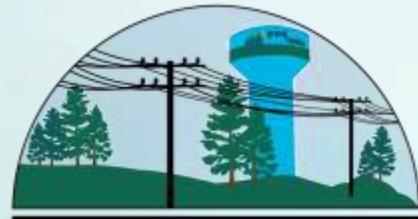


Grand Rapids Public Utilities

February 25, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team



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MISSION VISION VALUES

WHO WE ARE

Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) is a statutory municipal utility established by the city of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) provides full control, operation and management of the GRPU electric power distribution system, the water production, treatment and distribution systems, and the wastewater collection and treatment systems.



Our Vision

Our vision is to be a dynamic public asset for the thriving community of Grand Rapids, enhancing lives and fostering growth through excellence in the provision of essential utility services.



Our Mission

Our mission is to empower GRPU team members to deliver safe, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused utility services for our community.



Our Values

- Safety** We hold paramount the well-being of our employees and the public in all operations.
- Integrity** We uphold ethical standards and foster trust with all stakeholders.
- Customer Focus** We prioritize customer needs and satisfaction in all our decisions and actions.
- Efficiency** We maximize resources to provide cost-effective services without compromising quality.
- Reliability** We consistently deliver high-quality utility services and strive for uninterrupted access.
- Sustainability** We employ environmentally responsible practices in our operations and services.
- Transparency** We openly share information and decision-making processes, promoting informed community involvement.



Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

Capital: Tioga Substation Expansion by Chad Troumbly

- Recap of discussion at February work session:
 - Facility Study Report estimated \$14.5 million to expand site.
 - Commission suggested GRPU staff to investigate alternative project options and funding
 - There is March 3rd deadline to “stay in project queue”
- Update:
 - GRPU staff is working with Minnesota Power with a reduced project scope
 - GRPU staff is working with partners on funding
 - The March deadline has been extended while working through the scope change



Project GRPUC Interconnection Request

Facility Study Report

01/16/2026

Prepared by
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For Internal Use

Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)

Operations: March Customer Campaign by Julie Kennedy

PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)

- PFAS are manufactured chemicals used in everyday items like non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, and certain food packaging since the 1940s
- PFAS are often called the "forever chemicals" because they never break down completely
- Research studies show exposure to certain levels of PFAS may lead to harmful health effects in humans and animals
- GRPU created a PFAS management plan in 2024 and will be testing 5 locations this year in the sanitary sewer collection system.
- You can help by making safer choices by opting for PFAS-free products and supporting regulations to limit their use
- For more information of PFAS, visit the GRPU website at: <https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/utilities/page/pfas>

PFAS

(Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)



Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of man-made chemicals used in a variety of industries around the globe. Known for their resistance to heat, water, and oil, PFAS have been used since the 1950s in products like non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain-resistant fabrics, and firefighting foams.

PFAS are known for their strong carbon-fluorine bonds, making them highly resistant to degradation in the environment. Often referred to as "forever chemicals," PFAS can remain in the environment and human body for extended periods.

Sources of PFAS

- Industrial Sites: Manufacturing facilities that produce or use PFAS.
- Consumer Products: Non-stick cookware, water-resistant clothing, stain-resistant carpets and furniture.
- Firefighting Foams: Used in training and emergency response situations, particularly at airports and military bases.
- Food Packaging: Grease-resistant paper, fast food wrappers, and microwave popcorn bags.

Health Effects

- Research has linked PFAS exposure to several health issues, although more studies are needed to fully understand their impact.

Environmental Impact

- PFAS can migrate into groundwater and surface water sources, posing risks to drinking water supplies.
- These substances can accumulate in the bodies of fish and wildlife, leading to higher concentrations up the food chain.

Reducing Exposure

- Opt for PFAS-free products when possible, such as cookware and clothing.
- Use water filters certified to remove PFAS from drinking water.



For more information on PFAS, visit: www.pca.state.mn.us/pfas-in-minnesota

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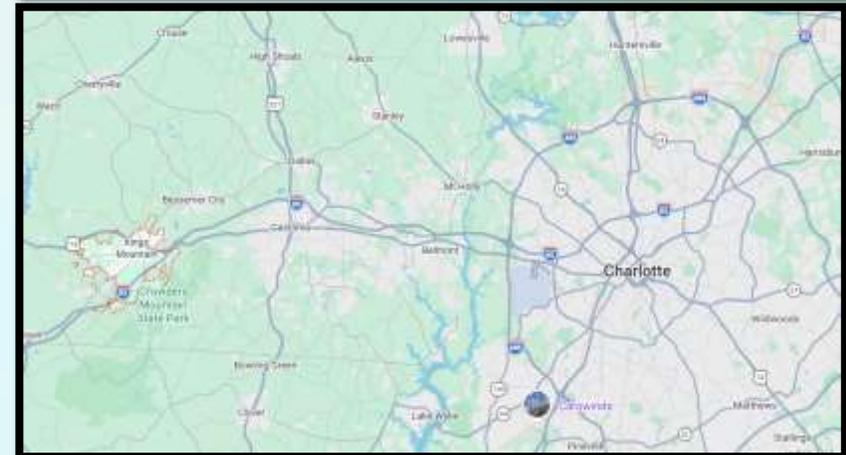
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Operational Excellence (OE)

Operations: Winter Storm Fern - Mutual Aid Efforts by Chad Troumbly

- Friday, January 23, 2026, we received a request from MMUA to mobilize lineworkers for mutual aid to High Point and Kings Mountain North Carolina in response to Winter Storm Fern
- GRPU lineworkers Jim Schmitt and Riley Hanna joined 44 other MMUA utility members
- Storm Fern tracked much colder than expected and ultimately turned into a snow event rather than the ice that was anticipated
- Crews returned home Jan 28th
- Mutual aid events help the utility gain knowledge and support each others' communities





Operational Excellence (OE)

Operations: February Safety Summary by Julie Kennedy

Safety Topic This Month:

Safety Brad trained required employees on First Aid on February 18th & 19th

Safety Committee Program Review This Month:

The Safety Committee reviewed our AWAIR (A Workplace Accident & Injury Reduction Program) on February 19th

Incidents Reported last Month by Department: (thru January work days)

Administration: None

Business Services: None

Electric: None

Water-Wastewater: None

Cumulative Incidents for 2026

Recordable Incidents	0
Lost Time Days 2026	0
Restricted Days 2026	0
First Aid Only (not recordable)	0
Total FROI	0

Recordable Incident 5-year History

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ADMIN	0	0	0	0	0
BUS SVCS	0	1	0	0	0
ELEC	0	0	1	0	0
W-WW	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1	1	0	0

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Upcoming Commission Meetings

Work Session: March 11, 2026

Regular Meeting: March 25, 2026



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