

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 03-08-23-03

APPROVE THE 2023 ANCILLARY SERVICES AND FEES

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) per the adopted Budget and Financial Planning Policy 3.3.001 will review and approve a financial plan and budget that supports the strategic plan and provides credible projections of expenses and revenues, and

WHEREAS, per policy 3.3.001 each enterprise fund service activities will be self-supporting to the greatest extent possible for user charges/fees; and

WHEREAS, per policy 3.3.001 the financial and budget plan should include revenue requirements with proposed planned rate adjustments based on each utility cost of service/rate study; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2023 ancillary services and fees were presented at the February 22, 2023 Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, primary services are defined as providing electric, water, wastewater collection and treatment to customers which the price for these primary services are included in a rate study or negotiated directly with the customer and this rate is charged regularly for a certain service, and

WHEREAS, other services offered by GRPU for electric, water, wastewater collection and treatment are defined as secondary services and considered ancillary and a fee is charged each time the service is performed, and

WHEREAS, fees for an ancillary service should cover the direct and indirect costs of providing the service, and

WHEREAS, if the ancillary service is to encourage a certain outcome which furthers the mission of the GRPU then the ancillary fee should be determined based on the dollar value to encourage that predetermined outcome and be in the form of a credit, and

WHEREAS, providing ancillary reconnection services of meters disconnect due to non-payment after regular hours will not be provided due to safety issues, and

WHEREAS, ancillary services and fees should be reviewed on an annual basis in conjunction with GRPU primary services and rates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) has reviewed and approves the 2023 GRPU Ancillary Services and Fees as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GRPUC removes water and electric meter testing services and fees, removes the credit amount from the electric operations policy for the customer requested conversion from overhead to underground, remove the separate fees for septage and holding tank disposal, remove language related to proportionate costs to permit holders, remove the separately identified non-sufficient funds check return fee, and remove the photocopy fee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GRPUC authorizes the general manager to approve a fee for an unusual and extraordinary service not listed as a primary or secondary ancillary service and if this service is provided more than once per year to more than five requestees then the fee should be presented and approved by the GRPUC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GRPUC authorizes the general manager to reduce an approved secondary ancillary fee down to zero one time per customer for an unusual or extraordinary circumstance if the ancillary fee is \$500 or less, provided if there are more than five customers with same or similar circumstance then the general manager action to reduce an approved secondary ancillary fee will need be ratified by the GRPU Commission at the next meeting.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2023.

President

Witness:

Commissioner