

REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; David Haley, Vice President; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Brett Parker, and Rose Mulvany Henry.

Also present: Jeremy Ash, General Manager; Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Leigh Mulholland, Chief Compliance Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Donald Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Amber Oetting; Director Communications & Marketing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Steve Hargis, Supervisor Water Operations; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Mr. Groneman called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the visitor comments section, those who attended in person, wishing to comment, should use the sign-up sheet at the entry and provide their name and address. In addition, there would be a public comments section after the General Manager/Staff Reports. During this section, the public could comment on the items presented in the General Manager/Staff Reports section that evening. Both visitor and public comments were limited to three minutes and should be addressed to the Board. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press *9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the visitor and public comment sections. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules are breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Mr. Groneman introduced himself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #4– Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of December 18, 2024

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of December 18, 2024, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Prior to opening the Visitors Comments section on the Agenda, Mr. Ash took a moment to recognize the electric production and operations teams for their hard work during the recent weather events.

Item #5– Visitors Comments

There were no visitors wishing to speak.

Item #6– Election of Officers

Ms. Wendy Green, Deputy Chief Counsel, said the floor was open for nominations.

Mr. Groneman opened nominations for office of President for the term of January 2025 to January 2026.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Haley as President, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Parker. No other nominations were received.

A motion was made to close the nominations by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.

Roll call was taken on the vote for Mr. Haley for President, and he was elected unanimously.

Mr. Groneman turned the meeting over to Mr. Haley.

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Mr. Haley opened nominations for office of Vice President for the term of January 2025 to January 2026.

A motion was made to nominate Ms. Mulvany Henry as Vice President, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Mr. Parker. No other nominations were received.

A motion was made to close the nominations by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Roll call was taken on the vote for Ms. Mulvany Henry for Vice President, and she was elected unanimously.

Mr. Haley opened nominations for the office of Secretary for the term of January 2025 to January 2026.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Parker as Secretary, by Mr. Wakes, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry. No other nominations were received.

A motion was made to close the nominations by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Roll call was taken on the vote for Mr. Parker for Secretary, and he was elected unanimously.

Item #7– General Manager / Staff Reports

- i. *November 2024 Financials:* Ms. Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; reviewed the November 2024 Financials to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint.)

A motion was made to approve the November 2024 Financials as presented, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

- ii. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Ash thanked Ms. Amber Oetting, Director Communications & Marketing; Ms. Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; and Mr. Andrew Ferris, Chief Financial Officer; for representing BPU at the legislative luncheon in Topeka. He welcomed Mr. Ferris back in his new role as Chief Financial Officer, and recognized Ms. Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service,

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for her 35 years of service to BPU and said this would be her last Board meeting prior to retirement.

Ms. Hinson shared experiences over her career at BPU, starting as a teller and working her way up to Executive Director of Customer Service. She said she was proud of Customer Service and the improvements made over the years. She thanked the Board and thanked BPU for being a wonderful place to work.

Item #8– Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Scott Harding, Wyandotte County, inquired about BPU applying for FEMA reimbursement from the recent weather event.

Mr. Ash responded to his inquiry and explained the process of applying for FEMA reimbursements.

Item #9– Board Comments

Ms. Mulvany Henry congratulated Mr. Haley on his elected position as Board President, welcomed Mr. Ferris back to BPU, thanked Ms. Hinson for her efforts on the Customer Service Policy and congratulated her on retirement.

Ms. Gonzales congratulated Ms. Hinson on her retirement and thanked her for her service to BPU. She thanked and congratulated her fellow Board members for their new offices for the upcoming year.

Mr. Parker welcomed Mr. Ferris back to BPU, echoed thanks to Ms. Hinson for her service to BPU and the community, and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. He also thanked BPU production and operations for their work during the recent snow storms.

Mr. Wakes thanked Ms. Hinson for her service, welcomed back Mr. Ferris, acknowledged Mr. Ash on his new role as General Manager, and congratulated fellow Board members on their newly elected offices.

