

April 2026

KPP Awards CATs to Mulvane, Ellinwood & Greensburg

RFP PROCESS RESULTS APPROVED BY KPP BOARD

KPP Energy is taking another step—actually four—to strengthen electric reliability for its member communities, approving new generating units that will be sited to serve the cities of Mulvane, Ellinwood and Greensburg.

The KPP Energy Board of Directors authorized the purchase of four high-efficiency diesel generator units from Caterpillar Inc. in October 2025. Each unit will provide approximately 3 megawatts of capacity, adding a combined 12 megawatts to KPP’s generation portfolio.

These units are part of KPP’s long-term strategy to enhance system reliability and ensure member cities have access to dependable, on-demand power—especially during peak demand periods or times of regional transmission constraints or outages.

In April, the Board approved Mulvane, Ellinwood and Greensburg as host communities. The additional capacity in these locations will provide localized support to the electric grid. Site selection followed a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, with interested KPP member cities outlining ownership preferences, financing options and overall project readiness. Proposals also addressed key factors such as land availability, distribution system capacity and projected load.

In addition to improving reliability, the generators will help KPP meet its capacity obligations within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), which coordinates electricity across a 17-state region including Kansas.

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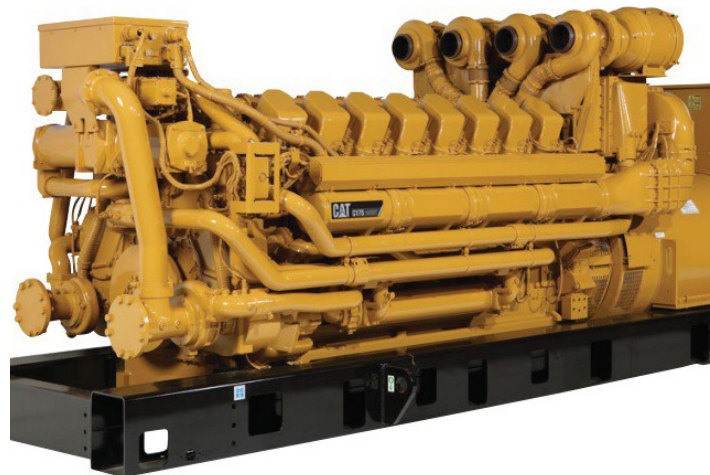
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The cost of the four engine-generator units is approximately \$11.6 million, with delivery anticipated in the third quarter of 2027.

KPP officials say the investment reflects a balanced approach to power supply—pairing traditional thermal generation resources with growing renewable energy initiatives already underway in several member communities.

For residents and businesses in Mulvane, Ellinwood and Greensburg, the project represents a behind-the-scenes—and increasingly behind-the-meter—investment with a clear purpose: keeping the lights on when it matters most.



New KPP Capacity Payment Tied to Unit Performance to Become Effective in June

CAPACITY PAYMENT FOR PERFORMANCE BASED ACCREDITATION (CPPBA)

At the April Board meeting, the KPP Energy Board of Directors approved a new Capacity Payment for Performance Based Accreditation (CPPBA) policy. Beginning in June 2026, CPPBA will supplement KPP's existing capacity payment approach by aligning payments with resource accreditation and demonstrated performance that supports Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Resource Adequacy requirements.

It is important to note that this policy does not apply to all generators in the KPP fleet but specifically to those resources that are used to meet the resource adequacy requirements for KPP as spelled out by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). The goal is simple: reward member-owned resources that are available, verified, and ready to contribute when the system needs them most.

To prepare for the implementation of the Capacity Payment for Performance Based Accreditation (CPPBA)

policy beginning in June 2026, members should first review the generating unit's testing and exercising schedule to make sure the quarterly one-hour run requirement will be satisfied.

Next, confirm that your metering equipment is up-to-date and fully operational, and coordinate with KPP if any metering installations or updates are needed. If your resource is subject to data reporting requirements, verify that your internal processes support timely GADS/PBA data submissions in line with required timelines.

Finally, stay alert for further communications regarding the rollout of CPPBA. Please feel free to contact Eric Alexander (ealexander@kpp.energy) or James Ging (jging@kpp.energy) with any questions you may have or if staff can be of support and assistance.



