



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Council Session

Item G-9

#2013-234 - Approving Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Confidentiality Agreement

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Stacy Nonhof

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

Meeting: July 23, 2013

Subject: Southwest Power Pool Confidentiality Agreement

Item #'s: G-9

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

The Electric Department maintains a 115,000 volt transmission loop including distribution substations and several transmission connections with the regional grid. The regional grid is part of a much larger area operated by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) based in Little Rock, Arkansas. Grand Island has recently become a customer of SPP and continues to become more involved with SPP as markets change.

Discussion

In a post-911 world, security of sensitive documentation has become increasingly more important. Customers of SPP share sensitive information with other utilities for transmission planning purposes. This information is known to SPP as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). In an effort to maintain the security of this information, SPP is requiring a Non-Disclosure Agreement to be signed by all participating utilities. A copy of the Confidential Agreement will be furnished to Council under separate cover.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council that the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to a future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends the SPP Confidentiality Agreement be approved and signed to allow access to SPP transmission related material.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the SPP Confidentiality Agreement to allow access to SPP transmission related material.

RESOLUTION 2013-234

WHEREAS, electric generation plants are connected to a national electric transmission grid for the distribution of electricity to users; and

WHEREAS, the regional grid that Grand Island is located in is the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and security of sensitive documentation has become increasingly important in a post 9-11 world; and

WHEREAS, customers of SPP share sensitive information with other utilities for transmission planning purposes, known as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) ; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain the security of this information, SPP is requiring a Non-Disclosure Agreement to be signed by all participating utilities; and

WHEREAS, Utilities Department and Legal staff have reviewed the agreement and recommend that it be executed by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, the Southwest Power Pool Confidentiality Agreement is hereby approved, and the Utilities Director is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 23, 2013.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 22, 2013	☐ City Attorney