

Board Of Commissioners Hears Details Of Plan To Purchase CP&L Units

WILSON — A negotiated proposal that N. C. Municipal Power Agency Number 3 (NCMPA 3) purchase undivided ownership interests in nine generating units owned by Carolina Power & Light Co. (CP&L) was presented in detail here Tuesday to the Agency's Board of Commissioners.

The purchase would involve the eventual issuance by the Power Agency of \$4-billion in electric revenue bonds, but the arrangement would save the agency's 36 member municipalities in excess of \$1.5-billion in power costs through the year 2003.

The Town of Edenton's percentage of participation in the bond issue would be 1.5 per cent, according to James Martin, director of Utilities. Martin pointed out that there would be no obligation on the part of the taxpayers.

The director also said the town would receive "a substantial" savings over the years, but it is not practical to attempt to determine the amount at the present time.

Councilman James P. Ricks, Jr., is Edenton's representative on NCMPA 3 and Martin serves as an alternate. Martin is also on the board of Electricities of North Carolina, the agency which provide staff for management services.

The board will meet again in Wilson, at 4 P.M. on July 30, to act on the plan. If approved by the NCMPA 3 board, the proposal would be submitted for approval to each of the municipalities involved, 22 of which presently purchase their power from CP&L and 14 of which are now supplied by power generated by Virginia Electric and Power Co. (Veeco). The cities that vote to participate in the Agency's proposed project would, at the time the purchase

closed with CP&L, receive all their electric power from the Power Agency.

The municipalities involved own and operate their own electric distribution systems. All are members of Electricities of North Carolina, a statewide service association. NCMPA 3 is a municipal corporation for which Electricities provides professional management services under contract, at cost.

The NCMPA 3 Board of Commissioners has one member from each of its 36 member municipalities. Its chairman is Kinston Mayor Simon C. Sitterson, Jr.

The arrangement presented to the board was negotiated over a period of more than two years. Preliminary agreement was announced jointly by NCMPA 3 and CP&L on June 17, but the details were not released until Tuesday.

Under the proposal, NCMPA 3 would purchase from CP&L an 18.7 per cent interest in the two generating units at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport; 13.2 per cent interest in Unit No. 4 at the Roxboro Plant, which is coal-fired; a 16.5 per cent interest in the two units at the Mayo Plant near Roxboro (a coal-fired plant under construction); and a 16.5 per cent interest in the four units at the Harris Nuclear Plant south of Raleigh, which is under construction. The proposed buy-in would involve an aggregate ownership of about 1,200 megawatts of power.

Since the Brunswick and Roxboro units are already in commercial operation, NCMPA 3 would begin delivering power to its participating municipalities at the time of closing. The projected savings in power costs, which are estimated to be in excess of 10 per cent through the year 2003, would

begin the first year of agency operation.

Under the negotiated arrangement, CP&L would continue to operate the plants and would transmit Agency power to the participating cities. A separate agreement negotiated with Veeco power to transfer that load to the Power Agency. Veeco would transmit Agency power over its system to those 14 cities.

In addition to the power NCMPA 3 would provide from the generating capacity it owned, it would purchase supplemental power to meet its participating cities' needs over and above owned capacity. Most of those supplemental power purchases would be from CP&L. However, during a two-year transition period (ending in December, 1983), the agency would also purchase a decreasing amount of supplemental power from Veeco. The projected savings represent

the difference between the cost of power if the cities were to continue to purchase it at wholesale rates from the private companies, and the cost of power that would be produced by agency-owned generation facilities and purchased by the agency for its members. The difference in cost is due primarily to the municipal agency's ability to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds, which carry a lower interest rate than bonds issued by the private economy.

In addition to action by the NCMPA 3 board and the cities, and by the CP&L Board of Directors (which approved the agreement in principal on June 17), proposal must be approved by a number of state and federal regulatory agencies. Among those are the N. C. Utilities Commission, the N. C. Local Government Commission (which must

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Public Parade

Note Of Thanks

Little more than a week ago fire swept through the Amburn home at 104 West Gale Street. There were four members of the family asleep in the home at the time fire started at an electrical outlet in the downstairs den.