KPP Energy Introduces New Video Series

EPISODE ONE: A CLEAR VISION, POWERED BY PEOPLE

Every strong organization starts with clear and well-defined purpose—and a new KPP Energy [video](#) marks the beginning of a broader story about service and community.

In the first installment of KPP Energy's first-ever video series, KPP Energy shares how it serves communities across the entire pool. This opening video introduces KPP's role as a collective partner, working on behalf of member cities to support reliable, affordable, and locally controlled electric service throughout Kansas.

Public power is often described in technical terms—megawatts, markets, and infrastructure—but this video focuses on what ties it all together: people. KPP Energy exists to strengthen every member community through shared resources, coordinated planning, and collective expertise. By working together, communities are better equipped to manage market volatility, plan long-term investments, and respond to challenges that no single city should face alone.

The video also introduces the values that guide KPP's work: community ownership, affordability, accountability, reliability, and service. These values shape how KPP supports its members every day—by listening, collaborating, and helping communities make informed decisions that serve their residents well.

Future videos in this series will dive deeper by spotlighting KPP Energy members and the practical work happening across the pool. This opening chapter sets the direction by showing how individual communities are stronger when they work together.

That is the overriding goal of KPP Energy: ensure every member community is stronger, more resilient, and better prepared to help their city thrive.



New Electric Distribution Service Agreement Approved for City of Winfield to Serve City of Udall

The City of Udall will soon begin receiving electric service through City of Winfield electric infrastructure under a new distribution service agreement. The agreement was approved by the KPP Board of Directors, Winfield City Commission and Udall City Council in April.

The agreement allows KPP to continue providing wholesale power to Udall while utilizing a designated interconnection point on Winfield's electric distribution system. Under this arrangement, Winfield provides distribution service only, while KPP remains fully responsible for supplying power to Udall. This clear separation of roles helps ensure transparency, accountability, and long term system reliability.

In addition to supporting reliability, the agreement provides important cost stability for the City of Udall. Without this change, Udall's wholesale distribution charges under Evergy were projected to increase by a factor of ten. By using Winfield's existing distribution facilities under a cost based service agreement, the communities were able to avoid a significant rate impact while maintaining high service standards.

This long term agreement demonstrates the value of cooperation among Kansas communities and municipal utilities. By working together, KPP, Udall and Winfield are supporting reliable, cost effective electric service while preserving local control and protecting the interests of their respective customers.



KMU Honors Scott Glaves with 2026 Edgar P. Schowalter Award at Annual Conference

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) recognized Scott Glaves, Superintendent and General Manager of Clay Center Public Utilities Commission, as the 2026 recipient of the Edgar P. Schowalter Award during the KMU Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

The Edgar P. Schowalter Award is the highest honor accorded by KMU. Named for former KMU Secretary-Treasurer Edgar P. Schowalter—who served the association for 27 years—the award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership; contributed to the betterment of utility services in their community; and actively supported public utility service beyond their own city through participation in KMU activities and advocacy for municipal utilities statewide.

“Scott’s career reflects the integrity, professionalism, and dedication to municipal utilities and the people they serve and reflects what the Schowalter Award was created to recognize,” said Brad Mears, KMU Executive Director. “His leadership in Clay Center, commitment to public service, and support of municipal utilities across Kansas, have made a lasting impact.”

Glaves began his utility career as an apprentice lineman, learning the system from the ground up. Through hands-on experience and deep technical knowledge, he built a reputation for operational excellence and steady leadership. In his current role leading Clay Center Public Utilities, he oversees the municipally owned electric and water utility and helps ensure reliable service, fiscal discipline, and local accountability for the community.

Known for a “neighbors helping neighbors” approach, Glaves and his crews have supported mutual aid efforts—

responding when fellow utilities just need assistance or after emergencies or disasters providing that hands-on help when it matters most.

Beyond Clay Center, Glaves has been a respected voice for municipal utilities across Kansas, serving in statewide leadership through KPP Energy, including as board president, and as a member of the KMU Board of Directors. He has helped guide collaborative efforts that strengthen city-owned utilities and has represented municipal interests before the Kansas Legislature—emphasizing local control, responsible governance, and service to community. Clay Center Public Utilities is also known for its unique role in supporting community amenities, including Utility Park—home to a local zoo operated by the utility.



