

**BACKGROUND**

LP&L is currently paying an annual “payment in lieu of taxes” and a “franchise fee equivalent fee” to the City of Lubbock, which corresponds to what other utilities pay for the opportunity of doing business here and to reimburse the City for the wear and tear on streets & alleys.

In the past, the City has added other fees to LP&L, such as this year’s \$3 million cost of operating street lights.

QUESTION 1

Should the City Charter be amended to dictate that LP&L should ONLY pay fees that are charged to other utilities at the same rate?

Choose one:

- Yes, LP&L should only pay the same as other utilities
- No, the City Council has the authority to dictate other payments.

QUESTION 2

Do you think it’s appropriate for LP&L to pay for street lights, or is it a public safety cost that should be paid by the City’s property or sales taxes?

Choose one:

- The City should pay for street lights.
- LP&L should pay for street lights
- It doesn’t matter, it’s all tax revenue

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Earlier this year, LP&L purchased all of Xcel Energy’s assets in Lubbock. This has made LP&L a stronger asset, and will ultimately reduce the number of redundant electric lines and other services that occurred with two entities vying for the same customers.

QUESTION 3

Since LP&L now owns almost all the customers in the City of Lubbock, what kind of changes do you anticipate occurring with electric rates?

Choose one:

- Rates will go up with less competition
- Rates will go down because of reduced duplication of services
- Rates will probably stay the same

QUESTION 4

How would you describe the service you are currently getting from LP&L?

Choose one:

- Excellent
- Good
- Mediocre
- Poor
- Terrible

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LP&L is required to maintain an appropriate amount of cash reserves to take care of unexpected expenses.

QUESTION 5

Do you believe that *all cash beyond the designated reserves* should be held by LP&L for future needs, or returned to the taxpayers by annual dividends?

Choose one:

- Return all profits to the citizens each year
- Leave distributions up to the current LP&L Board
- Leave budgetary decisions up to the elected City Council

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The LP&L Board is currently appointed by the City Council to oversee its operations. However, the ultimate budget decisions are still controlled by the City Council.

QUESTION 6

If you were able to vote today, would you want to keep the current arrangement, or would you prefer to elect all LP&L Board Members and completely sever the two government entities?

Choose one:

- Let the City Council continue to appoint the LP&L Board
- Elect the LP&L Board and make them completely separate from the City

QUESTION 6B (Only for those who chose "elect" above)

Since you prefer to elect the LP&L Board members, do you think this should be a volunteer position (like the City Council) or a full-time salaried position (like the County Commissioners)?

Choose one:

- Volunteer position
- Paid position with a similar salary to the County Commissioners

FINAL QUESTION

Will you sign a petition calling for a Charter Election to allow voters to make changes to the LP&L charter in order to make it completely independent from City Hall?

Choose one:

- Yes , please contact me and I'll sign the petition
- No, I like the current way the City & LP&L are structured

Thank you for taking our survey and expressing your opinions. If you have any additional comments on the topics in this survey, please write them here.

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