

TUA's Warehouse: A Well-Oiled Machine

In TUA's warehouse, everything has its place. Randy Tucker serves as TUA's Purchasing Agent, Plant Accountant, and Warehouse Supervisor. He is responsible for maintaining the facility and its operations. Tucker came to TUA in 1976 and was promoted to his current position in 1981. Over the years, various duties have been placed upon him including the addition of the water and sewer purchasing in 1983, as well as the role of fiber purchaser in 2008 with the addition of LightTube.

Tucker, and his warehouse colleagues Tim Howell, Brad Pyrdum, Doug Lesley, and George Allen, are tasked with the procurement and accountability of thousands of materials. The warehouse crew strictly follows the guidelines set forth by the Municipal Purchasing Laws, as well as the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission and TVA-adopted regulatory agency.

Materials are expensed, capitalized, depreciated, and inventoried throughout the life expectancy of said materials. At the end of a certain material's life expectancy, it is retired and/or disposed of. The proper accountability of the material in the electric department is essential in getting the In Lieu of Taxes in the proper tax districts. TUA has five taxing districts. The other departments operate similar to the electric department. It's important to note that all items purchased by



Pictured from left: Randy Tucker, Brad Pyrdum, George Allen, Doug Lesley, and Tim Howell.

TUA are bought separately by each department or allocated among the departments. Each department acts as a separate entity under the direction of TUA.

A major requirement that the warehouse employees are tasked with is inventory, which is done annually. Employees make general ledger entries to balance out the true inventory. Spot checks are done once a week on certain items and anytime an issue should arise.

Materials are reordered based on an electronic tracking system. On any given day, TUA's warehouse will hold approximately 880 electric items, 520 water items, 400 sewer items, and 280 fiber items. Along with such items, the warehouse also holds 175 various office supplies that TUA staff use on a daily basis.

When asked how he keeps the facility so well maintained and organized, Tucker said, "Organization is the key to

knowing what you have and where it is. We try very hard to put things in their proper place, as we have to move various items from time to time for reorganization, we must keep each other informed as to where the items are."

As of July 31, 2016, TUA's Plant Inventory (assets) were valued at \$88,507,084.62. The material inventory average for the past ten years has been approximately \$1,357,295.

At the end of 2016, TUA's warehouse had a combined 81 years of service.

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