

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 6

Meeting Date:

1/26/10

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 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 -- \$52,645.78
- SLP once-through cooling system (surface water) Permit #935065 -- \$30,785.60

RPU Main Water System				
	Billion Gallons	Base Fee	Summer Surcharge	Total Water Use Fee
2009	4.7	\$37,331	\$15,315	\$52,646
2008	4.8	\$38,147	\$13,942	\$52,089
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

SLP Surface Water Use		
	Billion Gallons	Water Use Fee
2009	3.8	\$30,786
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

FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:

The 2010 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 \$83,431.38.


General Manager

1/21/10
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 \$83,431.38 for 2009, 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 26th day of January, 2010.

President

Secretary