

November 4, 2026

ITEM: New Business – Resolution 11.26.09: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the Firm Electric Service Contract with the United States Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration

BACKGROUND: The City of St. James has received updated agreements from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) relating to the City's existing federal hydropower allocation and the management of associated Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

The proposed agreements include an amendment to the City's existing Firm Electric Service (FES) Contract and a new Renewable Energy Certificate Management Contract (No. 26-UGPR-53) involving WAPA, the City of St. James, and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES).

The FES amendment updates WAPA's General Power Contract Provisions, including provisions allowing the resale of renewable energy certificates. The REC agreement designates MRES to manage the City's certificates in accordance with WAPA's updated Upper Great Plains Region REC Program requirements.

Under the agreement, MRES may manage and facilitate transactions involving the City's RECs; however, the City retains authority over whether its certificates are sold. MRES must obtain the City's approval before transferring, exporting, or selling certificates to an outside entity.

The new agreement replaces the City's previous REC agreement dated April 17, 2023. It does not change the City's existing firm electric service rights and obligations, which extend through December 31, 2050.

The agreements also establish responsibilities for applicable REC management and transfer fees. Approval will allow the City to continue participating in WAPA's REC program under the updated contractual requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve/Deny Resolution.