street substation in the process of being closed?* No, the 47th Street substation will remain operational and in fact will be expanded in the future.
- The committee also raised concerns regarding the substation's ability to handle the City's future power demands. KCP&L reminded the group that current substations were designed to project for future power needs and design of this substation would be no different.
- The discussion shifted to the economic and aesthetic impact of the substation in the Troost corridor. The committee agreed that, to the extent possible, the Troost substation should be aesthetically pleasing to the surrounding area.
- Ex-officio member John DeBauche will distribute the link to the Troost Corridor Action Plan. The link is:
<http://www.kcmo.org/planning.nsf/plnpres/troostcor?opendocument>
- Committee member Howard Townsend encouraged the group to view this process as an opportunity for each interest group to work together to achieve their common and individual goals with support from the City and KCP&L.
- Holmes closed the meeting by providing a preview of next week's road trip/tour meeting and recapping deliverables for the next regular committee meeting:
 - Map of area being serviced by proposed Troost substation
 - Amount of power being generated by this substation
 - Estimated cost to move substation two blocks off of Troost
 - Bring member of Environmental Department to Meeting #3
 - Statistics specific to Troost Corridor energy usage (1950 vs. today)
 - Cost of gas insulated plant
 - Estimated construction timetable

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.