

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 7

Meeting Date:

1/30/07

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 -- \$56,645
- SLP once-through cooling system (surface water) Permit #935065 -- \$62,020

Various environmental fees, including an estimate of the annual fee for water use, were included in the 2007 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 \$118,665.

Larry Koshin
General Manager

1/26/07
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 \$118,665 for 2007, 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 30th day of January, 2007.

President

Secretary