

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 17-1428

Pertaining to an Agreement for Water Service with the City of Minneapolis providing for a connection between the Saint Paul and Minneapolis water systems.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The connection itself was constructed in University Avenue at Emerald Street SE in conjunction with Central Corridor Light Rail construction. Controlled by valves on each side and separated by a spacer inside an underground vault, the connection can be used to provide a small portion of Minneapolis or Saint Paul with water service under emergency or other limited conditions.

A previous version of this agreement had been presented to the Board in August 2014. At that time, there were concerns over the term of the agreement and its limits on use of the connection to emergencies only. The Board decided to table the agreement. Staff has since renegotiated the agreement to alleviate these concerns.

Key elements changed from prior version:

1. Use of the connection for anything other than an emergency can be allowed if approved by the proper officers of each party.
2. The term of the agreement is 30 years with an automatic renewal for an additional 30 years. However, either party may provide notice prior to the end of the initial 30 year period and end the agreement. Notice must be given between September 1, 2042 and September 1, 2044. The agreement may be canceled at any other time by mutual agreement of the parties.

Key elements that remain:

1. Each party will maintain its side of the connection and the cost to maintain the vault will be shared equally.
2. During any connection the daily charge for the water used will be \$1,700.00 per day for each and every day or portion thereof and shall increase by 3% each year thereafter.

The agreement has been approved by the City of Minneapolis and approved as to form by the assistant city attorney.

See attached Location Map and Agreement for Water Service.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.