



MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - 4:30 PM

Hjemkomst Center
202 First Avenue North, Moorhead
Auditorium

Commissioners:

Joel Paulsen, Chairperson
Paul Baker, Vice Chairperson
Lisa Borgen, Secretary
Heidi Durand
Matt Leiseth
Jason Ness

Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager

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1. Call to Order

2. Approve Agenda

3. Approve Consent Agenda

All agenda items listed with an asterisk (*) are on the consent agenda and are considered routine or non-controversial. These items may be enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is a motion to approve the consent agenda. No discussion is expected for the items on the consent agenda; however, prior to approving the consent agenda, the Commission may request specific items be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate action.

***4. Approve Minutes of May 20, 2025**

***5. Approve Bills for Payment**

6. Customers to Be Heard/Recognitions

7. Old Business

8. **Reports**
 - a. **City Council**
 - b. **Public Service Commission**
 - c. **General Manager's Report**
- *9. **Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Furnishing 115 kV Breakers at MPS' Northeast Substation**
- *10. **Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Furnishing Electric Power Transformers at MPS' Northeast Substation**
11. **Discuss the Moorhead City Hall Renovation Project**
12. **Close Meeting for Executive Session (if needed)**
13. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. **Public Service Commission Meetings**
June 17, 2025
July 1, 2025 (if needed)
 - b. **Meeting Opportunities for Commissioners^(A)**
 - **APPA National Conference**
June 6-11, 2025, New Orleans, LA
 - **AWWA Annual Conference**
June 8-11, 2025, Denver, CO
 - **MMUA Summer Conference**
August 18-20, 2025, Rochester, MN
14. **Adjourn**

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MMUA = Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association - www.mmua.org
MRES = Missouri River Energy Services - www.mrenergy.com
AWWA = American Water Works Association - www.aww.org
MN AWWA = American Water Works Association-Minnesota Section - www.mnawwa.org
RRBC = Red River Basin Commission - www.redriverbasincommission.org

Minutes of the Moorhead Public Service Commission
Hjemkomst Center, Auditorium
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 4:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Baker, Lisa Borgen, Heidi Durand (Interactive Technology—Personal), Matthew Leiseth, Jason Ness, and Joel Paulsen

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Travis Schmidt, Staff Members Adam Benhardt, Taylor Holte, Jake Long, Kurt McClain, Mark Moilanen, Andrew Nord, Lisa Norstad, Marc Pritchard, Alison Skansgaard, and Aaron Southard; MPS Attorney John Boulger; Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Paulsen called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. A quorum of the following members was present: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen.

2. APPROVE AGENDA.

Commissioner Leiseth made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

[The consent agenda approved above includes all items shown herein with an asterisk (*). These items were considered routine or non-controversial by the Commission and were enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is the motion above to approve the consent agenda.]

***4. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2025.**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***6. ACCEPT PETITION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER AND ELECTRIC SERVICES FOR PRAIRIE PARKWAY 2ND ADDITION.**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the petition for installation of water and electric services for Lots 2-5, Block 1, and all of Blocks 2 and 3 of Prairie Parkway 2nd Addition, in the city of Moorhead in accordance with Minnesota Statute §429.031, Subdivision 2. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***7. APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***8. APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF OZONE GENERATOR AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT MOORHEAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for the construction phase of the Ozone Generator and Equipment Replacement Project at Moorhead Public Service's Water Treatment Plant, contingent upon final legal approval. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

9. CUSTOMERS TO BE HEARD/RECOGNITIONS.

General Manager Travis Schmidt acknowledged the presence of one Customer to be Heard, Rose Hanson. Chairperson Paulsen invited Ms. Hanson to address the Commission.

Ms. Hanson reported that the recent installation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) water meter at her residence resulted in damage to a portion of her tankless water heater. She detailed the information she has gathered to date and noted that her claim had been denied by Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') contractor. Ms. Hanson requested that MPS investigate the matter further and provide her with a resolution.

Chairperson Paulsen reassured Ms. Hanson that MPS and the Commission were aware of the situation. Paulsen reviewed the roles that MPS and the licensed contractor play regarding this situation. Schmidt provided an overview of the problem and requested that Water Distribution Manager Jake Long present additional details to the Commission. Discussion was held. Following the discussion, Schmidt recommended that the Commission use the Commission's Budget Working Group to discuss the situation and findings. Commissioner Borgen volunteered to replace previous Commissioner Matt Gilbertson on the Budget Working Group. Paulsen stated that MPS will provide a response to Ms. Hanson based on the findings of the Budget Working Group. Discussion was held regarding a licensed plumber installing AMI water meters.

