

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 08-17-22-6

URGES GOVERNOR WALZ TO DECLARE A SPECIAL SESSION OF ITS LAWMAKERS

WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota have critical infrastructure needs, including the replacement and upgrade of aging drinking water systems, sewage treatment, roads, and bridges that cannot be delayed, and

WHEREAS, without additional funding through a bonding bill, cities will have to drastically raise water rates or taxes on residents and business to pay for necessary infrastructure projects made even more expensive due to inflation, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature failed to pass a bonding bill in the 2022 legislative session, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Utilities has a bonding bill request in for their Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project, and

WHEREAS, a bonding bill is an essential funding component for Minnesota's local utilities to be able to maintain their critical infrastructure, helping to restrain local utility rates, and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to match millions of dollars in available federal funds;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission of Grand Rapids, Minnesota urges through this Resolution to Governor Walz to declare a special session and to its lawmakers to work in a bipartisan way to pass a bonding bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to Representative Spencer Igo and Senator Justin Eichorn, Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman, Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller, House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, Senate Minority Leader Melissa López Franzen, and Governor Tim Walz.

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2022.

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GRPUC President

Witness:

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