



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the 2025-2026 services agreement with the City of LaPrairie and authorize the Commission President to sign the agreement.

PREPARED BY: Julie Kennedy, General Manager

BACKGROUND:

Customers located within the City of LaPrairie municipal boundaries are GRPUC electric service territory customers and City of LaPrairie water and wastewater customers. The GRPU provides water, wastewater collection and treatment and street lighting services to the City of LaPrairie by way of contracted services since 2000.

The attached contract is effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. This contract covers GRPU providing water, wastewater collection and treatment, and street light services and certain other various utility services as authorized in Exhibit B.

Other services included in this contract are (1) invoicing LaPrairie customers for their services based on rates set by the City of LaPrairie for water, wastewater collection and treatment services; (2) providing customer service for questions and complaints related to the LaPrairie billing; (3) collecting payments from LaPrairie customers and remitting to the City of LaPrairie; (4) sending delinquent notices to LaPrairie water and wastewater collection and treatment customers; (5) providing reports to the City of LaPrairie; (6) sending appropriate required legal notices for water, wastewater collection and treatment to LaPrairie customers; (6) providing requested maintenance to be performed by GRPU which is then billed to the City of LaPrairie; and (7) collecting sales taxes and other applicable taxes and reporting and remitting it to the appropriate agency for the City of LaPrairie.

The City of LaPrairie, per the contract, will pay the GRPU \$1040.67 monthly for customer billing services and \$975.74 monthly for required routine lift station maintenance. If the City of LaPrairie requests additional services not specifically listed, GRPU will bill the City of LaPrairie at GRPU current rates.

The service agreement has standard language developed by the GRPU legal team and shall be signed by the GRPUC President upon Commission approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

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