Schmidt recognized Senior Electric Field Technician Tyler Mathison for reaching his 10-year employment milestone.

10. OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business to discuss.

11. REPORTS.

City Council.

Commissioner Borgen reported that she recently attended Missouri River Energy Services' (MRES') Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, along with Water Distribution Manager Jake Long. Discussion was held.

Public Service Commission.

No report was made.

General Manager's Report.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided an introduction to the General Manager's Report, which included the 2025 first quarter Strategic Plan updates, the quarterly dashboard for the first quarter, an update on Minnesota's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the legislative newsletter from MRES. Schmidt provided highlights of MPS' dashboards for the first quarter of 2025. Finance Division Manager Mark Moilanen provided an update on the funding concerns regarding LIHEAP. Discussion was held.

Accept Report on 2024 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Summary and 2025 CIP Plan.

Project Engineer Taylor Holte provided an update on the 2024 CIP and CIP plans for 2025. Holte reported that MPS exceeded its CIP spending requirements for 2024. The 2025 CIP plan mirrors the successful strategies of 2024, with an additional emphasis on energy savings programs and rebates designed to enhance the energy efficiency of MPS' residential and business customers. Staff will continue to work closely with MRES to utilize its marketing and program resources to help meet future CIP goals and requirements. Holte responded to questions of the Commission. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Ness made a motion to accept the report on the 2024 Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) and CIP plans for 2025. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

Accept Report on Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Sampling.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard provided an overview of the Lead and Copper Rule Revision and updated the Commission on the new timeline for water sample monitoring, as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. Pritchard also discussed the upcoming addition of orthophosphate to MPS' Water Treatment Plant. Pritchard highlighted the positive impact this addition will have on water quality and the updated water sampling schedule. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Leiseth made a motion to accept the report on the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, with a focus on upcoming sampling activities scheduled for 2025. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

12. APPROVE 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Finance Division Manager Mark Moilanen and Jamie Fay, CPA and partner of Eide Bailly, presented MPS' 2024 Audited Financial Statements and Executive Summary. Fay provided a PowerPoint presentation. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statements, Executive Summary, and Eide Bailly's Management Letter to the Commission. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

13. AWARD BID FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT 415 HIGHWAY 75 NORTH.

Construction Manager Adam Benhardt presented details regarding the bids received for the construction and installation of a new roof on MPS' storage building located at 415 Highway 75 North in Moorhead. MPS collaborated with Sandman Structural Engineers (SSE) to provide engineering services for this project. SSE and MPS staff recommend awarding the bid to Gateway Building Systems.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to award the bid for replacing the roof at Moorhead Public Service's storage building located at 415 Highway 75 North in Moorhead to Gateway Building Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$164,200, contingent upon final legal approval, as shown on the Bid Tabulation Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

14. APPROVE SUMMER VOLUNTARY WATERING RESTRICTIONS.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard provided an update on summer conservation efforts, including the implementation of voluntary watering restrictions effective May 28, 2025, to September 30, 2025. Pritchard also requested that the Commission authorize General Manager Travis Schmidt to implement further conservation measures, if necessary. Pritchard mentioned that these conservation measures are outlined in MPS' Water Supply Plan, which is on file with regulatory agencies. Pritchard responded to questions of the Commission. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Ness made a motion to approve summer conservation efforts in the form of voluntary watering restrictions, effective May 28, 2025, to September 30, 2025, and give authority to the General Manager to implement further conservation measures, if necessary. Commissioner Durand seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

15. APPOINT MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON MPS' WELLHEAD PROTECTION TEAM.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard provided an overview of MPS' Wellhead Protection Plan and the need for its 10-year update and amendment process. Pritchard noted that Commission representatives are needed to serve on the Wellhead Protection Team. Pritchard explained that MPS will work with local government units throughout the amendment process and will seek feedback on the overall effectiveness of the plan within Clay County.

