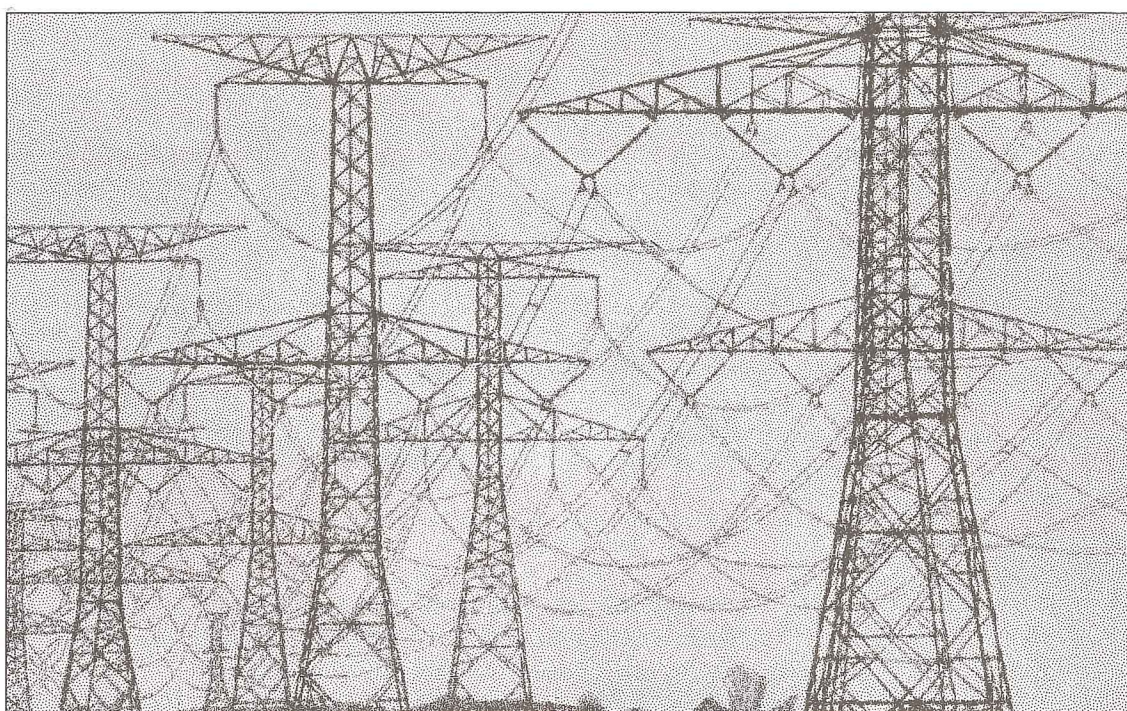


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Deregulation is happening across the United States

Electrical Deregulation May Be Coming; City Will Continue To Monitor Impact

By Mayor John Cushing

Sometime in the future, possibly sooner than we might expect, Bountiful City citizens and customers of our municipally-owned and operated electric utility could be given the opportunity of choosing among electrical providers, somewhat similar to the telephone or airline industries that have undergone industry deregulation "make-over" in past years. The electric industry may undergo

drastic changes in the next decade. This could affect each and every citizen of the city. Customers may be given the freedom to choose who sells them the power to run their fans, light their lamps, and cool their homes. Deregulation has finally come to the electrical industry—the last major industry previously unaffected by the freedom of choice.

Electrical providers are already lining up throughout the nation, providing services and lobbying for customers. Some

large customers are buying power from utilities hundreds or even thousands of miles away. The larger industrial and commercial customers of California, for example, were to be given the open door this past month to strike a deal with any of the hundreds of electrical providers anxiously waiting for the cue to provide power. However, computer glitches forced California to put opening the border access to the customers on hold for a few more

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New Fair Board Members Sought

The Davis County Fair Board is seeking new members for the Fair Board which meets approximately once per month to assist its director in putting on the annual fair. Citizens interested in serving one-year or two-year terms are invited to send a letter with resume to Davis County FairPark, P.O. Box 618, Farmington, UT 84025.

The Board is also looking for committee members to assist in planning for such main events as open horse show, 4H, junior rodeo, pro rodeo, hobbies & crafts, fine arts, photography, home arts, livestock, rabbits, goats, poultry, floriculture, horticulture, team roping, calf roping, team penning, truck pull, senior citizens, crops and gardening, entertainment, farmers market, volleyball, carnival, exhibitor booths, storytelling and/or cowboy poetry.

