# Loveland Water and Power

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## **Summary of Services**

- Financial Projection
  - o Project Revenues, Expenses and power supply costs
- Cost of Service Study
  - o Identify the cost to provide service to each class of customers
- Rate Design
  - o Input from LUC provides guidance on rate designs
  - o Large Residential Class

# Utility Rate Design Objective Considerations

- Fairness to Customers
  - o Cost of service based rates
  - Send appropriate cost-based price signals
  - o Rate Simplicity
- Promote Economic Development
- Community Social Objectives:
  - o Impacts on Low Income Users

- Environmental Objectives
  - o Promote Carbon Free Resources
    - Utility Scale Renewable projects
    - Roof Top Solar
    - Reduce Energy Consumption
  - o Promote Electric Vehicles
- Maintain a Financial Stability of Utility
- Stable rates for customers
- Provide customers greater control over bills

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#### **Three Key Financial Factors**

- Debt Coverage Ratio
- Minimum Cash Reserves
- Optimal Operating Income Target





# **Factors that Influence Cash Reserves**

- Timing differences between when expenses are incurred and revenues received from customers
- · Age of Assets
- · Future capital improvement program
- Annual debt service payments
- · Utilities control over rates



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# Minimum Cash Reserve With Projected Rate Track

Recommended Minimum Cash Reserve	Percent Allocated	Projected 2020	Projected 2021	Projected 2022	Projected 2023	Projected 2024
O&M Less Depreciation & Purchased Power Expense	8.2%	\$ 1,396,292	\$ 1,442,717	\$ 1,486,005	\$ 1,529,936	\$ 1,574,528
Historical Value of Assets (Rate Base)	1.0%	2,220,761	2,335,989	2,464,122	2,578,106	2,712,973
Five Year Capital Plan (less PIF) - Net of bond proceeds	10%	6,012,345	6,012,345	6,012,345	6,012,345	6,012,345
Annual Purchased Power	4.7%	2,152,561	2,200,836	2,272,315	2,343,175	2,413,415
Recommended Minimum Cash Reserve		\$ 11,781,959	\$ 11,991,887	\$ 12,234,787	\$ 12,463,562	\$ 12,713,261
Projected Cash Reserves (less PIF reserve)		\$ 12,066,007	\$ 14,249,021	\$ 15,857,756	\$ 19,422,502	\$ 21,436,872
Loveland Desired Balance (18% - 25% of Oper Exp exc	l'g deprn)	\$ 11,444,571	\$ 13,754,002	\$ 14,236,036	\$ 16,115,080	\$ 18,095,493



#### **Target Operating Income**

#### An appropriate Rate of Return:

- · Funds Interest Expense
- Funds inflationary increase on assets invested in the system
- Fully funds depreciation expense

An adequate rate of return on investment helps ensure current customers are paying their fair share of the use of infrastructure and not deferring costs to future customers



# Rate of Return with Rate Track change this one

Target Operating Income	Percent Allocated	Projected 2020	Projected 2021	Projected 2022	Projected 2023	Projected 2024
Contributed Capital Estimated	3.1%	\$ 1,314,054	\$ 1,314,054	\$ 1,314,054	\$ 1,314,054	\$ 1,314,054
System Equity	4.8%	 4,828,643	5,156,758	5,525,829	5,837,965	6,220,216
Return Base Customers		5,142,698	5,970,812	6,339,883	6,652,020	7,034,271
Projected Operating Income		\$ 5,244,224	\$ 6,289,771	\$ 6,163,092	\$ 6,025,081	\$ 5,862,159
Rate of Return in %		3.6%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
Percent Plant Depreciated		36.1%	37.0%	37.8%	39.0%	40.0%
Debt to Equity Ratio		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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## **Projection Summary**

Fiscal Year	Projected Rate Adjustments	Projected Revenues	10yr Budget Rev less ATC	Projected Expenses	10yr Budget Expenses + Depr	Adjusted Operating Income <sup>[1]</sup>	Projected Cash Balances	Capital Improvements (less PIF)	
2020	5.00%	\$ 73,231,888	\$ 74,101,332	\$ 68,734,800	\$ 67,943,712	\$ 5,244,224	\$ 12,066,007	\$ 10,902,250	
2021	3.00%	76,322,948	\$ 77,560,760	70,850,355	\$ 70,297,069	6,289,771	14,249,021	11,522,760	
2022	2.00%	78,737,984	\$ 80,343,200	73,470,107	\$ 73,157,716	6,163,092	15,857,756	12,813,290	
2023	2.00%	81,133,771	\$ 83,120,310	76,091,292	\$ 75,908,925	6,025,081	19,422,502	11,398,382	
2024	2.00%	83,512,896	\$ 85,900,990	78,726,433	\$ 79,503,464	5,862,159	21,436,872	13,486,769	
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Recommended MINIMUM Target in 2020 \$ 11,781,959 Recommended MINIMUM Target in 2024 \$ 12,713,261									