Luke Amburn, 20, was successful in awakening his parents and a younger brother in their second floor bedrooms. He lingered behind in search for his young sister, Greer, who actually wasn't home at the time.

Earl Henderson, 212 East Gale Street, arrived at the home shortly before the experienced and high professional Edenton Fire Department. He attempted to enter the house in search of Luke but was beat back by the dense smoke.

We have learned also that Steve Holley, 128 East Albemarle Street, and a friend was passing the house shortly after 3 A.M. and apparently Luke was awakened by their knocks.

We have meandered along the Public Parade for nearly 17 years. We have never regreted our decision to locate here and have been blessed with good friends. We, as a newspaper publisher, cannot be considered as an entry in a popularity contest. However, the out pouring of love and sincere expression of concern during this period of tragedy is a source of great comfort for all of us.

We learned a long, long time ago that you don't get something for nothing in this world. We, therefore, have always tried to put in at least as much as we take out.

The generous expressions of so many people at this time of grief gives us a renewed faith in those who meander along the Public Parade. It also gives us a new challenge to better citizenship as well as stewardship.

It Ain't Right

Thomas W. Willis, director of the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University, has resigned after more than 18 years of successfully guiding the "last frontier" of Tar Heelia. From the tone of his memorandum, and knowing Tom as so many of us do, he flat out refuses to sacrifice principle.

Dr. Tom Brewer, ECU chancellor, needs Tom Willis. The

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Thomas W. Willis



Gregory Todd

Resignation Is Received

Greg Todd, John A. Holmes High School principal for the past two years has resigned effective July 31. In his July 17 letter to resignation to Edenton-Chowan's superintendent, John Dunn, Todd stated that he has accepted the position of Superintendent of Bertie County Schools. His letter also, expressed appreciation and thanks to Dr. Dunn and to the Board of Education for their support and guidance. Todd will begin his new duties on August 1.

During an interview Supt. Dunn said that he is both sad and happy to see Todd leave. Sad because of the good work he's done, but please at the opportunity for career advancement. "He's done an outstanding job over the past two years, arriving during the planning of reorganization." Dunn also lauded the instrumental role which Todd played in carrying out the consolidation of the county's

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Warning Issued On Dumpsters

I think that everyone will agree with me that the trash dumpsters in the County are an eyesore. These dumpsters are for the convenience of the public; however, many of our citizens are abusing their purpose despite the warnings posted on each dumpster.

The dumpsters are to be used for household garbage only. This does not include bushes and limbs, lumber, old auto parts, mattresses, furniture, old burned - out charcoal grills, refrigerators, heaters, fence wire, bicycles, fish, rubber tires, and the like. All items of this nature should be carried to the County Landfill located on Rural Paved Road 1202 in Perquimans County, approximately three miles from Belvidere. The County Landfill is open daily from 8 A. M. until 4 P. M. and on Saturdays until 11 A. M.

Effective immediately, the Chowan County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the District Health Department, will be keeping a closer watch on the areas where these dumpsters are located. Anyone caught in violation will be charged and prosecuted through the courts. Also, anyone hauling trash for hire and found to be dumping trash in these dumpsters will be arrested.

There is a warning posted on each dumpster which states that there is a \$200 fine for leaving any garbage outside the container itself. Please, let's respect these dumpsters and keep the areas around them clean.

Another area in which trash dumping has become a problem is the backside of the Edenton Municipal Airport. Most of the trash consists of building and construction materials, and is probably the product of some of our local contractors.

Everyone can help by complying with the regulations governing the use of these dumpsters. A \$50 reward will be given for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who continue to violate our trash dumpsters.

Thank you,
Troy Toppin
Sheriff

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Wiggins Ordered To Remove Boat Before October 1

Emmett H. Wiggins was given until October 1 to remove his tug boat which is docked in Pembroke Creek in violation of a Town of Edenton ordinance. This was a condition of a prayer for judgment continued Tuesday morning by Judge Grafton G. Beaman in Chowan County District Court.

