

**REVISED****FOR BOARD ACTION****Agenda Item #** 10**Meeting Date:** 2/24/09**SUBJECT:** Environmental Permit Fees – MN/DNR Water Use Fees**PREPARED BY:** Bill Cook, Manager Work Management and Integrated Services**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 paid to the State of Minnesota is used to support 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 -- \$50,212.40
- SLP once-through cooling system (surface water) Permit #935065 -- \$64,372.80

RPU Main Water System				
	Billion Gallons	Base Fee	Summer Surcharge	Total Water Use Fee
2008	4.5	\$36,270	\$13,942	\$50,212
2007	5.1	\$38,273	\$15,629	\$53,902
2006	5.1	\$38,047	\$18,298	\$56,345
2005	4.7	\$35,238	\$15,092	\$50,330
2004	4.6	\$34,364	N/A	\$34,364
2003	5	\$37,492	N/A	\$37,492

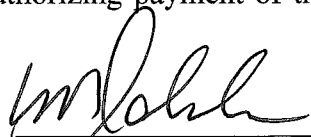
SLP Surface Water Use		
	Billion Gallons	Water Use Fee
2008	8.0	\$64,373
2007	9.6	\$71,716
2006	8.3	\$62,020
2005	10.4	\$78,044
2004	9.7	\$72,878
2003	10.4	\$77,879

**FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:**

The 2009 budget includes the cost for all environmental fees including annual water use fees.

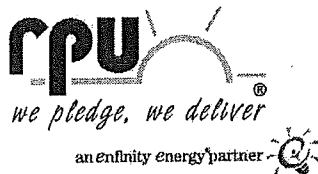
**UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Utility Board approval of the resolution authorizing payment of the above water use fees, totaling \$114,585.20.

  
Acting General Manager

2-24-09  
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 \$114,585.20 for 2008, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

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President

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Secretary