Mr. Groneman welcomed Mr. Ferris back, wished Ms. Hinson well in her retirement, and thanked staff, both in the field and behind the scenes, for their hard work over the last month.

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Mr. Haley congratulated Ms. Hinson on her retirement, welcomed back Mr. Ferris, and thanked Ms. Austin for her financial presentation. He congratulated Mr. Ash on his new role as General Manager and thanked fellow Board members on their offices. He provided his email address, dhaley@bpu.com, for committee members to send items they'd like to see on the agenda and said he was proud of the BPU for the low number of outages that occurred during the recent weather events.

Item 10 – Adjourn

At 6:46 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

President

November 2024 Financial Results

January 22, 2025

2024 Billed kWh (YTD November)

Electric	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	
Residential	513,278,918	552,625,944	↓
Commercial	902,269,566	927,040,664	
Industrial	468,583,147	444,013,856	↑
	1,884,131,631	1,923,680,464	↓ -2.1%

Residential and Commercial customer classes are below 2023 levels while Industrial customer class is slightly above last years level.

Residential – Down 7% Commercial – Down 3% Industrial – Up 6%

2024 Billed CCF's (YTD November)

Water	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD	
Residential	3,241,859	3,271,647	↓
Commercial	2,597,357	2,579,105	↑
Industrial	1,652,554	1,696,084	↓
	7,491,770	7,546,836	↓ -0.7%

Residential – Down 1%

Commercial – Up <1%

Industrial – Down 3%

Revenues – November 2024

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November		Budget 2024 November	(CY) 2024 November	
Electric	\$ 24.281	\$ 17.894	↑	\$ 24.172	\$ 24.281	↑
Water	5.426	4.295		4.900	5.426	
Combined	\$ 29.707	\$ 22.189	↑ 33.9%	\$ 29.072	\$ 29.707	↑ 2.2%

**Dollars in millions

Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

Electric – Up <1%

Water – Up 11%

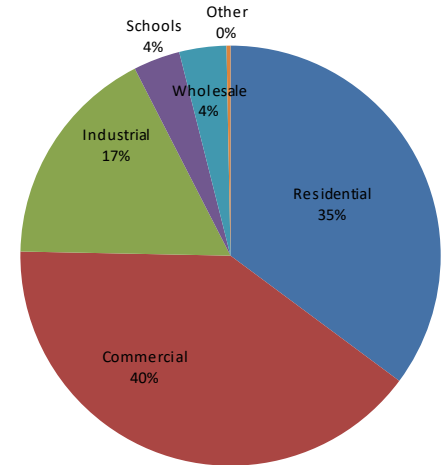
Revenues – 2024 YTD

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD		Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD	
Electric	\$ 299.870	\$ 295.258		\$ 289.432	\$ 299.870	
Water	53.942	51.324		53.081	53.942	
Combined	\$ 353.812	\$ 346.582	2.1%	\$ 342.513	\$ 353.812	3.3%

**Dollars in millions



Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual for 2024

Residential	Up 4%	Industrial	Up 2%
(\$ 77K)		(\$ 93K)	
Commercial	\$ 8.2M	Wholesale	(\$6K)
Industrial	(\$ 2.9M)		
Schools	\$ 602K		
Wholesale	(\$ 2.5M)		



Recognized 6 months of 6 of the 2023 ERC Over Recovery of the ERC - \$4,087,528

Operating Expenses – November 2024

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November		Budget 2024 November	(CY) 2024 November	
Electric	\$ 17.900	\$ 18.614		\$ 17.968	\$ 17.900	
Water	2.999	3.805		3.449	2.999	
Combined	\$ 20.899	\$ 22.419	-6.8%	\$ 21.417	\$ 20.899	-2.4%

