



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the revised Ancillary Services and Fees Schedule.

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BACKGROUND:

The current Ancillary Services and Fees schedule was reviewed and approved by the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission at the February 22, 2023, meeting.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) defines primary services as providing electric, water, wastewater collection and treatment services to customers in which the price for these primary services are included in a rate study or negotiated directly with the consumer; then the secondary services offered by GRPU for electric, water, wastewater collection and treatment are considered ancillary.

The fee or pricing of the ancillary services should cover the direct and indirect cost of providing the service. If the ancillary service price is in the form of a credit to encourage a certain outcome which furthers the mission of the GRPU through safety, reliability, customer service, or environmental then the price should be determined based on the dollar value to encourage that determined outcome.

A rate is the amount charged regularly for a certain service and a fee is the amount charged each time the service is performed.

The Commission at the June 26 meeting will consider approving a 24 Hour Residential Emergency Locate Release and Waiver Liability in which electric and water residential customers private lines beyond the meter or water shut-off to the meter will be located by the GRPU for a fee.

The new fee was discussed internally, and management recommends the fee to be \$25.00 initial fee for one-half hour of locating services with additional units of one-half hour priced at \$25.00/unit rounding up to the next unit. For example, 45 minutes of locating services would be

an initial fee of \$25.00 plus one additional one-half hour unit for \$25.00 or a total of \$50.00 locating fee. If the customer only has one utility service, they will be charged the locating fee for that specific service. If the customer has more than one utility service (multiple services) and the locate service for multiple utility services is performed at the same time; then, the fee will not compound and the customer will not be charged two separate utility locating fees.

The revised Ancillary Services and Fee Schedule is attached for your review and the new electric and water locating fee is included **in yellow**.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the revised Ancillary Services and Fee Schedule as presented.