For more information, call 451-7811 or 451-4080

History Booklet Available

Readers wishing to see history through the eyes of 12 pioneers can purchase copies of the Bountiful Cemetery Historical Walking tour booklet for \$3 at the city offices.

Rasmussen Appointed To New Post Of Adm. Services Director

Current City Treasurer Galen Rasmussen has been assigned to the newly-created position of Administrative Services Director supervising the areas of finance, information systems, treasury, and other administrative functions.



Galen Rasmussen

Working under the direction of the City Manager and City Council, Galen will help with accounting (including utility deregulation), budgeting updates, vehicle licensing, inventory control and telecommunications.

Mark McRae, an accountant and the previous information systems manager, takes Galen's role as the new City treasurer. The information systems position will be headed by Alan West.

In another appointment, Deputy Recorder Kim Coleman was selected to replace retiring City Recorder Arden Jenson. The Deputy Recorder position will be filled with Ralph Hill, Jr., a Bountiful native who had been serving as the finance director of Roosevelt, UT.

Two Reservoirs To Open In 1998

The new city reservoir near Hannah Holbrook Elementary School will be completed this spring while another reservoir at Hooper Draw will be finished by fall, according to City Public Works Director Paul Rowland.

Located under a soccer field, the Hannah Holbrook site, will store 1,500,000 gallons, about double the capacity of the Eckman Reservoir (8th East and 250 North) it replaces. The Holbrook reservoir rests on the same elevation as the Millcreek reservoir, and will service neighborhoods west of 4th East and north of Center Street.

The Hooper Draw reservoir also has the capacity of 1,500,000 gallons and is on the same elevation as the Temple View and Upper Williams reservoirs. When completed in the fall, the reservoir will primarily serve neighborhoods west of Bountiful Boulevard including the new Bridlewood, Newport Heights and Bountiful Ridges developments.

When Hooper Draw is completed, the city will have 11 reservoirs.

With necessary piping, the Hooper Draw and Hannah Holbrook reservoirs cost about \$500,000 each. Both are being constructed by the Bountiful firm of Build, Inc.

Envision Utah Now On Websites

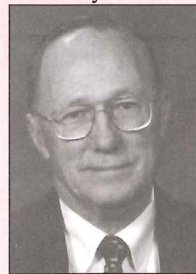
Many Bountiful residents have heard about Envision Utah (formerly the Public Private Partnership for Utah's Growth) and QGET (Quality Growth Efficiency Tools). But, do you really know what they are about and what the overall programs behind these efforts and activities are?

Envision Utah and QGET now have website on the internet to help the general public become aware of and involved in their efforts for planning for the future. These websites are: Envision Utah (<http://www.envisionutah.org>), and Quality Growth Efficiency Tools (<http://www.qget.state.ut.us>). There is a great deal of information available on these sites which will be of great interest to local residents and others throughout the State. Your local city officials encourage you to take some time and familiarize yourself with these sites and visit them from time to time over the next few years to get progress reports and updates.

If you do not have internet access and wish to know more, you may also contact Kevin Bommer, Envision Utah Local Government Coordinator at 973-3378 or e-mail him at: bommerka@kutv2.com

Arden Jenson Retires After 35 Years of Service To City

When Arden Jenson first came to work for Bountiful City, the business office had no computers, the city had no indoor swimming pool or golf course and the school district had not yet built Viewmont or Woods Cross high schools.



Arden Jenson

Over the years Arden has seen the population double, the General Fund budget grow from \$669,000 to \$10.5 million and Capital Projects soar from \$140,000 to \$4 million annually.

But one thing hasn't changed: Arden's commitment to professionalism and gentlemanly conduct. He attributes his job longevity with "not taking sides politically, doing your job to the best of your ability, keeping your mouth shut and your nose clean, and always being helpful and friendly to the citizens."

Retiring as City Recorder, Office Manager and Finance Director, he recalls his 35-year tenure "a wonderful experience." His service to the city will now be replaced by volunteer service as an elementary school tutor, along with "a little traveling" and pleasurable work in his garden.

