### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT Committee Meetings Agenda

1:00 p.m. May 7, 2025

- 1. Safety Briefing
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Open Meetings Act Notice

#### **Public Hearing**

- Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book
   [Stephanie Lemonds Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis] Tab 5
- 2. Invitation for Public to Comment

#### Construction & Operations - Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

- 1. Capital Expenditures [Kendall Minor SVP & Chief Operations Officer] Tab 6
- Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates [Trevor Tonniges – Director, Plant Engineering] – Tab 7
- 3. Bids on Materials and Contracts [Jon Zellars VP, Procurement & Enterprise Services] Tab 8

#### Services & Extensions - Friend, Begley, Howard

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya – VP, Engineering] – Tab 9

#### Personnel - Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

 Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratification [Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] – Tab 10

#### <u>Judicial & Legislation – Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard</u>

- 1. Fourth Legislative Report for 2025 [Rick Kubat Governmental Relations Attorney] Tab 11
- 2. Condemnation Authority Lot 1 Teply's Timbers Addition [Justin Cooper Attorney] Tab 12

#### Insurance & Pensions - Howard, McGowan, Cook

1. Proposed Changes to Pension and OPEB Investment Policy Statements [Mark Myers – SVP & Chief Financial Officer] – **Tab 13** 

#### Accounts, Expenditures, Finance & Rates - McGowan, Begley, Cook

 Proposed Revisions to Rate Schedule F, Fixed Rate Gas Service [Geneva Patterson – Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs] – Tab 14

#### Committee of the Whole

- Infrastructure Replacement Program Update
   [Evan Martin Director, Infrastructure Integrity] Tab A (INFORMATION ONLY)
- 2. State of the District [Mark Doyle President] Tab B (INFORMATION ONLY)

### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

2:00 p.m. May 7, 2025 Roll Call 2. Open Meetings Act Notice 3. Pledge of Allegiance 4. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meeting for April 2, 2025 ACCOUNTS, 5. Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book (RESOLUTION) EXPENDITURES. FINANCE & **RATES** CONSTRUCTION 6. Capital Expenditures & OPERATIONS 7. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates 8. Bids on Materials and Contracts **SERVICES &** 9. Main Extensions **EXTENSIONS** PERSONNEL 10. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications JUDICIAL & 11. Fourth Legislative Report for 2025 LEGISLATIVE 12. Condemnation Authority – Lot 1 Teply's Timbers Addition INSURANCE & 13. Proposed Changes to Pension and OPEB Investment Policy Statements PENSION ACCOUNTS, 14. Proposed Revisions to Rate Schedule F, Fixed Rate Gas Service EXPENDITURES. FINANCE & **RATES** BOARD 15. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion. 16. Public Comment 17. CLOSED SESSION – Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate

**Adjourn Regular Monthly Board Meeting** 

#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting

#### **April 2, 2025**

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 12:00 p.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at <a href="www.mudomaha.com">www.mudomaha.com</a> and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on March 28, 2025.

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that the meeting was being livestreamed, and a recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the MUD website after the meeting's conclusion.

#### **Safety Briefing**

Vice President, Safety and Security Shane Hunter provided a safety briefing for all individuals attending the meeting in-person regarding protocol at the headquarters building in the event of an emergency.

#### Roll Call

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik, and Mike McGowan. Director Friend joined remotely.

#### **Open Meetings Act Notice**

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

#### Closed Session - LITIGATION, PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE

At 12:03 p.m. Director McGowan moved to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

At 2:27 p.m. Director Begley motioned to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### Construction and Operations - Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Kendall Minor presented the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 25, 2025.

Director of Plant Engineering Trevor Tonniges presented the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 19, 2025.

Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars presented the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot dated March 19, 2025.

#### <u>Services and Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard</u>

Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya presented the proposed main extensions as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 24, 2025.

#### Personnel - Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine reviewed the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated March 20, 2025.

Ms. Savine proceeded by providing a brief overview of the District's Work From Home policy.

#### <u>Justice & Legislative – Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard</u>

Government Relations Attorney Rick Kubat reviewed the third legislative report of the 2025 session as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 26, 2025. Mr. Kubat indicated no change in positions and requested the memo be placed on file.

#### Insurance & Pension - Howard, McGowan, Cook

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Myers introduced the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2025.

He stated that this report contains two key pieces of information. The first item highlighted was the actuarial funded ratio which is 93.7%. This is a slight improvement from last year's ratio of 92.9%.

The second item is the District's Actuarially Determined Contribution to the Pension Plan for 2025 which has been calculated to be \$12 million. Management is recommending a contribution of \$12.9 million, equal to the amount contributed in 2024. While the 2025 budget reflects a contribution of \$13.8 million, the recommended contribution still exceeds the required contribution level by \$900,000, or 7 percent. This

is consistent with the District's historical practice of contributing more than the actuarially determined amount. This additional amount will contribute toward the unfunded actuarial liability and serve to offset the impact of any unfavorable results that may occur in 2025 compared to actuarial assumptions.

Mr. Myers discussed the GASB Statements No. 67 & 68 Report which provides detail for the net pension liability and expense for the audited financial statements. The pension expense for 2024 is \$11.9 million which is a significantly higher expense than was recognized in 2023 which was \$7.4 million. The increase is primarily driven by non-cash actuarial adjustments and the impact of investment returns that fluctuate from year to year.

