

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

July 8, 2019

Approval of a Contract for Bill Printing and Mailing

The Board approved a contract with Xpedient mail to print and mail bills to customers.

Recommendation to the Bryan City Council to Amend the Joint Operating Agreement with the Texas Municipal Power Agency

Mr. Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution authorizing amendments to the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA) Joint Operating Agreement (JOA). Mr. Hegwood highlighted certain changes, including a clarification that all TMPA Board Members may vote on matters involving decommissioning and sale of the plant, and language modifying the agreement to permit the sale of mine tracts under certain conditions. The Board approved a recommendation to the Bryan City Council to amend the JOA with TMPA.

BTU Board of Directors and Bryan City Council Joint Meeting

The BTU Board of Directors and the Bryan City Council met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in the second courtroom of the Bryan Justice Center to discuss BTU's annual plan of work.



Learn more at: **gameday.bryantx.gov**

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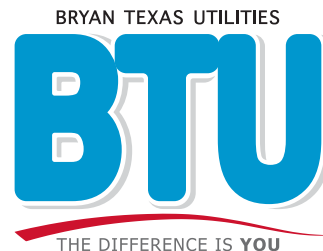
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects
(979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down
(979) 822-3777

Distribution/Line Design
(979) 821-5770

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RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

- BTU **does not** call residential customers demanding immediate payment. BTU will never call customers and demand immediate payment. However, special circumstances may require a phone call from a BTU staff member to a customer to discuss payment options.

COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS:

- BTU **does not** call commercial customers after hours or on the weekend.

FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS:

- BTU does provide several payment options, but none of these options demand the use of a pre-paid credit card.
- BTU does provide a written reminder letter and a termination notice by mail to customers facing disconnection with instructions of how to pay an outstanding balance.
- Customers should contact BTU by calling (979) 821-5700 if they question the legitimacy of a call.
- Customers should report phone calls soliciting immediate payment to the Bryan Police Department.

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OCTOBER 7-12, 2019

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

Bryan Texas Utilities' motto is "the difference is you," but what does this mean? As a municipally owned, not-for-profit utility, BTU is ultimately governed by the citizens of Bryan by electing City Council members who then appoint directors who comprise the BTU Board. You make the difference, and you drive the decisions by whom you elect to local government positions.

Across the nation, publicly owned utilities serve 48 million customers, or one in seven Americans. Being served by a municipally owned utility

means that you can enjoy economical rates, high reliability and local control. BTU works to invest in and improve the community, and as such, spurs local economic development and purchases locally whenever possible.

"We are honored to serve this community as a public-power utility," BTU General Manager, Gary Miller said. "Every decision is made with the customer in mind."

BTU employs more than 180 personnel in the Brazos Valley, and BTU staff handle all responsibilities of the utility from the local call center, power plant operators, engineering professionals to powerline workers. When you dial any BTU number, you will speak with a representative who also lives and works here. BTU serves both city and rural territories, serving the City of Bryan, parts of the City of College Station, much of Brazos County, and portions of Robertson and Burleson Counties, in total more than 640 square miles.



Not only does BTU light the community, but it strives to be a light within the community by making a positive impact through programs and special events, quite often focusing on the youth of the Brazos Valley. In 2017, BTU donated an interactive exhibit to the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley, dubbed the Bryan Texas Utilities' Illumination Station. The exhibit is a 4-foot tall LED pegboard that encourages creativity and allows children to hone their fine motor skills. BTU also hosts two separate contests for local youth, one geared towards younger grade school students and another for high school students. The BTU Kids Calendar is produced each year with winners' artwork from local elementary schools. The calendar is distributed to the schools and to the public at the BTU main office. The high school students participate in an essay contest in which the winners attend an all-expense paid trip to Washington



D.C. along with nearly 2,000 other high school students from utilities across the nation. This event allows students to connect with their peers while exploring all of the attractions that our nation's capital has to offer.



BTU has both a residential and commercial energy efficiency incentive program. For residents, BTU offers a 10 to 25 percent rebate on the total project cost for approved measures. The three approved measures include installing EnergyStar® rated windows, adding attic or exterior wall insulation, and/or installing solar screens. On the commercial side, projects are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Find more information about incentive programs online at btutilities.com.

