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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rider Per Docket Nos.: 16-00001 and 22-00111

Dear Chairman Jones:

We submit herewith electronically for filing in Docket No. 16-00001 the Affidavit of Publication relative to the above-styled proceeding. The enclosed public notice appeared in the Kingsport Times-News, the newspaper of general circulation in the Kingsport Power Company service area, on October 3, 2024.

The original and six (6) copies are being sent via Federal Express. Please file in Docket No. 16-00001. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

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Unicoi library stays open, provides resources to community

By ANNA ADAMS
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ERWIN — The Unicoi County Library is open regular hours and offers comfort and support to the public.

Library Director Morgan Olson said the library was closed once town offices closed Friday. It reopened Monday and is continuing its regular schedule and programs.

"We have had people come and charge their batteries that they have at their house, you know, just external batteries, charge their phones, use the wifi, use the computer if they don't have one," Olson said. "We've had people who come just to be able to call their family and tell them that they're OK, because we've had internet



Two children hold their favorite stamps during the Homeschool Enrichment Program.

and power the whole time." She said it was posted online for people to come

to the library, and she has notified the shelters. "We're here, we're a com-

fortable place," Olson said. "We have coffee for free, we have hot chocolate for free,

we are trying to have water and snacks out as much as possible, so we're trying to be a comfortable place for people to go and maybe somewhere a little bit nicer than where they're able to go right now."

Along with providing resources at the library, Olson is trying to give wifi hotspots to shelters. After it goes through the board and fees get waived, she can give them out for free, Olson said.

"We also are still having our regular programs so if you need to get out and need to get your kids busy, you have somewhere to go," she said.

Besides the Erwin Apple Festival being canceled, the regular programs are going as scheduled. The library held the Homeschool Enrichment

Program on Wednesday. The Rocky Fork Rangers could not attend as scheduled, but the library still provided the space and time for the children.

"We're just playing games and we have a popcorn machine that we're popping popcorn in every day and having it out," Olson said.

Being a place where people feel safe and welcomed is important to Olson.

"It is very strange to be completely normal here, and have no damage at all," she said. "So this place is the same as it always has been."

The library staff was largely unaffected by the storm, Olson said, and that seemed to be the case for libraries and staff in surrounding counties as well.

'It is a mess': Bays Mountain Park ranger recounts storm aftermath, provides updates

By ALLISON WINTERS
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KINGSPORT — Staff at Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium started preparing for the wrath of Hurricane Helene days before it made landfall.

Megan Krager, park manager, said she was communicating with the city and getting updates from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration throughout last week. She said the park has protocols set in place for severe weather to protect and care for the animals.

"As Friday became closer and closer, we put more people on standby in case bad weather persisted," Krager said. "Then on Friday, we had several staff at the park for animal care that were checking animal habitats, going out and checking trees around the Nature Center at the same time."

High winds caused downed

trees on the wolf habitat, where staff jumped into action to move wolves to a safe location within the habitat. Only essential park staff were asked to come in on Friday, Krager said.

"Once the weather died down on Friday, then we assessed around the Nature Center and animal habitats what took place," Krager said. "We started to remove trees that afternoon on the animal habitats and assessing any damage that we had at the park."

The Nature Center's roof was penetrated by a tree, also damaging the balcony. A tree also landed on the caretaker's house, damaging the roof in three spots and taking off the chimney.

"The next day we were able to get our maintenance staff out, and they were able to address the tree on the roof of the caretaker house," she said. "We were able to take that down, and then from that point on, from about Friday after-

noon on, staff have been working very diligently on assessing trails and also cutting trees."

STATE OF THE PARK

As of Wednesday evening, Krager said three trails are "open," but that doesn't necessarily mean open to the public. The park is scheduled to remain closed through the remainder of the week, the city previously announced.

Trees are down on every single trail in the park, Krager reports, with most being uprooted 20 inch or larger oak trees.

"It's not just one tree here, one tree there. You go 20 feet, you have two or three trees down. You go another 20 feet, and you have roughly about five or six trees all tangled up, and some of these trees are leaning," Krager said. "We're trying to figure out how in the world we are to get some of these trees down."

Krager said the damage is



A look at downed trees at Bays Mountain Park.

unlike anything she's seen at Bays Mountain Park.

"This is not your Bradford pear tree that has fallen in your backyard," she said. "This is stuff that we have not seen before here at the park. It is a mess, and we're trying very diligently to take care of the trails so that we can open up in a safe and timely manner."

A-1 Tree Removal removed the

tree off the Nature Center Tuesday, Krager said there is currently a tarp covering the hole created by the tree and are evaluating contractors for roof damage on both the caretaker's house and the center.

The Nature Center remained without power on Wednesday, but Krager reported the herpetarium's power was restored. She expects the Nature Center to have power in the next few days.

City leaders talk about storm woes paling in comparison to other areas

By RICK WAGNER
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KINGSPORT — Kingsport Alderwoman and former Vice Mayor Colette George was among Kingsport residents who recently lost electricity because of the remnants of Hurricane Helene.

So was new Mayor Paul Montgomery.

But the former political foes, who ran for mayor, said they consider themselves lucky in light of the devastation the aftermath of inland storms the hurricane brought to other parts of Northeast Tennessee, including Unicoi County, western North Carolina and other locations in the region.