Mount Hope Mayor Terry Somers Receives Fred D. Diehl Award at KMU Annual Conference



Mayor Terry Somers of Mount Hope, Kansas, was presented with the Fred D. Diehl Award at the Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) Annual Conference, recognizing his sustained leadership, advocacy for municipal priorities, and long-standing commitment to strengthening communities across Kansas.

The Fred D. Diehl Award is presented to an elected official in recognition of exceptional contributions to the municipal utility community in Kansas. The Award is named for former McPherson Mayor Fred Diehl. Diehl was a pioneer and visionary in municipal electric utility management and the first general manager of the McPherson Board of Public Utilities (BPU). This award is presented to an outstanding elected official who has done much to benefit the municipal utility community as a whole and advancing the interests of our city-owned utilities.

Somers currently serves as Mayor of the City of Mount Hope and has held the role across multiple consecutive terms. Since the start of his current term on January 8, 2024, he has provided steady leadership under the Mayor–Council form of government, presiding over council meetings, representing the city in official capacities, and guiding policy decisions that impact residents and the surrounding region.

His dedication to public service has been recognized statewide, including being named Kansas Mayor of the Year in 2015—an honor that reflects his commitment to effective, community-centered governance in a small-city setting.

Beyond local governance, Somers has consistently advocated for municipal interests at the state level, including providing formal testimony before the Kansas Legislature on behalf of the City of Mount Hope on issues related to land use planning, municipal authority, water supplies, utilities, and infrastructure to preserve municipalities’ ability to plan responsibly for future growth.

Mayor Somers is actively engaged in statewide municipal organizations, including KPP Energy, the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Mayors Association, and Kansas Municipal Utilities. Through these associations, he collaborates with municipal leaders across Kansas to address shared challenges and to strengthen local governance statewide.

“Throughout his tenure, Mayor Somers has demonstrated leadership marked by advocacy, collaboration, and a strong commitment to his community, exemplifying the criteria of KMU’s Fred Diehl Award,” said Brad Mears, Executive Director of Kansas Municipal Utilities.





2-DAY ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM OPERATIONS (EUSO) COURSE

COURSE TOPICS

- Start to finish overview of how electric systems work
- How electricity is generated through different resources
- Follow electricity through substations, transmission, and distribution systems to the end user
- AC / DC voltage
- Generator types
- Grounding
- Load, demand, and energy
- Substation design
- Equipment including transformers, breakers, relays, and protection systems
- Transformer construction, connections, cooling, and nameplate data

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is valuable for a wide range of roles including:

Line crew, Engineers, IT, Billing, Administration, Governing body, Customer service, Purchasing, Warehouse, Finance, Meter readers, HR, Communications

The goal is to help staff better understand utility operations and the infrastructure that supports reliable electric service.

MAY 11-12 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Each member utility may send **one attendee at no cost.**

Additional registrations are **\$530.**

If the no-cost registrant does not attend and a substitute is not sent, the \$530 registration fee will be assessed to the member utility.

LODGING

KPP will not cover lodging, but a room block has been secured for members at:

**SpringHill Suites by Marriott
Wichita Airport**

6633 W. Kellogg Drive, Wichita, KS 67209

A booking link will be provided through registration on the website.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to **50 students.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Noon on Friday, May 1st

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO

Leslie Atherton

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SKIP COLLIER

founder and lead instructor of Professional Training Systems, Inc.

Skip brings more than **40 years of utility training experience**, with a career spanning **Bonneville Power Administration, General Electric, and higher education.** Thousands of utility professionals across North America have attended his courses, making EUSO one of the most widely taken trainings of its kind.

KPP Receives Clean, Unqualified 2025 Audit

VICKIE MATNEY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



At the April 16th meeting of the KPP Energy Board of Directors, Board members formally accepted the agency's 2025 audit and received a report from James Gripka, Managing Director at Forvis Mazars, LLP.

KPP received a clean, unqualified opinion, the highest rating given during an audit to a government agency.