**Dollars in millions

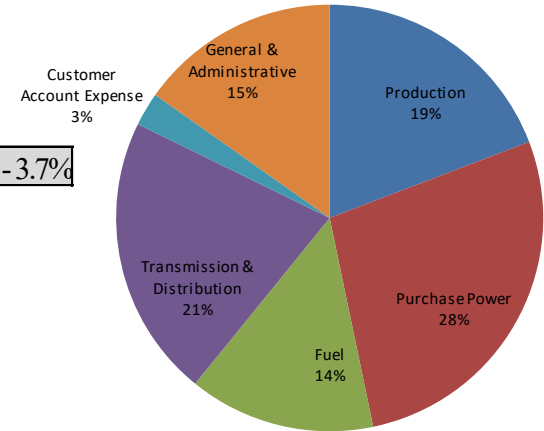
Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

Electric – Down <1%

Water – Down 13%

Operating Expenses – 2024 YTD

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD		Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD	
Electric	\$ 208.943	\$ 225.552	↓	\$ 214.549	\$ 208.943	↓
Water	35.810	35.688	↑	39.721	35.810	↓
Combined	\$ 244.753	\$ 261.240	↓ -6.3%	\$ 254.270	\$ 244.753	↓ -3.7%



**Dollars in millions

Actual Compared to 2024 Budget

- Electric – Down 3%
- Water - Down 10%
- Combined – Down 4%

Operating Expenses – 2024 YTD less Depreciation

	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD		Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
Electric	\$ 175.812	\$ 193.136		\$ 182.581	\$ 175.812
Water	28.089	27.996		32.124	28.089
Combined	\$ 203.901	\$ 221.132	-7.8%	\$ 214.705	\$ 203.901

**Dollars in millions

Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual 2024

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Purchased Power \$ 8.1M
 Fuel (\$ 6.6M)
 T&D (\$ 2.8M)
 G&A (\$ 3.2M)

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Change in Net Position – November 2024

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November
Electric	\$ 2.525	\$ (4.300)
Water	1.945	0.008
Combined	\$ 4.470	\$ (4.292)

Budget 2024 November	(CY) 2024 November
\$ 2.513	\$ 2.525
0.952	1.945
\$ 3.465	\$ 4.470



**Dollars in millions

Change in Net Position – 2024 YTD

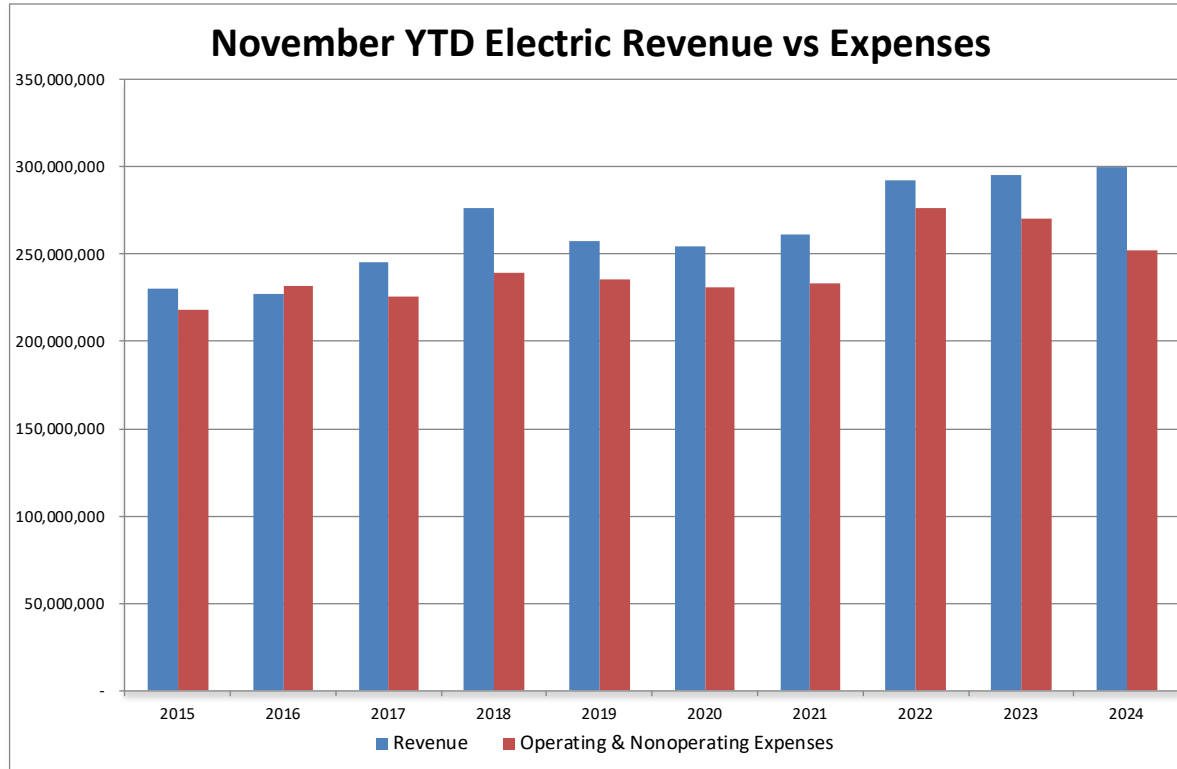
	(CY) 2024 YTD	(PY) 2023 YTD
Electric	\$ 47.843	\$ 24.994
Water	14.447	10.069
Combined	\$ 62.290	\$ 35.063

