



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the Electric Service Agreement with Minnesota Power for 2022 to 2029 and authorize the Commission President to sign the Agreement, along with Attachment D specific to Grand Rapids.

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BACKGROUND:

Grand Rapids currently has an Electric Service Agreement (ESA) that is effective through 2029, with a clause extending it through 2034 under specific circumstances regarding new growth at the Eco Industrial Park.

In 2018, the Commission authorized membership into the Northeastern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (NEMMPA) along with 15 other municipal electric service providers. In early 2021, thirteen of the municipalities within NEMMPA, including GRPUC, began negotiations with MP on a new ESA.

Dave Berg of DBE Consulting and Kaela Brennan of McGrann Shea Carnival assisted NEMPPA throughout the negotiations. The term sheet from the negotiations was discussed with the Commissioners at the November 3 and November 30 work sessions. The complete ESA has been provided to the Commissioners.

Staff recommends approving the 2022-2029 ESA along with Attachment D.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a motion to approve the Electric Service Agreement with Minnesota Power for 2022 to 2029 and authorize the Commission President to sign the Agreement, along with Attachment D specific to Grand Rapids.