



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: March 8, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to adopt Resolution 03-08-23-02 approving the 2023 Primary Services and Rates for Increased Transformation and Irrigation Water Services and Resolution 03-08-23-03 approving the 2023 Ancillary Services and Fees.

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BACKGROUND:

The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission met on February 22, 2023 and discussed the ancillary services and draft rates.

Key discussion points from the meeting were:

- Definition of primary services and secondary ancillary services.
- Fees for ancillary services should cover the direct and indirect cost of providing the service.
- If the fee is a credit to encourage a certain outcome which furthers the GRPU mission the price should be determined based on the dollar value to encourage a predetermined outcome.
- Ancillary services and fees should be reviewed on an annual basis in conjunction with primary services and rates.
- Deletion of electric and water meter testing services and fee.
- Added electric temporary use meter service and fee.
- No reconnection of meters after regular work hours due to non-payment disconnection for safety reasons.
- Increase from \$950 to \$1,000 credit for current and new customer request from overhead to underground electric service and remove dollar value from electric operations policy.
- Add irrigation water services and transformation increase services and rates not presented at December 14, 2022 Commission meeting as primary rates.
- Add new water hydrant temporary use service and fee.
- Add new water frozen meter service and fee.

- Delete two rates for septage and holding tank disposal and replace with one rate for liquid hauled waste disposal.
- Delete language related to proportionate costs to permit holders and add language to the application.
- Delete non-sufficient funds check return as there is language included in the approved customer service policy.
- Delete fees for photocopies as fees are identified in MN law.
- New language authorizing general manager to approve a fee for service not identified as a primary or secondary ancillary service and is unusual and extraordinary within parameters of once per year the service is requested from five or less requestees. If more than once per year from greater than five requestees then the fee should be presented and approved by the GRPUC.
- New language authorizing the general manager to reduce an ancillary fee down to zero one time per customer for an unusual or extraordinary circumstance if the fee is \$500 or less and if there are more than five customers with same or similar circumstance the general manager reduction action would need to be ratified by the GRPUC at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

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