Budget 2024 YTD	(CY) 2024 YTD
\$ 31.415	\$ 47.843
7.448	14.447
\$ 38.863	\$ 62.290

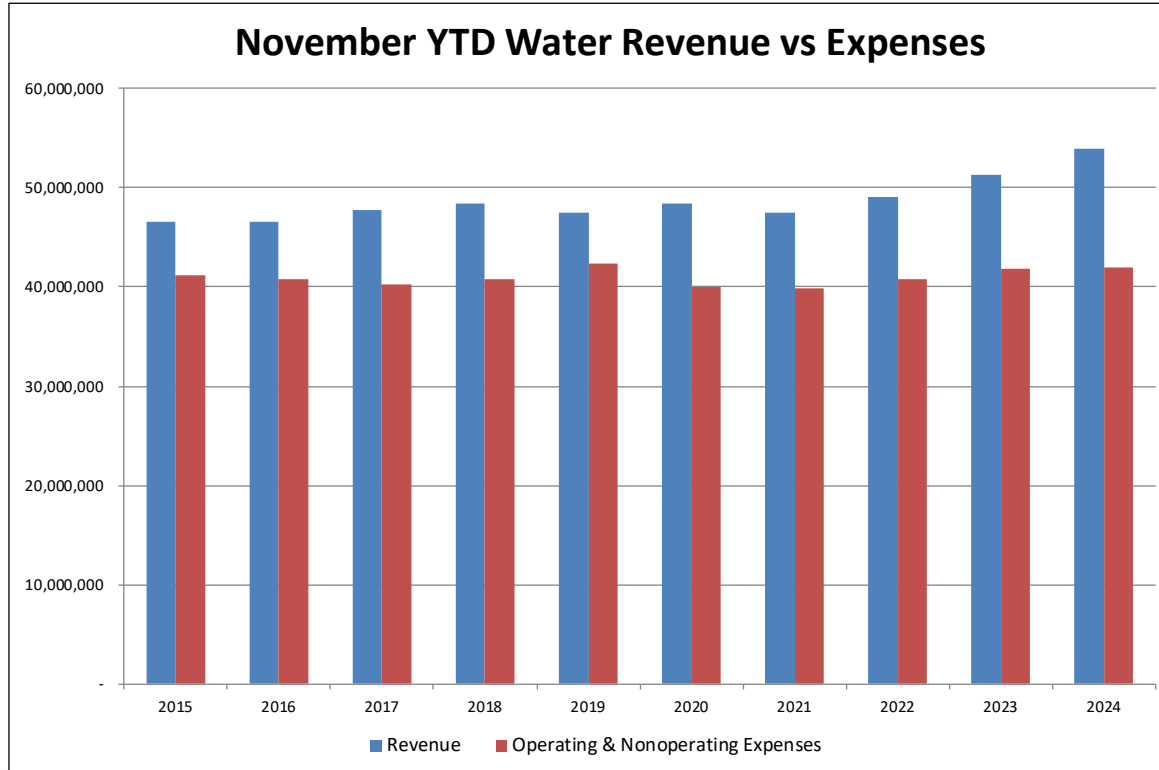


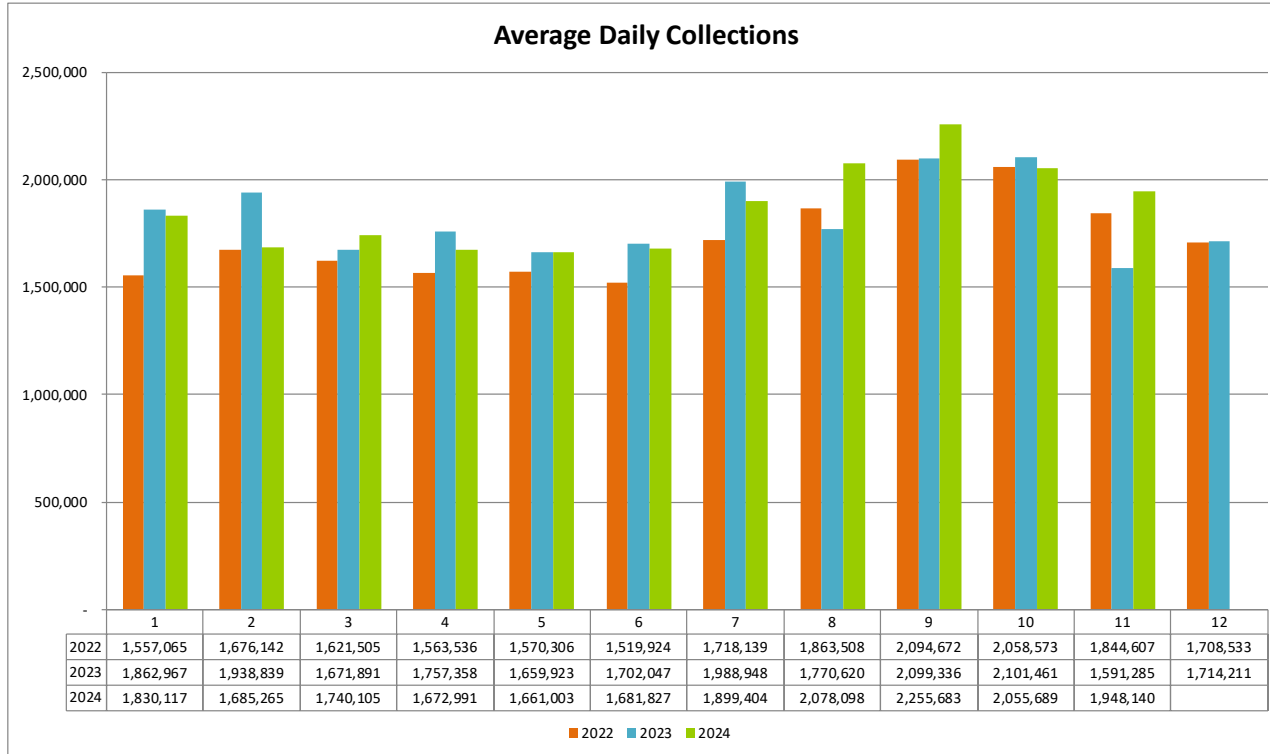
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