Following are some highlights from the audit and the financials:

- Unrecovered development costs represent costs incurred on behalf of member cities to be recovered in future periods. Unrecovered development costs on behalf of member cities consisted of \$8,721,353 on December 31st. The amortization of unrecovered development costs totaling \$866,152 was recognized as an expense in 2025.
- KPP has an \$18,000,000 revolving line of credit expiring in July 2027. There were no funds drawn
- on the line of credit in calendar year 2025. The line is secured by all deposit accounts of KPP. Interest is paid at the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus 1.36448% for 2025. Interest is payable quarterly.
- Revenue Bonds Outstanding on December 31, 2025 total \$88,010,000.
- The bond indenture requires KPP to maintain minimum cash flow to service debt at a ratio of 1.1-to-1.0, as defined in the bond indenture. For 2025, KPP recorded a debt service coverage ratio of 2.67% prior to deferring revenues of \$2m into the generation resource fund, and \$4m into the emergency stabilization fund.
- State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance; bonds and other obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies, or instrumentalities of the State of Kansas; or bonds of any city, county, school district or special road district of the State of Kansas. On December 31, 2025, all KPP's bank balances were protected except for \$1,053,000 of deposits held with Dogwood that are not collateralized with securities in KPP's name.



KPP Energy Awards First Scholarships to Future Public Power Leaders

LESLIE ATHERTON, DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES



KPP Energy is proud to announce the recipients of its inaugural scholarship program, created to help power the future by investing in the next generation of electric industry professionals.

For the 2025–26 academic year, six students from KPP member communities have been selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships to support their post-secondary education and training. The scholarships recognize students pursuing careers connected to the electric industry, including both technical line worker programs and undergraduate fields related to energy and utilities.

Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients

- Emily Gilkey, Hillsboro High School — *City of Hillsboro*
- Maverick Peterson, Wellington High School — *City of Wellington*
- Kate Siok, Winfield High School — *City of Winfield*

Line Worker Program Recipients

- Grant Patry, Haven High School — *City of Haven*
- Gage Lewellen, Oxford High School — *City of Oxford*
- Aiden Anderson, Minneapolis High School — *City of Minneapolis*

Interest in the new program was strong in its first year. KPP received applications from students representing eight different member communities, all from households receiving electric service from a KPP member city.

Recipients were selected based on academic readiness, alignment of their field of study with electric industry workforce needs, financial need, and demonstrated community engagement and service.

KPP Energy looks forward to celebrating these students at their high school award ceremonies and following their journeys as they pursue careers that will help keep Kansas communities powered for years to come.



SPP Completes Historic Western Expansion

NOW A 17-STATE RTO, SPP POISED TO BRING VALUE OF ENERGY SERVICES TO A LARGER REGION

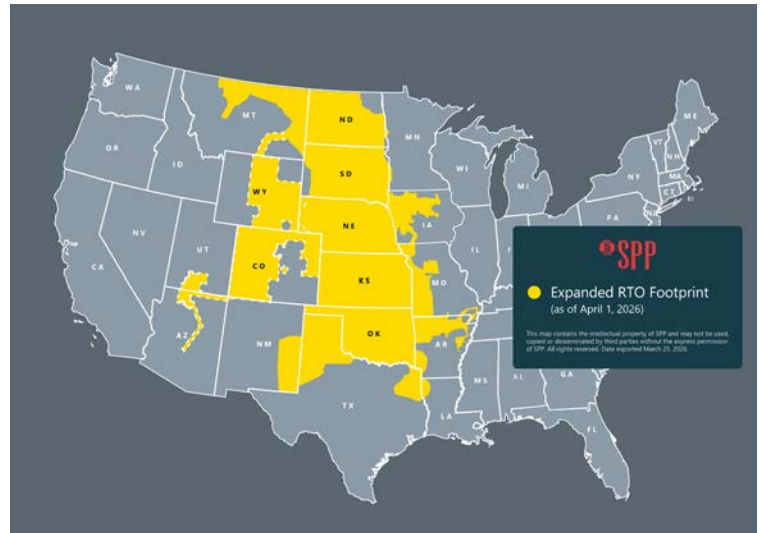
Southwest Power Pool (SPP) on April 2nd celebrated the successful expansion of its service territory into the Western Interconnection of the nation's power grid. The milestone makes SPP the first regional transmission organization (RTO) with services spanning two interconnections, positioning its member organizations to reap benefits from an operationally and geographically diverse integrated system.