Arden was born in Tremonton and spent most of his early life in Brigham City. After graduating from Box Elder High School, he spent four years in the U.S. Air Force before returning to major in accounting at the University of Utah. Upon his graduation, he accepted a position in San Francisco with Del Monte. Three years later he returned to Utah where he worked with Eimco before accepting a position as a city accountant in 1963. Several months later he was appointed deputy city recorder.

Electrical Deregulation May Come

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months. Nevertheless, the rules are being written and the inevitable may occur. Some day deregulation may reach Utah, and specifically, Bountiful City.

So how soon will changes take place? How may deregulation change your personal life style? What is Bountiful City doing to prepare itself for the future? These are good and concerning questions. Legislation is presently being addressed in Utah's capitol halls that request the state adopt a faster track approach to opening its

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electric borders to its customers. We are closely monitoring that legislation. We are watching electrical metamorphosis in California. We are observing the failures and successes of other states as they maneuver into this new virgin frontier. We are doing everything we can in-house to watch costs and ready our utility, Bountiful City Light and Power Department, for the huge decisions that are to be made.

Bountiful City's electrical utility rates are among the most inexpensive in the state. Our high level of service and power quality are commendable. The Power Department "machinery" is well oiled and

we are jockeying for position in this process we call deregulation. As a city, we will be ready for whatever deregulation offers. We will also make a continued effort on a state and national basis to lobby for legislation that will hopefully assure our citizens the best advantage of what restructuring or deregulation may bring.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with our local legislators as well as those in Washington, D.C., and for the work that is also being done through Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), American Public Power Association (APPA), and the Utah League of Cities and Towns. We look forward to being partners with them and others in making this process and transition come about in the most effective and efficient way.

New Fred Meyer (With Groceries) Opens This Month

The Fred Meyer One-Stop Shopping Center reopens this month with a new 165,000 square foot building, parking for 850 vehicles and an expanded line of 25,000 different items.

About one-third of the center will be devoted to groceries. In addition, the building center and lumber selection has been greatly expanded, a delicatessen and bakery has been added, and a new apparel fashion area (Elements) will be promoted. The store will be staffed by some 250 employees under the direction of Perry Taylor, who previously managed the former Bountiful store.

The old structure was demolished nine months ago to make way for the new \$15 million building.

Flood Hazard Information For Realtors, Lenders, Owners

Because flood insurance is required on all federally-backed real estate loans (FHA, VA), many lending institutions, mortgage companies, realtors, and private individuals are interested in finding out what flood zone their properties are located in.

In September, 1991, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) updated the original 1978 flood water study in order to produce a current map showing the areas of Bountiful that will be affected by flooding in the event of a 100 or 500-year storm. The map, known as the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), is used to determine the flood risks for properties applying for Federal Flood Insurance. Bountiful City is divided into specific flood zones depending on the type and severity of flooding that will occur in the event of a major storm. These zone classifications range from the most common rating, Zone X (areas of minimal flooding), to Zone A (usually located along creeks which are areas that will be flooded by a 100-year storm). If residents would like to find out which flood zone a property is located in or learn the definition of a flood zone, the Bountiful City Engineering Department can answer questions about specific properties.

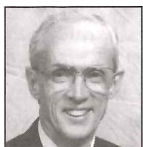
Bountiful City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System which allows flood insurance policy holders to receive discounts on their policies as a result of voluntary activities Bountiful City has implemented. These activities are designed to minimize effects of flooding should it occur. Part of these activities include restricting and regulating dumping in any stream channel. People with questions may come to the Engineers Office located at City Hall, 790 South 100 East, or call 298-6125 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Head Start Now Enrolling

The head start program is currently registering children for preschool classes beginning August 1998. This is a free program for families who are income eligible or have children with qualifying disabilities. Call the Family Enrichment Center at 546-7309 ext. 355 for an appointment time.

City Council & Committee Chairmanship

The City Council and Mayor Welcome Your Input and Suggestions.



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City Manager's Report

By Tom Hardy

Legacy Highway Update



Tom Hardy

As of February 1, 1998, the City of Bountiful is still working hard to make sure that the Legacy Highway is built as quickly as possible, so that it will be completed before the I-15 reconstruction in Davis County takes place in approximately 2003. At the same time, we have been trying to be supportive of the needs and concerns of all of the cities in South Davis county that have jurisdiction over the land. The Legacy Highway, as presently configured, will be built in phases, with the first phase being the section from I-215 on the South to the I-15 and U.S. 89

merger in the North. The roadway will be a controlled access, multi-lane divided highway like I-15, with entrance and exit areas at 500 South and at Parrish Lane. If the present schedule is adhered to, an alignment should be determined by the end of the summer, with construction of the road starting in fall, 1999, and completion in the fall of 2002.