CITY MANAGER

City Manager Chris McCartt agreed that the Kingsport area for the most part was blessed to suffer minimal damage. He recalled that the city's Emergency Operations Center or EOC was activated Friday when it became clear the storm was a serious threat.

He said the city has worked, among other things, to provide a water service hookup to Greene County because that area lost portable water, adding that Kingsport has loaned equipment as needed to area counties and cities to deal with the devastation.

Ironically, Wednesday morning a city-wide water emergency and closure of city schools occurred when a water line break left some areas with no or little water and took into the afternoon to repair.

But Tuesday night, McCartt said the Model City will gladly provide mutual aid as it is able. "It could be us next time," McCartt said.

GEORGE

George, who lost her mayoral bid to fellow alderman Montgomery in the August election, said although she was without power for five days and not happy about that, she believes she and the Kingsport area were blessed not to have more issues. Her power came back Tuesday.

She lauded area restaurants and groups for sending meals to Unicoi County, although she urged people to be sure they don't use money or items to relieve groups that are reputable.

"It's a lot now but it's going to be a lot for a long time," George said near the end of Tuesday's BMA meeting.

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery pointed out that while he lost power for a couple of days, City Manager Chris McCartt and other city employees worked most of the weekend after the hurricane-turned-tropical storm reeked havoc on other parts of the region.

COOPER

Alderwoman Betsy Cooper pointed out that High Voltage, The Reserve and the monthly Shop and Hop downtown are working to benefit the storm-torn areas of the region, while the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce is a drop-off point for donations.

The Downtown Kingsport Association will hold a Flood Relief Drive Thursday evening as part of the October Shop and Hop. A truck will be located at a drop off location, High Voltage, 5-8 pm.

Needed items are bottled water, non-perishable snacks, toiletries and hygiene items, first aid



The Kingsport Board of Mayor and Alderman and the city manager smile for a group photo taken by city communications employee Matthew Lane after Tuesday's night's board meeting. That was where Gary Mayes took the oath of office for the remaining two years of an unexpired term to which the board last month appointed him. Left to right: Mayes, Alderwoman Colette George, City Manager Chris McCartt, Alderwoman Betsy Cooper, Mayor Paul Montgomery, Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan and Alderman Morris Baker.

supplies and cleaning supplies. All supplies will be delivered on Friday to a collection center in Northeast Tennessee.

Like George, she also said restaurants in Kingsport also have stepped up to provide meals to Unicoi residents displaced by the storm's winds and flood.

MAYES

Newly sworn-in Alderman Gary Mayes, head of the Sullivan County Regional Health Department and former Emergency Medical Services employee, said the disaster is "indescribable" and lauded Kingsport law enforcement and firefighters to helping.

"It's going to be a hard recovery," Mayes said.

BAKER, PHILLIPS

Aldermen Morris Baker and James Phillips took time in their remarks to laud the work of the Kingsport City Schools, which presented an

80-page report to the board at a joint work session Monday including academic improvements and facilities plans, but both also lauded the work of city employees reaching out to help other communities.

Baker, head of the regional Goodwill Industries of Tennessee, said three of his employees lost their homes, one in Roan Mountain and two others in Chilhowie, Virginia, in Smyth County.

Phillips said he was pleased with the plan for two new elementary schools, one in Lynn Garden and another in the former Sullivan North High building, since the last new elementary was Adams Elementary opened in 2009.

As for disaster response, Phillips said 52 Kingsport firefighters deployed outside the city and that he recently drove through Kingsport City Schools, which presented an

Interstate 26 were carried away by rising flood waters.

"The devastation in Erwin, it looks like a movie," Phillips said. "Hundreds and hundreds of giant trees are blocking the interstate." He said he had to get to Asheville to retrieve a car he had there and ran upon 75 cars in line for gas at an Asheville grocery store when he and his wife stopped for a bathroom break.

It was one of the few stations in that area with electricity to pump gas, he said.

DUNCAN

Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan said it will take months or even years "to get some of these areas back going again."

KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Kingsport Power Company, d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport"), hereby gives notice that on October 1, 2024 it made a tariff filing with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC") relative to changes in Kingsport's Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rider ("FPPAR"). The FPPAR authorizes Kingsport, upon no less than 30-days notice, to apply a charge to all customer bills rendered by it to allow for changes in both fuel and the cost of purchased power from Kingsport's wholesale power supplier, under rate schedules implemented by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). Kingsport's current tariffs, and its filing regarding changes to its FPPAR charges, are on file with the TPUC at 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee, and are available for public inspection.

In its October 1, 2024 tariff filing with the TPUC, Kingsport provided new FPPAR charges, calculated in accordance with the provisions of its FPPAR, to reflect such change in costs. The charges, to be applied to customer bills beginning November 1, 2024, would result in an approximate decrease of 6% for Kingsport's residential, commercial, and industrial customers.



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I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Public Notice for Appalachian Power Company (Kingsport Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment Rider) was published in the following newspaper on the date listed in the year 2024.

Kingsport Times News 10/03/24

Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3 day of October 2024

My commission expires: 04/15/28

Evelyn Etienne
[Notary Public]

