

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 12.

Meeting Date:

12/13/07

SUBJECT:

Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA)
Confirmation Agreement – Sale of Capacity
Confirmation Agreement – Purchase of Capacity

PREPARED BY:

Wally Schlink, Director of Power Resources

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

RPU and MMPA have been participating in discussions concerning the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) accredited capacity from the Silver Lake Power Plant (SLP) that has been sold under existing agreements, and both parties desire to sell for another year.

There are mutually beneficial reasons to consider executing a sales agreement for the capacity; a revenue stream for RPU and the establishment of transmission rights from the SLP to the grid for both RPU and MMPA. The establishment of the Midwest Independent System Operator and the start of operation under that system make it critical that access to the rest of the grid is established for both organizations.

The tariffs and rules established by the Mid-Continent Energy Marketing Association and by the MAPP establish the rules and regulations that will control any transaction between the parties.

To establish the fair market value of the SLP capacity, RPU staff accessed our marketing partners. Staff also considered the market price we were able to receive in past transactions when we sold capacity from Cascade Creek to the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and our prior agreement with MMPA.

Staff used this data to establish a market value of \$15 00 per kilowatt year for both the sale and the purchase of the capacity for 2007 - 2008.

The revenue generated by the sale of SLP capacity from RPU to MMPA is \$750,000 for the period November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008. The cost of the capacity purchased by RPU from MMPA is \$525,000 for the same time period.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the two Confirmation Agreements; Sale of Capacity and Purchase of Capacity, with the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and request the Mayor to execute the Confirmation Agreements with the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency.


General Manager

12-13-07
Date

CONFIRMATION AGREEMENT

Sale of Capacity

This Confirmation Agreement (“Agreement”) shall confirm the agreement reached on _____ by and between the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (“MMPA”) and the City of Rochester Minnesota acting through it’s Public Utility Board (“RPU”), hereinafter MMPA and RPU are sometimes referred to singly as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”, with respect to the purchase of Firm Capacity/Energy under the terms and conditions as set forth below.

Presently MMPA is purchasing 50 MW of Participation Power from RPU pursuant to a 1992 agreement. Simultaneously MMPA is purchasing an additional 50 MW of capacity under a separate agreement. That agreement is scheduled to terminate on October 31, 2007. The Parties wish to continue the purchase of the additional 50 MW by MMPA for another year with a sale back of 35 MW to RPU.

Seller: RPU

Buyer: MMPA

Governing Agreement: Mid-Continent Energy Marketers Association Capacity and Energy Tariff, effective December 2, 2003 (“MEMA Agreement”).

Contract Term: November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008

Commodity: MAPP Product A: Participation Power Interchange Service

Contract Quantity: 50 MW of capacity, and associated energy available during the Contract Term.

Capacity Price: The capacity price shall be \$15 00 per kilowatt/year for the Contract Term. The total capacity payment under this Agreement shall be \$750,000, payable in 12 monthly installments of \$62,500 per month.

Energy Price: Energy delivered shall be at prices equal to market prices. Market price will be the SLP nodal LMP price, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

Scheduling: Schedules shall be submitted to RPU no later than 12:00 pm Central Prevailing Time of the prior Business Day, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Delivery Point: The Cascade Creek Substation input to the one hundred sixty-one thousand (161,000) volt transmission system and/or the Chester Substation input to the one hundred sixty-one thousand (161,000) volt transmission system. Notwithstanding the Point of Delivery, the amount of capacity and energy delivered to MMPA shall be as metered at SLP.