To begin with, you have probably read about the controversy of the highway extending "deep" into the "wetlands" of the Farmington Bay area of the Great Salt Lake. In reality, the road alignment preferred by the South Davis County cities, which is the most westerly alignment, is within a tenth of a mile of the easternmost alignment preferred by the Corps of Engineers in 90% of the route, and the other 10% is within a half of a mile, so the differences are not as exaggerated as the environmental groups and the media have reported.

Second, the issue of whether or not the road will form a "no development" boundary between land on the west side (which would be kept in wetlands and open space), and land on the east side (which would be kept available for development), is still being explored. Certainly existing property on the west side currently being used, such as the landfill and the sewage treatment plant, will have to have access, as well as land that is currently being farmed or used for grazing.

Third, the issue of access to the Bountiful City landfill is being reviewed. The City of West Bountiful has said that it does not want any access to the landfill on Pages Lane, even though that has been the access for over 40 years. This would necessitate a frontage road being built from 500 South to the landfill. At first we thought that the reason for no access on Pages Lane is that UDOT did not want to have an access on the west side of the highway at Pages Lane, but we then found out that the City of West Bountiful and Sen. Beattie were requesting an access for pedestrians and horses on Pages Lane, but no vehicle access to the landfill. We then further found out that West Bountiful had requested an alignment that would take out our composting operation, our equipment maintenance facility, and our scalehouse, all of which would be both difficult and expensive to move. We have requested UDOT, West Bountiful, and Sen. Beattie to try to understand Bountiful's position—all we are asking for is a continuation of the same arrangement we have had since the 1950's—and if a crossing is going to be constructed over the Legacy Highway on Pages Lane, it could just as easily be built for vehicles as for pedestrians and horses. We have reminded West Bountiful of the many ways in which we have been good neighbors with them over the years, and hope that they will reciprocate now. If all of our citizens and our own city garbage trucks have to go to 500 South, west of Redwood Road for another mile, over the Legacy highway, then north to the landfill, then double back that way, it will cost the city of Bountiful an additional \$70,000/year in extra time and expense to dispose of the residential waste—an unnecessary increase of \$6.00/year to every household in Bountiful forever.

We will keep you updated in future newsletters as to what the progress on this important transportation project is and what the impact will be on Bountiful and its citizens. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us.

City Ordinances On Snow, Sledding...

With the "El Nino" year that we've been having, it seems like a good time to review "the rules" for how we deal with snow. Every once in a while the City changes the rules, so here are few friendly reminders of what to do (and not to do) when the snow flies:

1. Do not park your vehicle on the street—it is dangerous to others, including our snow removal equipment, and we can't effectively clean the street if it's blocked. From November 1st to March 31st, it is illegal to park on the street from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., and it is illegal to park on the street during or after a snow storm until the snow is removed. Your cooperation makes for a safer street and a better snow removal job!
2. Do not blow your snow into the street—besides being illegal, it defeats the whole purpose of snow removal, and results in dangerous conditions to you and your neighbors!
3. Try to remove the snow from the sidewalk as soon as possible after it stops snowing. The rules say 24 hours, but the City tries to be as lenient as possible. Just remember that the citizens, especially school children, can and will use the sidewalks instead of the streets if they are clear—and it's important for our children to stay off the streets for their safety and ours!
4. If you see someone who is violating the rules, given them a friendly reminder, (most people will comply if they are politely asked.) If someone continues to refuse to follow the rules, call the City (298-6190), and the staff will take it from there.

Some people have asked why the City doesn't allow sledding and other activities at the golf course during the winter months. Simply stated, it's a question of liability. There is a bill in the state legislature this year that would protect cities (all of us) from being sued if someone is hurt while sledding, skateboarding, or rollerblading in a city park or facility. Bountiful City is supportive of this bill, and, if it passes, will revisit this policy in the near future.

In the meantime, have a great winter and enjoy the Bountiful amounts of the white stuff that seems to love to fall here!