

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 4

Meeting Date:

8/25/09

SUBJECT:

2009 Infrastructure Update to Electric Utility Baseline Strategy for 2005 – 2030
Electric Infrastructure

PREPARED BY:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

At the July 2009 RPU Utility Board meeting, staff presented the results of the 2009 Infrastructure Update and distributed copies of the report to the Board for their review. Immediately following the meeting a copy of the report was posted to the RPU website to allow access to the information by our ratepayer citizens.

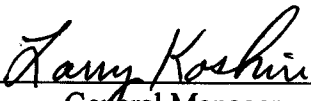
The objective of the update is to provide the analysis to support the long term resource decisions as applied to the power supply needs and regulatory requirements of RPU through the 2045 time frame.

The focus areas of the report were the contract extension or termination of the Power Sales Agreement with SMMPA in 2030, the development of renewable resources to meet Minnesota requirements, the benefit of SLP as a long term resource and the impacts of demand-side management to RPU's long range resource plan.

Earlier renditions of the Infrastructure Plans have been critical as a guide for the utility to develop the long term plans and strategies that allow us to meet our responsibilities and obligations to provide electrical energy to our citizens in an economical and environmentally sensitive manner. Staff is confident that the 2009 Infrastructure Update addresses the significant issues and provides a solid analysis and direction to the utility to allow us to meet our future obligations in a similar manner.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that the Board approve a resolution to accept the 2009 Infrastructure Update and place it on file. Staff further requests that the Board accept the recommendations included in the 2009 Infrastructure Update to be used as a guideline for power supply planning.



General Manager



Date

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to accept the 2009 Infrastructure Plan Update to Electric Utility Baseline Strategy for 2005 – 2030 and place it on file.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board accepts the recommendations included in the 2009 Infrastructure Update to be used as a guideline for power supply planning.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 25th day of August, 2009.

President

Secretary