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Thank You!

A special thanks goes out from PW to Jackson Purchase Energy and Paducah Power for their hard work during the recent ice storm. PW depends on electricity to run treatment facilities and pumping stations. Both utilities worked tirelessly to restore service. Read more about PW's ice storm response on page two.



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PW Competes For Economic Stimulus Funds

Reidland Water System To See Enhancements

Avid readers of *On Tap* know Paducah Water has been studying how best to enhance water quality, improve reliability and meet the growing needs of customers served by PW's Reidland Treatment Facility.

When PW acquired the Reidland Water District, the infrastructure of the system was near the end of its life cycle. PW recently submitted a strategic plan for the major overhaul of the Reidland system to the Kentucky Division of Water.

This project has become extremely important as the age of the current system and ongoing reliability issues, threaten PW's ability to continue to provide quality service to the area. In order to maintain PW's standards in the Reidland area, the treatment facility, along with water supply issues, must be addressed.

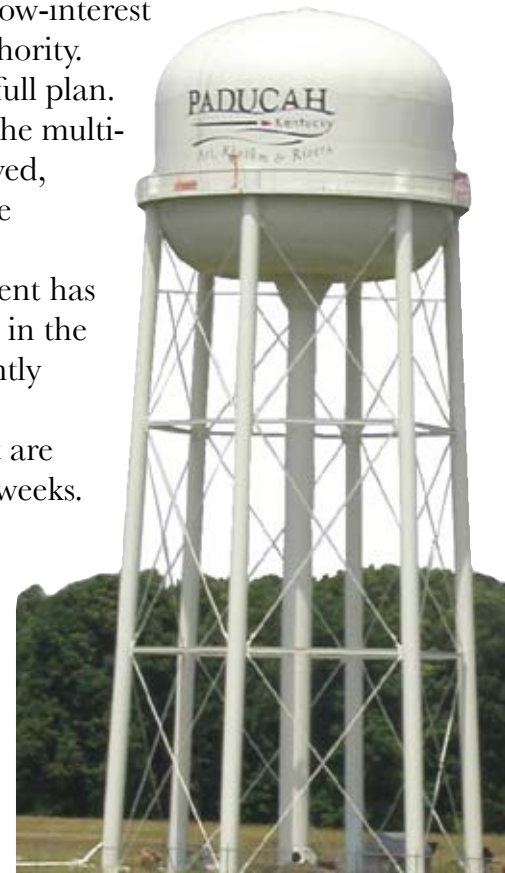
In the summer of 2008, preliminary work began on the plan with the installation of an inline booster pumping station on Benton Rd. and some smaller, preliminary maintenance projects.

In October of 2008, PW applied for a low-interest loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. This loan will allow PW to implement the full plan. PW is fourth in line to receive funding for the multi-million dollar project. If the loan is approved, work would begin sometime in 2010 and be completed in about two years.

In the meantime, the Federal Government has set aside funds for projects just like this one in the new Federal Economic Stimulus Plan recently enacted by Congress. Funding is funneled through state governments for projects that are "shovel-ready" and can begin in just a few weeks.

Timing is certainly on PW's side, as the Reidland project is ready to go and just waiting on funding.

In February, PW submitted an application to the state for funding of the Reidland project through the Federal



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Stimulus Plan. At press time, a decision on funding had not yet been made, but was expected before the first of April. The benefit of federal funding is two-fold. First, after the project is completed, one-half of the principle on the loan will likely be forgiven. Second, the project will start no later than June of this year. If federal funding is approved, PW will make an official announcement.

Whether funded through the Federal Economic Stimulus Plan or through a low-interest loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, the Reidland project will move forward, enhancing service and quality for the next generation.

Employee Focus:

***Dennis Cathey, Thomas Collins,
and Bill Robertson, P.E.
Part of the Water Quality Team***

This quarter, we turn our attention to two employees who have recently retired and a new member of our Water Quality Team.

First, our best wishes to distribution operators Thomas Collins and Dennis Cathey. Both retired at the end of 2008. Tom began his career with Paducah Water in March of 1981. Dennis was a 20 year PW employee.

Bill Robertson, P.E., recently joined PW as leader of the company's engineering department. Bill was most recently Kuttawa's City Engineer and before that, worked as an engineer with Florence & Hutcheson of Paducah.

Bill will head up PW's newly formalized engineering department. PW has always had engineers working on the distribution system and other projects, but never a formal engineering department. Bill will lead strategic planning efforts for future expansion, along with planning for capital projects, operational engineering, GPS/mapping services, and metering.

Ice Storm Review

The recent ice storm impacted everyone in the region, including Paducah Water and our customers.

While PW wasn't affected as severely as our friends in the electric utility industry, their troubles certainly rippled the waters in our pond.



PW's Paducah Treatment facility was without power for some time; however, the plant was able to operate on generator power during the outage.

The Reidland treatment facility was without power for a longer period of time.

Because of PW's foresight, after droughts of previous years caused similar demand concerns, PW installed an inline booster station on Benton Rd. The booster station supplies water to the Reidland system from the Paducah treatment facility and is also part of a bigger project in the Reidland area (see the cover story for more details on the Reidland project.)

Running on generator power, the inline booster enabled PW to move treated water from Paducah, allowing demand to be met until power was restored.



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