Following months of intensive testing, simulation, and joint operational coordination with dozens of participating utilities, SPP's expanded RTO operations officially began at midnight central time on April 1.

Nine load-serving utilities led the expansion, which extends SPP's service territory to include resources and customers of numerous utilities in seven states – Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. As RTO members and participants in SPP's wholesale market, they will gain access to the RTO's vast portfolio of generating resources, innovative planning services, and support in coordinating electric reliability. (A list of the entities participating in this effort and a map of the expanded SPP region are included as an addendum to this release, along with statements by leaders of organizations joining or expanding their participation in the RTO on April 1.)

"SPP's western expansion is a landmark milestone for our organization, our new members, and the broader energy industry," said SPP President and CEO Lanny Nickell. "This is one of many bold steps we're taking to deliver long-term value to more consumers."

Participation in SPP's RTO is expected to deliver the same advantages the organization has demonstrated



across its central U.S. footprint for decades, including enhanced reliability, lower wholesale energy costs through regional dispatch, transparent and independent grid governance, and efficient planning that supports economic growth.

Operating as a coordinated system will strengthen real-time situational awareness across a wider geography and enable the region to maximize diverse generating resources, navigate weather events and other threats to grid integrity, and optimize the use and planning of the region's transmission network. These benefits will continue to grow as new members integrate into SPP's planning processes, markets, and reliability toolset.

Learn more about the value of SPP's regional approach to reliability coordination, market administration, and planning at www.SPP.org/value. SPP is also developing a separate wholesale market called Markets+ that will enable western utilities who are not RTO members to reap the benefits of a day-ahead market and other services. Learn more about Markets+ at www.MarketsPlus.org.



Coalition of TOs File Competitive Transmission Complaint

GRID ACCELERATION COALITION FILE SIGNIFICANT COMPLAINT AT FERC

Earlier this month, a coalition of major U.S. electric utilities that are transmission owners (TOs) — referring to themselves as the Grid Acceleration Coalition— filed a significant complaint at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) targeting transmission planning and project development processes at both the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

The FERC complaint identifies the initial coalition participants as including:

- Evergy
- ITC
- Ameren
- American Transmission Company
- Cleco Power
- Entergy
- Oklahoma Gas & Electric
- Empire District Electric Company
- Xcel Energy

At the center of the dispute is FERC Order No. 1000, a landmark rule issued in 2011 that requires competitive bidding for certain regional transmission projects. While originally designed to lower costs and encourage innovation, the Grid Acceleration Coalition argues that the rule is now outdated and is slowing urgently needed grid expansion. Instead, the coalition is arguing to do away with the competitive bidding process and automatically award transmission projects to existing transmission owners.

According to the complaint, competitive solicitation requirements in SPP and MISO are adding roughly 16 to 20 months to transmission project timelines. These delays, the coalition argues, are increasingly problematic

as electricity demand rises due to data centers, advanced manufacturing, and electrification. The group is asking FERC to grant targeted relief—potentially including suspending competitive bidding for certain projects or expediting approvals.

Proponents of the complaint emphasize the urgency of “speed to power.” They argue that delays in building new lines can postpone customer connections, increase congestion costs, and hinder economic development. Faster project delivery, they contend, could reduce long-term costs by improving access to lower-cost generation and enhancing system efficiency.

However, the complaint has sparked strong opposition from public power utilities, consumer advocates and competitive transmission developers. Critics argue that weakening competition could increase costs and reduce accountability. They point to evidence that competitively bid projects often deliver savings and stronger cost controls, while non-competitive projects can face cost overruns.

This debate reflects a broader policy challenge facing FERC and regional grid operators: how to modernize frameworks built for an earlier era to meet today’s evolving energy landscape. With demand accelerating and infrastructure needs growing, stakeholders are grappling with how to align planning, permitting, and procurement processes with new realities.

For KPP Energy, engagement in this conversation is essential. Decisions made by FERC in response to the complaint could reshape transmission development in SPP, affecting project timelines, costs, and opportunities for public power participation. The outcome will help determine how quickly—and at what cost—the grid of the future is built.