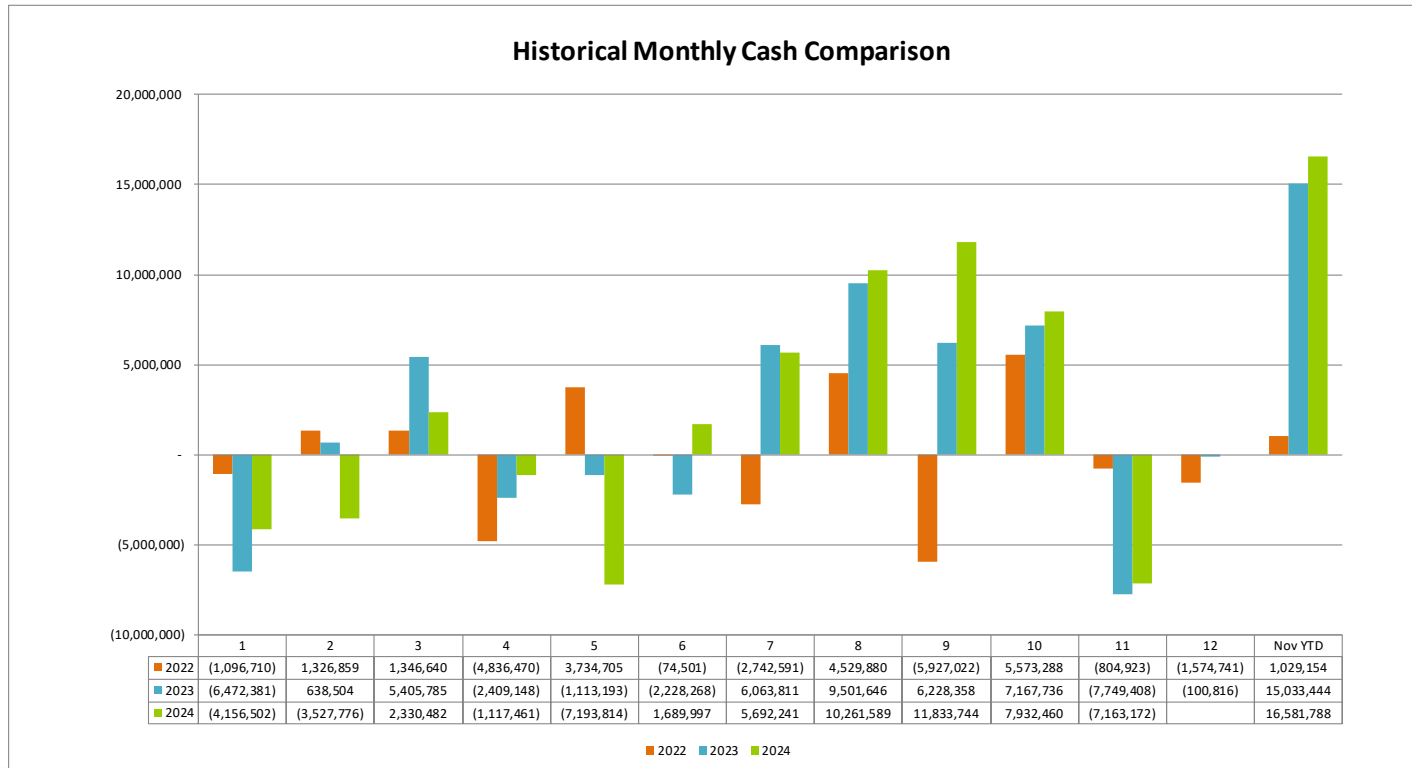
Financial Results – 10 Year Trend



