



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: March 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve discontinuing the Electrical Water Heater Load Management Program effective June 30, 2025.

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BACKGROUND:

GRPU managers are continuously evaluating programs for Commission review. After thorough research and discussion at two prior work sessions, staff recommend discontinuing the water heater portion of the load management program effective June 30, 2025.

Under the current wholesale contract, this program operates at a loss, with GRPU paying more in credits than it saves by reducing peak demand.

If approved, GRPU will no longer enroll new customers, and current participants will be notified via a customer campaign about the program's discontinuation and the end of credits.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve discontinuing the Electrical Water Heater Load Management Program effective June 30, 2025.