

RATE REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 1981

Members

Edward Bruent
Mark Gardiner
George Hubel
Stephen Aanderud
Robert Wynhausen

Staff

Merle Irvine
Norm Wietting
Dennis O'Neil
Doug Drennen
Terilyn Anderson
Patti Polly
Tim Cauller

Guests

Cindy Banzer, Chairman,
Regional Services Committee
Metro Council

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Terilyn Anderson introduced the staff and Cindy Banzer, Chairperson of the Regional Services Committee, a subcommittee of Metro's Council, to the Solid Waste Rate Review Committee. George Hubel then opened the meeting and made a few general announcements. Next, Cindy Banzer presented a brief overview of Metro. Ms. Banzer stressed the importance of the Rate Review Committee's role in the area of solid waste in the metropolitan region. She then gave a background on Metro's history and the agency's organizational structure--including a description of the Council and its subcommittees.

Merle Irvine went over the points of the Solid Waste Management Plan, and the history of solid waste in the metropolitan region. Committee members asked questions about solid waste issues and their impact in the area.

Edward Brunet requested that the Committee take a look at Article II(C) of the Committee's By-Laws which states that the Committee may recommend modifications of the District's rate setting methodology. He asked if this is limited to any particular rate-making area. Terilyn Anderson stated that the intent of the language in Article II(C) was to investigate and recommend rate setting methodologies other than the Price Waterhouse report.

George Hubel then moved on to the next agenda item--a discussion of the by-laws. The Committee asked if the by-laws had been formally adopted by Metro's Council. Mr. Irvine responded that although the Metro Council has not formally adopted the by-laws, each Councilor had had an opportunity to review the by-laws and that staff had integrated their comments into the document. Mr. Irvine also stated that the by-laws had been reviewed by Metro's General Counsel.

George Hubel then recommended that since Robert Wynhausen's confirmation by the Council is pending, Mr. Wynhausen state his vote on issues until his confirmation occurs after which his vote should be retroactively counted. George Hubel then asked if there was any comment on this from the Committee members. The Committee agreed to this recommendation. Continuing with the by-laws under Article VII(A) Edward Brunet noted that there were no provisions for the Committee to call itself into session. The Committee then asked staff what "call into session" means. Terilyn Anderson replied that the Committee was currently in session and that any time the Executive Officer or the Council requested the Committee to meet for any reason, the Committee was technically considered to be "in session." George Hubel asked if it was the consensus of the Committee to modify the by-laws to allow the Chairperson to call the Committee into session. There was general agreement that the Chairperson should be able to call the Committee into session.

George Hubel recommended changing the frequency of the meetings of the Committee from "every two weeks" to "in a timely manner." Mr. Hubel's recommendation was accepted by the Committee.

Merle Irvine briefed the Committee on the bid process for developing a financial accounting system for the disposal franchise program. Mark Gardiner moved that discussion on the Price Waterhouse report be delayed until the Committee's next meeting; that alternative rate setting methodologies be discussed at the next meeting, and finally that both of these items be discussed prior to the Committee reviewing specific rate requests. Robert Wynhausen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General discussion regarding the agenda items for the next meeting took place. As discussion continued, the St. Johns rate study was handed out to the Committee members. General discussion then took place regarding the operation of the St. Johns Landfill. The Committee asked what the impact would be if a hauler operated the Clackamas Transfer & Recycling Center (CTRC). Mr. Irvine replied that potential conflicts of interest are eliminated when Metro operates the gatehouse and monitors cash flow.

George Hubel then moved to the next item on the agenda--election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Steven Aanderud moved that George Hubel be elected Chairperson of the Rate Review Committee. It was also moved that Mark Gardiner be nominated as Vice Chairperson. Edward Brunet seconded the motion. The motion was then called for and it passed without dissenting votes.

George Hubel then asked staff to provide copies of Robert's Rules of Order to the officers.

George Hubel then set the next Rate Review Committee meeting for December 9, 1981, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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