Commissioners Durand and Ness volunteered to serve on the Wellhead Protection Team. Pritchard responded to questions of the Commission. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Leiseth made a motion to appoint Commissioners Durand and Ness to serve on the Wellhead Protection Team throughout the update process of the Wellhead Protection Plan, and authorize the General Manager to send letters to local government units requesting them to appoint or approve their own representatives to participate in the update process. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

16. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR MOORHEAD SAUSAGE FEST 2025.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided information on the sponsorship request for the Moorhead Sausage Fest 2025. Schmidt stated that the event aligns with MPS' sponsorship criteria and is open to the general public. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to approve the sponsorship request for Moorhead Sausage Fest 2025 in the amount of \$1,500. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

17. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM FRED'S DISSONANCE FOR MOORHEAD JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided information on the sponsorship request from Fred's Dissonance for the Moorhead Juneteenth Celebration. Schmidt stated that the event aligns with MPS' sponsorship criteria and is open to the general public. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to approve the sponsorship request from Fred's Dissonance for the Moorhead Juneteenth Celebration in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

18. CLOSE MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Chairperson Paulsen stated that the meeting will be closed for executive session as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c), to discuss a possible property transaction involving Parcel No. 10.032.1000 in Clay County, Minnesota.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to close the meeting for executive session. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

THE MEETING CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:45 PM.

PRESENT IN CLOSED SESSION WERE: COMMISSIONERS PAUL BAKER, LISA BORGEN, HEIDI DURAND, MATTHEW LEISETH, JASON NESS, AND JOEL PAULSEN; GENERAL MANAGER TRAVIS SCHMIDT; STAFF MEMBERS JAKE LONG, MARK MOILANEN, AND MARC PRITCHARD; MPS ATTORNEY JOHN BOULGER.

Commissioner Leiseth made a motion to adjourn executive session. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Voting Yes: Baker, Borgen, Durand, Leiseth, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

[No action was taken in closed session; therefore, a motion was not presented in open session.]

19. UPCOMING MEETINGS.

Upcoming meetings of the Moorhead Public Service Commission are scheduled for June 17, 2025, and July 1, 2025 (if needed).

20. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

The minutes herein are approved on this 3rd day of June, 2025.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Joel Paulsen
Chairpersonⁱ

Lisa Borgen
Secretaryⁱ

ⁱ Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Moorhead Public Service Commission adopted January 18, 2022, Article 3, Section 11, states, "The Chairperson and Secretary shall sign, execute, and acknowledge all instruments authorized by the Commission or as are incident to the office. If either the Chairperson or Secretary is unavailable to execute an instrument, the Vice Chairperson may execute the instrument in place of the unavailable officer. Execution of instruments by two officers is required."



ARCHITECTURE PLANNING

RE-ROOF PROJECT (1901-2)
Moorhead Public Service
Moorhead, Minnesota

BID TABULATION
May 8, 2025

Bidder	Bond	Addendum	BASE BID - ALL WORK	COMMENTS
Allstar Construction Companies, LLC Horace, ND	X	X	\$345,093.67	
Asset Protection & Restoration, Inc. Hutchinson, MN	X	X	\$241,231.00	
Bristlin Services, LLC Balsam Lake, WI	X	X	\$275,300.00	
Gateway Building Systems West Fargo, ND	X	X	\$164,200.00	APPARENT LOW Project is under advisement
North Star Contracting, LLC Fargo, ND	X	X	\$712,200.00	
Valor Contracting West Fargo, ND	X	X	\$301,900.00	

General Manager's Report

1. State Legislative Newsletter.

As a member of Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) and Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), MPS benefits from lobbying efforts that are in MPS' best interest. Attached is the most recent newsletter from MRES.

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.



MRES Legislative Line

Iowa

Visit the Iowa page on the Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) website to track bills in Iowa that are of interest to MRES members and access the 2025-26 [Iowa Legislative Guide](#).

Iowa Fast Facts:

- The Iowa Legislature adjourned *sine die* on May 15.
- Eminent domain legislation (HF 639) passed the legislature and is waiting for the governor to sign or veto.

Minnesota

Visit the [Minnesota page](#) to track bills of interest to MRES members in Minnesota. The [MRES Minnesota Legislative Guide for 2025-2026](#) is now available for printing.

Minnesota Fast Facts:

The regular session concluded on May 19; a special session is pending.

Please note: The MRES website has bill tracking for the Special Session set up. As soon as they go into Special Session and bills start to appear, they will go on the Special Session portions of the [Minnesota page](#).

Session Update

During the last weekend of the session, it became apparent that no one was in a hurry to finish everything by midnight on May 19. The result is

that midnight came with a significant amount of work left to be done.