Transmission and Losses: RPU shall be responsible for any transmission and ancillary service charges, and transmission energy losses, associated with transmitting energy to the Delivery Point. MMPA shall be responsible for any transmission and ancillary service charges, and transmission energy losses, associated with transmitting energy from the Delivery Point

Curtailement: When scheduled, RPU shall be obligated to deliver energy to MMPA at the Delivery Point and MMPA shall be obligated to accept delivery of the energy at the Delivery Point, except in the event of (i) Uncontrollable Forces as defined by the Governing Agreement; or, (ii) firm transmission is curtailed by a FERC approved process for any transmission loading relief and/or line loading relief event

Conditions Precedent: This Agreement is contingent upon (i) MMPA securing confirmed firm transmission service from the Delivery Point to the MMPA system, and (ii) the Commodity purchased and sold hereunder being approved as Accredited Capacity in accordance with MAPP procedures governing the accreditation of capacity (together, the Conditions Precedent"). MMPA will be responsible for submitting all necessary documentation to MAPP for accreditation. If for any reason any of the Conditions Precedent is not satisfied before November 1, 2007, then this Agreement, in its entirety, shall automatically terminate as to the Parties' commitments hereunder without liability of either Party. Each Party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Conditions Precedent to be satisfied.

Confidentiality: Except as required by state or federal data practices laws, neither Party shall disclose the terms and provisions of this Agreement, except to the extent required in order to satisfy the Conditions Precedent; provided, that if a Party is required by law to make such a disclosure, it shall first notify the other Party, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt, at its own expense, to restrict or prevent such disclosure, and shall allow the other Party to participate in such attempt, should it choose to do so

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

Dated: _____

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES

General Manager

CITY OF ROCHESTER

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Reviewed By:

City Attorney

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

By: _____
David Pokorney

Title: _____
Chairman

CONFIRMATION AGREEMENT

Purchase of Capacity

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Seller: MMPA

Buyer: RPU

Governing Agreement: Mid-Continent Energy Marketers Association Capacity and Energy Tariff, effective December 2, 2003 ("MEMA Agreement").

Contract Term: November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008

Commodity: MAPP Product A: System Participation Power Interchange Service

Contract Quantity: 35 MW of capacity, and associated energy available during the Contract Term.

Capacity Price: The capacity price shall be \$15.00 per kilowatt/year for the Contract Term. The total capacity payment under this Agreement shall be \$525,000 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$42,750 per month.

Energy Price: Energy delivered shall be at prices equal to market prices. Market Price will be the SLP nodal LMP price, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

Scheduling: Schedules shall be submitted to MMPA no later than 12:00 pm Central Prevailing Time of the prior Business Day, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Delivery Point: The Silver Lake Plant

Transmission and Losses: MMPA shall be responsible for any transmission and ancillary service charges, and transmission energy losses, associated with transmitting energy to the Delivery Point. RPU shall be responsible for any transmission and

ancillary service charges, and transmission energy losses, associated with transmitting energy from the Delivery Point

Curtailment: When scheduled, MMPA shall be obligated to deliver energy to RPU at the Delivery Point and RPU shall be obligated to accept delivery of the energy at the Delivery Point, except in the event of (i) Uncontrollable Forces as defined by the Governing Agreement; or, (ii) firm transmission is curtailed by a FERC approved process for any transmission loading relief and/or line loading relief event.

Condition Precedent: This Agreement is contingent upon the Commodity purchased and sold hereunder being approved as Accredited Capacity in accordance with MAPP procedures governing the accreditation of capacity. RPU will be responsible for submitting all necessary documentation to MAPP for accreditation. If for any reason the Condition Precedent is not satisfied before November 1, 2007, then this Agreement, in its entirety, shall automatically terminate as to the Parties' commitments hereunder without liability of either Party. Each Party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Conditions Precedent to be satisfied.

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Dated: _____

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES

General Manager

CITY OF ROCHESTER

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

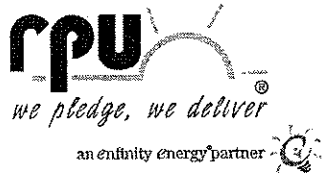
Reviewed By:

City Attorney

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY

By: _____
David Pokorney

Title: _____
Chairman



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve two Confirmation Agreements with the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, and request that the Mayor and City Clerk execute the agreements for

Confirmation Agreement – Sale of Capacity (50 MW)
Confirmation Agreement – Purchase of Capacity (35 MW)

The contract term to be November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008.

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, 13th day of December 2007.

President

Secretary