BTU is more than an electric utility; we are also a part of your community. The directors and employees are deeply committed to the Brazos Valley and just like you, want to see our community succeed.

"BTU has been powering this community for over 100 years, and will continue to do so with high reliability, reasonable rates, and friendly service." - Gary Miller.

A full-page background image showing a utility worker in a bucket truck working on power lines. The worker is wearing a blue shirt and safety gear. The truck is white with 'BTU' and 'ETI' logos. In the foreground, a white pickup truck is stopped at a traffic light. Two orange traffic cones are on the road. A utility pole is on the right. A worker's head wearing a white hard hat with an American flag sticker is in the bottom right corner. The scene is outdoors on a street with trees and a clear sky.

MOVE OVER SLOW DOWN LAW




Most Texans know about the “Move Over/Slow Down” Law. It is the law that tells you exactly what to do: move over a lane to the left when able and/or slow down when an emergency vehicle, tow truck, or Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vehicle is stationary on the roadside. In the most recent state legislative session, legislators approved additional language to be added to H.B. 61 that defines the “Move Over/Slow Down” Law. **The additional language expands the requirement to protect utility vehicles on the roadside that have flashing amber and blue lights and to municipal solid waste transportation vehicles.** The additional requirement goes into effect on September 1, 2019. This new addendum to the law improves safety for BTU workers and contractors who often must maintain equipment located close to the roadway. ***Specific details for drivers are:***

Motorists must vacate the lane closest to the vehicles included in the law that are using visual signals, or

Slow down to 20mph below the posted speed limit if you are in the lane closest to the signaling vehicle, or

Slow down to 5mph below the posted speed limit if it is less than 25mph

Safety is of utmost importance to BTU, and we need the support of the community to achieve our goal of every employee going home safely at the end of every day. Please help us achieve this goal by observing the “Move Over/Slow Down” Law and by carefully navigating around working crews and vehicles.





WIND POWER

The concept of using wind to fuel an object or task is not new. In fact, wind power has been utilized since ancient times. Seafarers have been harnessing the wind for thousands of years to fill their sails and move them across the world. In ancient China, small windmills were used to grind grains and pump water for agricultural purposes. Using windmills for agriculture migrated along with people to America, and was heavily utilized in rural America throughout the 1900s. These windmills were used for grinding grain, pumping water for irrigation, and generating small amounts of electricity in rural areas. These aging structures can occasionally be seen in various areas of rural America. Many people still play the “windmill” game when taking a road trip, calling out when they see a windmill in the distance on a farm.

With modern day wind turbines having roots in agriculture use, it is fitting that we refer to groups of turbines producing utility-scale power as “wind farms.” Turbines today are much larger than their ancestors, often reaching a total height, with tower

and blade extended, of 330ft or more. The enormous blades use the force of the wind to spin propeller like blades around a rotor inside of the head of the turbine. The rotor turns a generator, creating electricity.

Site selection is very important in wind generation. Installers use wind maps and an anemometer, an instrument that measures wind speed, to pinpoint locations that might be suitable for wind farms. These locations vary from high altitudes to coastal sites. Texas is the leading state in regards to wind generation, having nearly 25,000 megawatts (MW) in place in the first quarter of 2019. BTU has taken advantage of the abundance of wind generation in Texas by contracting with generators along the coastline of Texas.

BTU has a diverse generation portfolio, in which electricity generated from wind and solar facilities play an integral and important role. BTU has purchase power agreements with wind and solar generators in Texas, including a new solar project out of north Texas to be operational in 2022.

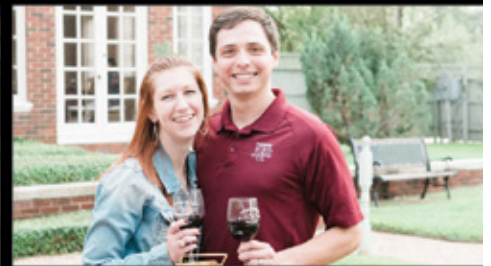


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2019**



25+ TEXAS WINERIES



15+ TEXAS BREWERIES



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