April Board Meeting Review

COLIN HANSEN, CEO / GENERAL MANAGER



The KPP Energy Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on April 16, 2026, in Wichita and virtually. A summary of highlights from the meeting is provided here.

March 2026 ECA

Chief Operating Officer

James Ging presented the

March 2026 Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA). Overall costs were over budget by \$150,150. Transmission costs came in \$89,583 below budget, while energy costs were \$52,493 above budget and capacity costs were \$185,924 above budget. Sales were stronger than expected, with demand and energy both above budget by 30% and 6%, respectively. The resulting ECA was \$0.00110 compared to the budgeted \$0.00283.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Vickie Matney presented preliminary financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2026. The statements reflected a change in net position of approximately \$597,000, with total assets of about \$168 million. Collection and disbursement of Generation Resource ECA funds totaled \$9.33 million. The Board unanimously accepted the financial report as presented.

CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer Colin Hansen provided updates on federal energy policy, noting the proposed FY 2027 federal energy budget includes a focus on baseload power initiatives aimed at improving grid reliability, expanding transmission capacity, and reducing electricity costs. Hansen also discussed recent activity

within the Southwest Power Pool and provided an overview of a FERC complaint involving SPP and MISO related to the Grid Acceleration Coalition.

Hansen also requested Board authorization to engage PFM for \$42,500 to assist KPP Energy in establishing financial reserve policies for the agency's operating and capital reserves. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Capacity Payment for Performance-Based Accreditation

Chief Operating Officer James Ging presented a proposed policy establishing a capacity payment for performance-based accreditation. The policy outlines eligibility requirements, calculation methods, and anticipated impacts to members. The Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-04-16 approving the policy, with a minor amendment to strike the word "thermal" from the document.

PACE Project Update and Financing

Ging provided an update on the PACE solar project, including interconnection timelines, construction mobilization, contractor selection, delivery of long-lead materials, and progress on the operations and maintenance agreement.

CEO Colin Hansen also discussed financing associated with the project. Because the term of the initial \$51.67 million loan expires December 1, 2026, the Board approved pursuing Series 2026A bonds to extend the financing timeline while construction continues.

2025 Financial Audit

James Gripka of Forvis Mazars presented the 2025 financial audit to the Board. The audit found no

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significant deficiencies or violations. Board members commended CFO Vickie Matney and Senior Accountant Ivan Seward for their work. The Board unanimously approved the audit report and accompanying financial statements.

CAT Generator RFP Results

Director of Energy Services Mike Shook presented results from the Caterpillar generator Request for Proposals. Based on the evaluation, the Board approved awarding two Caterpillar C175-16 generator sets to the City of Mulvane, one to the City of Ellinwood, and one to the City of Greensburg. Two Board members abstained from voting due to proposals submitted by their respective cities.

Udall Distribution Service Agreement

The Board approved a distribution service agreement between KPP Energy and the City of Winfield to provide wholesale power delivery to the City of Udall through Winfield's distribution system rather than Evergy's. This arrangement had previously been approved by both city councils.

Udall Interconnection Financing

The Board also approved financing to support Udall's transition to the Winfield delivery point. The estimated

\$91,000 project will be financed over five years at an interest rate of 3.88%, with monthly payments of \$1,669.22.

KPP Energy Scholarship Awards

Director of Member Services Leslie Atherton reported that nine applications were received for the inaugural KPP Energy scholarship program, representing eight member communities. Six applicants met the program's field-of-study eligibility criteria.

Dogwood Energy Facility Updates

The Board approved participation in the formation of Dogwood Power Management, Inc., a new entity being created by the Dogwood plant owners to manage operations and administrative responsibilities following ownership changes.

Members also reviewed an initial timeline related to potential expansion of the Dogwood Energy facility, including future study costs and decisions required later in the year.



Event Calendar

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 11-12, 2026

Electric Utility System Operations (EUSO) Training

MAY 14, 2026

KPP Generation Task Force Meeting

MAY 21, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

JUNE 18, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, 2026

APPA National Conference
Boston, Massachusetts

JULY 16, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

AUGUST 20, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

KPP Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

KPP Annual Conference

KPP Resources by Fuel Source

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