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Cash Position

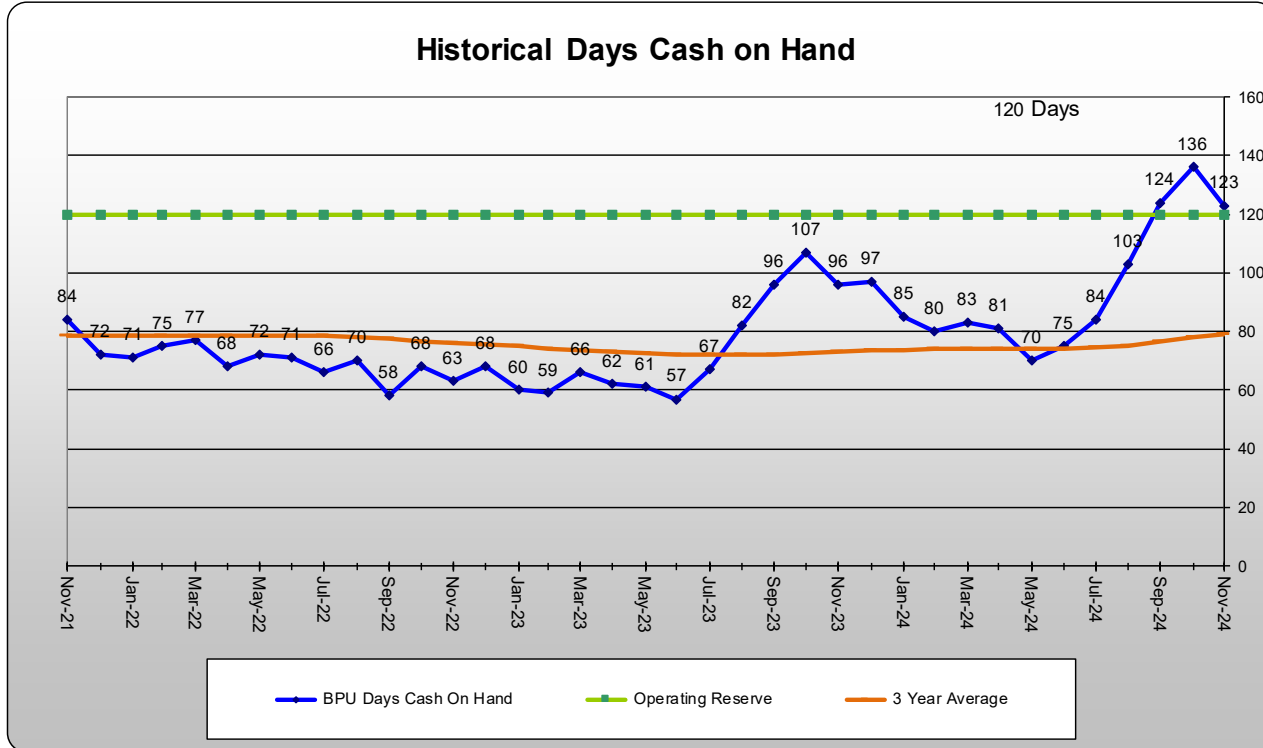
	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November	2024 October
Combined (E&W)	\$ 73.02	\$ 58.56	\$ 81.76
Days Cash-on-Hand	123	96	136

1 Day = Approximately \$600K-\$625K
(Based on 12 month rolling average of expenses)

Balance Sheet: Notables

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November
Fuel Inventory	\$ 11.168	\$ 11.656

**Dollars in millions



Capital Spending

	(CY) 2024 YID	(PY) 2023 YID	2024 Budget	
Electric	\$ 22.40	\$ 23.29	\$ 35.64	
Water	12.20	13.21	26.32	
Common	4.06	3.48	5.13	
Total YID Capital	\$ 38.65	\$ 39.98	\$ 67.09	Remaining

42%

Major projects in 2024:

**Dollars in millions

- Annual OH & UG Construction - \$3.8M
- Annual Meter Program - \$918K
- Distribution Pole Inspection - \$2.5M
- OH & UG Transformers - \$2.6M
- 98th St OH Feeder Relocation - \$823K
- Water Distribution - \$5.5M
- Water Production - \$616K
- Water Services - \$625K

Debt Coverage

Debt Coverage with PILOT

Financial Guideline Target
2.0 times with PILOT

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November
Electric	3.03	3.00
Water	3.00	2.29
Combined	3.15	3.08

Debt Coverage w/o PILOT

Financial Guideline Target
1.6 times without PILOT

	(CY) 2024 November	(PY) 2023 November
Electric	2.31	2.27
Water	2.39	1.81
Combined	2.42	2.35