

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 11.

Meeting Date:

2/28/06

SUBJECT:

Environmental Permit Fees: MN/DNR Water Use Fees

PREPARED BY:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The appropriation and use of surface and ground water in the State of Minnesota is regulated by Minnesota Statutes 103G.271 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 6115. Subp. 6 of the statute prescribes the fees for annual water use. Revenue from these fees are paid to the State of Minnesota to support much of the cost of the Minnesota DNR-Division of Water's Water Appropriation Program.

The following water use fees exceed the GM approval level, thus payment requires Board Action:

- Municipal water system (ground water) Permit #795076 -- \$50,330
- SLP once-through cooling system (surface water) Permit #935065 -- \$78,044

Various environmental fees, including an estimate of the annual fee for water use, were included in the Year 2006 budget approved by the Board and Council.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Utility Board approval of the resolution authorizing payment of the above water use fees, totaling \$128,374, payable to State of Minnesota, DNR-Waters.


General Manager

2/23/06
Date

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to authorize payment of water use fees in the amount of \$128,374 for 2006, payable to State of Minnesota, DNR-Waters for municipal water system (ground water) Permit #795076 and SLP once-through cooling system (surface water) Permit #935065.

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

President

Secretary