Wiggins was ordered to pay the cost of court. Should the vessel not be removed by October 1 he could be cited and brought back into court for a permanent judgment.

The defendant was arrested May 7 on a warrant signed by Ralph Parrish, zoning administrator, when the tug boat was moved toward the dock of the light house where Wiggins resides. Neighbors along Queen Anne Place and Pembroke Circle had registered complaints.

In another case Tuesday, first appearance procedures were conducted for Fred E. Keeter, Jr., 29, who is charged with escape. Keeter was given an active prison sentence April 18, 1979, on a charge involving a wrongful death. He had been assigned to work release and failed to return from a six-hour pass on July 13. Keeter later turned himself in. Probable cause hearing in the case is set for August 4.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Michael Johnson of Elizabeth City prosecuted the docket with the

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NEW DENTAL FACILITY — Pictured here is an artist rendering of the new offices of Drs. Hornthal & Sick, DDSFA, now under construction on Mark Drive, off West Hicks Street near the Chowan Hospital. This is the first development of the Ward Tracts, consisting of some 140 acres. The property is controlled by Mrs. Judy H. Earnhardt and L. F. Amburn, Jr. Amburn holds the undivided interest of Bernard Burroughs.

Groundbreaking Marks Start Of 3,800 Foot Facility

Groundbreaking activity, began last week on the site of the future offices of Drs. Hornthal & Sick, D.D.S.P.A., represents the culmination of two years of planning by the Edenton dentists.

Located in an area zoned Medical Arts near Chowan Hospital, the modern 3,800 square foot facility will house the general dentistry partnership of Dr. Allen L. Hornthal and Dr. Lonnie V. Sick, as well as the satellite practices of orthodontist Dr. Kenneth Manning, and children's dental specialist, Dr. Jasper Lewis.

For four years Dr. Manning of Washington, has maintained a part-time practice in the existing Hornthal & Sick office. Dr. Lewis of Greenville, began a similar

relationship in June of this year.

The new dental office is designed and being built by the Health Care Division of Bank Building and Equipment Corporation of America, a firm based in St. Louis, Mo. The work will be carried out by local subcontractors.

The new facility will expand reception, conference, and business areas, and will provide four additional treatment areas.

The design of the building was created to take advantage of the site just off West Hicks Street with its wooded creek bank on two sides. Large windows and the unusual angle of the patient wing will allow the trees to be seen from all parts of the working area.

Drs. Hornthal and Sick are optimistic that the new facility will be complete before the end of the year.

Wins First Place

Sherrod Banks competed June 28, in Greensboro, against competition from the states of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, to win first place in the Regional Public Speaking Contest.

He will go on the national finals in Chicago, Ill. scheduled for August 8.

The Elks organization is best known for its charitable efforts through its Education Department, which for the past 50 years

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Top Board Of Election Posts Filled By New Appointees

The two top positions with Chowan County Board of Elections have been assumed by new ap-

pointees. Felix Chambers of Tyner is chairman of the three-member board, and Mrs. Marjorie Allen,

Route 3, Edenton, is supervisor of elections.

Mrs. Novella Wilson, 416 North Oakum Street, and Mrs. Opal Kehayes, 113 Pembroke Circle, have assumed new two-year terms. Mrs. Kehayes is a former board chairman.

Chambers is the new nominee of the Democratic Party and was named chairman after E. N. (Pete) Manning, 216 West Eden Street, resigned. Manning cited additional business responsibilities as the reason for his resignation.

Chambers is employed by George Chevrolet Company and is an officer in the Center Hill Precinct.

Mrs. Allen replaces Mrs. Harriett Sawyer who resigned earlier in the year. The new supervisor of elections has a combined total of 10 years with Chowan County, first with the Clerk of Superior Court and more recently with the Register of Deeds.



Top Election positions change hands.