# BAY CITY ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER

Quarter 3 Newsletter - 2023





# **RELIABLE PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER (RP3)**

Bay City Electric Light & Power has earned national recognition from the American Public Power Association by being awarded Diamond Designation as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3). The utility participated in a peer review evaluation where we were scored by a panel of 18 experts in four critical categories: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. We received the highest designation possible, scoring 99.5 out of a possible 100 points.

The RP3 program is designed to be an in-house check-up for utilities in relationship to policies and practices in the critical areas. Our goal in participating in the RP3 program is to gain insight on how we are performing nationally compared to other participating utilities to gauge what we are doing well and where there are opportunities for improvement. Some of the things we are doing to achieve Diamond Designation include:

- Reliability: use of eReliability tracking software to manage outage statistics; local, regional, and national mutual aid agreements; an electric department specific disaster management plan in addition to the system-wide emergency action plan
- Safety: an in-house safety committee that meets monthly to address, log and follow up on safety concerns; monthly utility wide safety meetings; tracking system to ensure OSHA compliance; regular, documented crew observations and feedback
- Workforce Development: tracking employee recruitment and retention; offering in-house mentorship programs; utility wide professional development training; continued efforts on creating and maintaining a positive work environment
- System Improvement: regular testing/inspection of utility assets; upgrades to peaking plant engines; regularly monitored system losses; financial policies/procedures followed; a recent cost of service study; well planned capital improvement projects

RP3-designated utilities have many benefits, including national and local recognition as a safe, reliable utility, increased economic development opportunities as business prospects learn about the utility's success, and improved teamwork as employees fully understand their role in supporting the utility's mission.



American Public Power Association

More information about the RP3 program can be found at <a href="https://www.publicpower.org/rp3-designated-utilities">www.publicpower.org/rp3-designated-utilities</a>.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) Report Summary-Michigan Public Service Commission Case #U-18282

- ♦ In 2022, the Bay City Electric Clean Energy Program spent \$602,559 on energy waste reduction efforts and achieved 3,963 Megawatt Hours (MWh) of energy savings.
- ♦ Savings were achieved through residential and commercial incentive programs, home and business energy assessments, direct installation of energy saving measures, and customer education.
- ♦ The Michigan Municipal Electric Association voluntarily filed a joint 2022 EWR Annual Report for Bay City with the Michigan Public Service Commission on May 30, 2023.

## Renewable Energy Report (RER) Summary-Michigan Public Service Commission Case #U-16600

- Bay City acquired from Renewable Energy Systems during the reporting period 63,495 MWh of Renewable Energy. Bay City acquired 63,495 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and 8,195 incentive Renewable Energy Credits (iRECs) for the 2022 reporting period.
- ♦ Bay City filed the 2022 Renewable Energy Annual Report with the Michigan Public Service Commission on May 30, 2023. A copy of the report can be obtained at the municipal office or at https://mi-psc.force.com/s/filing/a008y000003bNyVAAU/u166000045.



#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Electric vehicles (EVs) are continuing to become more affordable and economical. If you are thinking about purchasing an EV we may have some things of interest to you.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Rate:**

· Receive a special charging rate when you charge your vehicle during off peak hours.

## Connected EV Charger Rebate:

Rebates are available for residential and business customers who purchase qualifying electric vehicle supply equipment.

For more information about EVs, visit our website at <a href="https://www.BayCityEnergySmart.org">www.BayCityEnergySmart.org</a>.

#### **RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO**

Bay City Electric Light & Power is committed to reducing carbon emissions while providing affordable energy. In 2022, 23% of the total wholesale energy purchased was from a renewable source. Our portfolio includes:

## Landfill Gas:

- · Granger & North American Natural Resources
- · Acquired 31,031 MWh in 2022

# Wind Energy:

- Beebe & Pegasus Wind Farm
- Acquired 39,020 MWh in 2022





## Solar Energy:

- · Assembly I Project
  - Acquired 4,715 MWh in 2022

We continue to research opportunities to expand our renewable energy purchased power portfolio. Solar, wind and battery storage options are being investigated. More to come ...

# **Utility Customer Service (UCS)**

Programs available for eligible customers:

- Programs for seniors 65 years of age or older
- Full time active military personnel protections
- Critical care/life support programs
- Winter Protection Plan

For additional programs and applications contact UCS at (989) 894-8104 option 7 or at <a href="https://www.BayCityMl.org">www.BayCityMl.org</a>.

Need utility assistance?

Dial 211 - Hearing impaired dial (800) 649-3777



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