The Governor immediately announced that a Special Session would be called when the House and Senate agreed on all remaining bills. Bills pending in a conference committee included Energy, Commerce and Consumer Protections, and Environment and Natural Resources. At the session's close, there was no bonding bill or agreement on data centers, and the House and Senate versions of the Tax bill were still sitting on their respective floors waiting for a vote.

The Governor's announcement indicated that if the Special Session went beyond June 1, state employees would begin preparing for a state government shutdown. The next biennium begins July 1, so all budget bills must be passed and signed into law by midnight on June 30 to keep the government open for business.

Last Tuesday, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman (DFL-Brooklyn Park) announced that legislative leaders and the Governor gave all conference committees (now called workgroups for this interim) a deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, to finish their work. Workgroups were also required to present offers at least twice daily. She hoped Thursday would be used for drafting and finalizing things for the floor; with a one-day Special Session on Friday, May 23, to vote bills off the floor.

However, as of Friday, the workgroups were not finished and may continue this week. We do not have a date for a Special Session yet. Leadership wants to have all bills agreed upon so they can do a

one-day Special Session. Going into the long weekend, it was rumored that the one-day Special Session would be Wednesday, May 28,

All the workgroups, except the Tax workgroup, met behind closed doors. As of Memorial Day, we are still waiting for news to emerge from behind closed doors.

Omnibus Tax

As of last Wednesday, the day of the leadership-imposed deadline for workgroups, only the Tax workgroup had been posting amendments. On Tuesday, an amendment was posted from the Senate. Note that it would have required that the IOUs develop large customer tariffs; that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) must modify, approve, or reject the IOU tariffs; and that the MPUC must collect a yearly tariff from data centers based on their peak electric use. A later offer from the House removed this language. The offer terminated data center tax exemptions for electric use but allowed data center exemptions to continue for building materials and equipment.

The tax workgroup was still working out agreements on various provisions going into the holiday weekend.

Omnibus Energy

The energy workgroup met behind closed doors. It was announced on Thursday that they were getting closer, but there were still sticking points. No announcement was made on what those sticking points may be. Popular wisdom is that there is still opposition to the Senate language sunsetting the mandatory Community Solar Garden program (in Xcel territory only). While it is hard to know what goes on behind closed doors, this will likely be a key sticking point in negotiations.

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources

The Environment and Natural Resources workgroup met behind closed doors. On Thursday, it was announced that the workgroup was still working on agreement language. Word is that the bill would include some permit reform language, but that the air dispersion modeling language would not be included.

Omnibus Commerce

It was announced on Thursday that the Commerce workgroup had reached an agreement and had been drafted, except for proofreading. It is hoped that the agreement will include language stating that public charging stations may sell electricity at a per kWh rate, provided the owner of the charging station receives all its electricity from the incumbent utility. North Dakota and South Dakota have similar statutes. Utilities are supportive of this language and would like to see it pass. It should be available soon.

Data Centers

As noted above, the data center issues have been mainly relegated to the tax workgroup, although negotiations continue elsewhere. It has become clear that, at least for this session, the language that would have gutted the RES/CFS off-ramps is no longer being considered. However, this is an issue that will come up in future sessions.

North Dakota

North Dakota Fast Facts:

The N.D. Legislature adjourned *sine die* May 3.

Interim Studies

The legislature will begin working on interim study topics passed as part of the bills and resolutions during the session. There is a meeting of the Legislative Management Committee on May 28 to prioritize studies, assign the studies to specific interim committees, and populate the interim committees with legislators. MRES will also monitor the Energy Development and Transmission Committee during the interim.

While the newsletter will be on hiatus after the Minnesota legislative Special Session is concluded, MRES will alert North Dakota members via email if anything of note arises.

South Dakota

Visit the [South Dakota page](#) on the Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) website to follow bills of

interest to MRES members in South Dakota and access the 2025-26 South Dakota Legislative Guide.

South Dakota Fast Facts:

The S.D. legislature adjourned *sine die* on March 31.

Federal

After many late nights, negotiations, and last-minute deals, the U.S. House passed the budget package in the early-morning hours of Thursday after an all-night session. The package passed 215 to 214, with two Republicans (Rep. Massie of Kentucky and Rep. Davidson of Ohio). The bill extends the 2017 tax cuts, increases border and deportation funding, implements work requirements for Medicaid, and rolls back many green energy tax incentives.

The bill now goes over to the Senate. GOP Senators have already signaled that several changes will be made to the bill.

Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Furnishing 115 kV Breakers at Northeast Substation

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for furnishing 115 kV breakers at Moorhead Public Service's Northeast Substation, contingent upon final legal approval.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2024, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) entered into a Task Order Agreement for Professional Services with DGR Engineering (DGR). Task Order No. 1 was for miscellaneous engineering services to address items, which included a review of relay settings, fault analysis, or other minor engineering needs. Task Order No. 12, which was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2025, is for engineering services for the Northeast Substation (NE Substation) Project and consists of building a new substation to replace and relocate the existing NE Substation.

MPS owns and operates the NE Substation located in north Moorhead. The current location of the NE Substation has water issues that would be difficult and expensive to repair, and contains several major pieces of equipment nearing the end of their lifecycle. The best way to address these issues is to relocate and build a new substation above the floodplain, and then retire and demolish the old substation once the new NE Substation is operational.

DGR has prepared specifications (available upon request) for six 115 kV breakers. The bid opening is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2025. Due to long lead times, the 115 kV breakers are expected to arrive in July 2027.

The specifications will be available for review by the Commission and MPS staff in MPS' Business Office, upon final legal approval.

KEY ISSUES:

- Task Order No. 12, which was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2025, is for engineering services for the NE Substation Project and consists of building a new substation to replace and relocate the existing NE Substation.
- DGR has prepared specifications for the six 115 kV breakers that will be installed at the new NE Substation.
- Due to long lead times, the 115 kV breakers are expected to arrive in July 2027.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

Respectfully Submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Taylor Holte, Electric Project Engineer.

Attachments: Available upon request.

Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for Furnishing Electric Power Transformers at MPS' Northeast Substation

RECOMMENDATION:

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DGR has prepared specifications (available upon request) for two 115kV/12.47kV, 28 MVA transformers. The bid opening is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2025. Due to long lead times, the transformers are expected to arrive in July 2028.

The specifications will be available for review by the Commission and MPS staff in MPS' Business Office, upon final legal approval.

KEY ISSUES:

- Task Order No. 12, which was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2025, is for engineering services for the NE Substation Project and consists of building a new substation to replace and relocate the existing NE Substation.
- DGR has prepared specifications for two 115kV/12.47kV, 28 MVA transformers that will be installed at the new NE Substation.
- Due to long lead times, the transformers are expected to arrive in July 2028.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

Respectfully Submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Taylor Holte, Electric Project Engineer.

Attachments: Available upon request.

Discuss the Moorhead City Hall Renovation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission discuss the Moorhead City Hall Renovation Project.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2024, the City of Moorhead (City) began the planning and design phase for renovating Moorhead City Hall (City Hall). The Moorhead City Hall Renovation Project (Renovation Project) was initiated in response to the Downtown Moorhead Development Project, which involved construction work nearby and the failure of the boiler system at City Hall. Since that time, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) staff has been involved with the temporary relocation and design development process.

In September 2024, two Commissioners attended a Renovation Project meeting to remain actively engaged and gain a better understanding of the costs, MPS' space requirements, and other project-related needs. MPS' group attending the meeting included Commissioner Heidi Durand, former Chairperson Kristine Thompson, and General Manager Travis Schmidt, and the City's group included Mayor Shelly Carlson, Council Member Chuck Hendrickson, City Manager Dan Mahli, and the City's consultant, JLG Architects. MPS' concerns with the Renovation Project are the safety of MPS' employees, providing a secure work area for employees, and the costs to MPS.

In November 2024, the groups agreed to move forward based on the conceptual plan and the concerns addressed by MPS. However, at that time, MPS' cost share would be determined once more accurate information became available, as only preliminary estimates were available. No additional meetings have been held since the November 2024 meeting, as the Renovation Project transitioned from the conceptual to the design phase.

The City and its consultant, JLG Architects, will provide verbal and visual updates at Tuesday's meeting, ensuring that the entire Commission is up to date regarding the Renovation Project.

KEY ISSUES:

- In September 2024, two Commissioners attended a Renovation Project meeting to remain actively engaged and gain a better understanding of the costs, MPS' space requirements, and other project-related needs.
- In November 2024, the groups agreed to move forward based on the conceptual plan and the concerns addressed by MPS.
- The City and its consultant, JLG Architects, will provide verbal and visual updates at Tuesday's meeting, ensuring that the entire Commission is up to date regarding the Renovation Project.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- MPS' cost share will be determined once more accurate information becomes available, as only preliminary estimates have been available to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis L. Schmidt".

Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

Attachments: None