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# **Cost of Service Summary Results**

	Cost of	Projected	%
Customer Class	Service	Revenues	Change
Residential	\$ 30,485,905	\$29,260,219	4.2%
Small General Service	12,260,728	11,756,965	4.3%
Wholesale	887,095	557,733	59.1%
Area Lighting, Flat Rates	17,161	24,551	-30.1%
Interruptible Service	4,887,463	4,828,496	1.2%
Residential Demand	6,370	6,854	-7.1%
Large General Service >50kW	17,605,514	16,538,103	6.5%
Primary Service <4,000kW	656,181	590,966	11.0%
Coincidential Peak	5,339,003	4,766,194	12.0%
Total	\$ 72,145,420	\$68,330,081	5.58%



# Fixed Charges (Customer Charges)

# Recovers cost for connection to Grid at zero kWh consumption

- Meter operation, maintenance and replacement costs
- Meter reading costs or AMR installation costs
- Billing Costs
- Customer Service Department
- Service into customers facilities
- Portion of Distribution System
  - Cost to get a wire from the subtransmission system to customer
  - Based on minimum sizing (If all customers only used a single kWh)

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# Residential Customer (Facilities) Charges Stabilizes revenue Reduces seasonal subsidies May impact low use customers Low income may not be low use

# **Monthly Customer Charges**

		Current
Customer Class	Cost of Service	Charges
Residential - 200 AMPS or Less	\$ 15.34	\$ 15.54
Residential - Over 200 AMPS Service	23.74	24.68
Small General Service <25 kW	24.87	28.35
Large General Service >50kW	150.49	145.53
Primary Service <4,000kW	166.82	164.22
Coincidential Peak	284.06	236.69
Small General Service >25kW	49.37	28.35

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## **Residential Fixed Distribution Costs**

Fixed Costs	
Distribution Costs - Total	\$ 12,924,712
Less PILOT	2,351,359
Total Distribution net of PILOT	\$ 10,573,353
Customers	32,500
Monthly Rates	\$ 27.11

## **Fixed Distribution Charges in Customer Charge**

	Current Rates		2	2020 Review	
Customer Charge	\$ 15.54	Customer Charge	\$	27.11	
Winter - All kWh	\$ 0.07616	Winter Block 1 (0 - All kWh)	\$	0.05943	
Summer - All kWh	\$ 0.09224	Summer Block 1 (0 - All kWh)	_\$	0.07197	
Seasonality spread>	21%		•	21%	
PILT Winter - All kWh	\$ 0.00737	PILT Winter - All kWh	\$	0.00737	
PILT Summer - All kWh	\$ 0.00881	PILT Summer - All kWh	\$	0.00881	
Revenues from Current Rates	\$ 28,439,592	Revenues from Proposed Rates	\$	28,439,194	
Percentage Change from Current		Percentage Change from Current		0.00%	

20%			Residen	tial Percer	nt Impacts	- 90% of Bi	lls				
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23/0	Monthly Billed kWh units										

R Annual Bill Comparison											
Usage ( kWh )	C	urrent Bill (\$)	Pro	oposed Bill (\$)	Do	llar Change (\$)	Percent Change (%)				
300	\$	39.59	\$	45.88	\$	6.29	15.88%				
400	\$	47.61	\$	52.14	\$	4.53	9.50%				
500	\$	55.63	\$	58.39	\$	2.76	4.97%				
570	\$	61.24	\$	62.77	\$	1.53	2.50%				
690	\$	70.86	\$	70.28	\$	(0.58)	-0.82%				
800	\$	79.68	\$	77.16	\$	(2.52)	-3.16%				
1000	\$	95.72	\$	89.68	\$	(6.04)	-6.31%				
1160	\$	108.55	\$	99.69	\$	(8.86)	-8.16%				
1250	\$	115.77	\$	105.32	\$	(10.45)	-9.03%				

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