

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 10.

Meeting Date:

3/28/06

SUBJECT:

2006 Electric Revenue Adjustment

PREPARED BY:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

At the February Utility Board meeting, staff was directed to notice the public of a increase in electric rates due to the impact of a 16.9% increase in our cost of purchase power from RPU's wholesale supplier the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA), which represents 60 % of our operating costs. The Board's preliminary consensus was that a 8.5 % increase was needed to offset the major cost increase of purchase power while maintaining an appropriate cash reserve levels.

Staff recommends that the Board proceed with a recommendation to the City Council for increasing electric rates by 8.5% effective April 4th, 2006 on all the current rate schedules. An 8.5% increase would increase the typical residential bill by approximately \$ 5 per month.

Staff would also recommend that the customer charge for a residential customer be adjusted from \$ 9 to \$ 10, and the general service customer charge be adjusted from \$17 to \$ 20 while maintaining an overall increase of 8.5% in these rate classes. The adjustment to this rate component moves us closer to what our cost-of-service model indicates we should be.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve and recommend to the City Council a 8.5% electric rate increase to all customer classes effective April 4th, 2006.
2. Approve a resolution to approve the following rate schedules effective April 4th, 2006.

Residential Service (RES)
Residential Service-Dual Fuel (RES-DF)
Residential-High Efficiency HVAC (RES-HEF)
General Service (GS)
General Service-High Efficiency
General Service Time-Of-Use (GS-TOU)
Medium General Service (MGS)
Medium General Service-High Efficiency
Medium General Service Time-Of-Use (MGS-TOU)

Large General Service (LGS)
Large Industrial Service (LIS)
Interruptible Service (INTR)
City Street Lighting (CSL)
Traffic Signals (TS)
Highway Lighting (HL)
Security Lighting (SL)
Civil Defense Sirens (CDS)



General Manager



Date

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve the following rate schedules effective April 4, 2006.

Residential Service (RES)
Residential Service-Dual Fuel (RES-DF)
Residential-High Efficiency HVAC (RES-HEF)
General Service (GS)
General Service-High Efficiency
General Service Time-Of-Use (GS-TOU)
Medium General Service (MGS)
Medium General Service-High Efficiency
Medium General Service Time-Of-Use (MGS-TOU)

Large General Service (LGS)
Large Industrial Service (LIS)
Interruptible Service (INTR)
City Street Lighting (CSL)
Traffic Signals (TS)
Highway Lighting (HL)
Security Lighting (SL)
Civil Defense Sirens (CDS)

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 28th day of March 2006.

President

Secretary



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, that the Common Council of the said City is requested to approve a 8.5% increase electric rates effective April 4, 2006 to the following rate classes:

Residential Service (RES)	Large General Service (LGS)
Residential Service-Dual Fuel (RES-DF)	Large Industrial Service (LIS)
Residential-High Efficiency HVAC (RES-HEF)	Interruptible Service (INTR)
General Service (GS)	City Street Lighting (CSL)
General Service-High Efficiency	Traffic Signals (TS)
General Service Time-Of-Use (GS-TOU)	Highway Lighting (HL)
Medium General Service (MGS)	Security Lighting (SL)
Medium General Service-High Efficiency	Civil Defense Sirens (CDS)
Medium General Service Time-Of-Use (MGS-TOU)	

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President

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