Mr. Myers introduced Pat Beckham, Principal and Consulting Actuary for CavMac, to review in greater detail the Retirement Plan for Employees of M.U.D. Ms. Beckham introduced her associate, Megan Skiles, to assist with the presentation. Director Begley asked if the management recommendation of contributing below the budgeted amount is due to the current market. President Doyle encouraged the Board to discuss options. Director McGowan proposed that the board consider contributing the budgeted \$13.8 million to prevent erosion of the current funded ratio. Ms. Beckham stated that the decision today could also be amended in the future should the market perform more favorably to the District's investments.

#### <u>Audit – McGowan, Howard, Begley</u>

Vice-President, Accounting Steve Dickas introduced the 2024 Audited Financial Statement prepared by RSM, the District's external auditors, as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2025. He noted that the District received an unmodified or "clean" audit opinion, meaning that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of both the Gas and Water divisions as of December 31, 2024. Mr. Dickas introduced Kevin Smith, RSM Partner. Mr. Smith reported that the results of the audit were reviewed with the MUD Board's Audit Committee on March 17, 2025. He elaborated on the external audit findings and report and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

#### Accounts, Expenditures, Finance & Rates - McGowan, Beglev, Cook

Mr. Dickas continued, providing an overview of the District's financial highlights in his 2024 Financial Review presentation. These results were shared with the Audit Committee on March 17, 2025 and included in the December Report on Income and Finance which was distributed to the Board on March 28, 2024. He noted that the District performed well for the year with revenue exceeding budget and prior year in the Water company and slightly down from budget but higher than prior year for the Gas company. Mr. Dickas reported Net Operating Revenue was \$0.5 million higher than budget driven by higher volume sold in the Water company. Operating Expenses and Other was \$17.1 million dollars lower than budget. There were four main contributing factors to this; year-end adjustments related to Pension and OPEB expense, lower than budgeted lead service line replacement expense, and lower water service reconnections and

replacements related to the WIR program. These favorable variances were partially offset by lower PHMSA gas grant revenue compared to the budget and lower water grant revenue due to timing of the lead service line replacement project. This resulted in a combined net income was \$94.7 million, \$17.6 million higher than the budget amount. A significant portion of the favorable variance was driven by non-cash items. Another metric pointed out by Mr. Dickas is the District's favorable credit rating given by the three primary rating agencies which is a positive indicator of the District's financial strength.

Director Begley asked if the previously awarded grants are impacted by the canceling of federal grants by the current administration. Mr. Dickas provided a brief update on the status of the previously awarded grants.

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Senior Vice President and General Counsel Mark Mendenhall informed the Board that the Infrastructure Replacement update would be held over to the May board meeting due to time restraints.

#### **Public Comment**

Chairman Cavanaugh asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board.

Director McGowan thanked Director, Communications Tracey Christensen and her team for their work on recent educational bill insert that was mailed out.

At 3:36 p.m., Chairman Cavanaugh announced the Committee Meetings had concluded, and the Board would reconvene in two minutes for the regular monthly Board Meeting.

Mark Doyle

President & Secretary to the Board

MD/sec

#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

## Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting April 2, 2025

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 3:39 p.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at <a href="www.mudomaha.com">www.mudomaha.com</a> and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on March 28, 2025.

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that the meeting was being livestreamed, and a recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the MUD website after the meeting's conclusion.

#### AGENDA NO. 1 ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik and Mike McGowan. Director Friend joined remotely.

#### AGENDA NO. 2 OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

#### AGENDA NO. 3

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cavanaugh invited all who wished to participate to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **AGENDA NO. 4**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 5, 2025.

Director Begley moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and Regular Monthly Board Meeting for March 5, 2025, which was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### AGENDA NO. 5 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed capital expenditures as presented in the Committee Meetings by Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer, Kendall Minor as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated February March 25, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 6**

#### ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented in the Committee Meetings by Director Plant Engineering Trevor Tonniges and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 7**

#### **BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS**

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated March 19, 2025, from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 8**

#### NOTICE OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$25,000 AND \$50,000

Director Friend requested that the Notice of Purchases letter dated March 24, 2025, from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot be placed on file.

### AGENDA NO. 9 MAIN EXTENSIONS

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed main extensions as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 24, 2025, which was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 10**

#### WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS

Director Begley moved to approve the Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine and as outlined in her letter dated March 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### AGENDA NO. 11 TERMINATION HEARING

Director Sidzyik moved to terminate the employment of Safety Specialist Dan Murphy. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None Abstain: Begley

#### AGENDA NO. 12

#### THIRD LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR 2025

Director Cavanaugh requested that the third legislative report for 2025 memo from Government Relation Attorney Rick Kubat dated March 27, 2025, be placed on file.

#### **AGENDA NO. 13**

#### **ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT ON THE RETIREMENT PLAN**

Director Howard requested that the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan and the GASB 67 & 68 Report be placed on file. No vote necessary.

Director Howard moved to approve the contribution to the pension plan consistent with Management's recommendations as presented by Mr. Myers in the Committee meetings and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2025.

Director McGowan made a substitute motion to contribute the budgeted \$13.8 million to the pension plan and requested the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan and the GASB 67 & 68 Report be placed on file. The amended motion was seconded by Director Begley. Discussion took place regarding the amended motion. The amended motion failed to pass.

Voting Yes: Begley, McGowan

Voting No: Howard, Cavanaugh, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik

Director Howard moved to approve the contribution to the pension plan consistent with Management's recommendations as presented by Mr. Myers in the Committee meetings and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2025 and

requested the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan and the GASB 67 & 68 Report be placed on file. The motion was seconded by Director Sidzyik and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik

Voting No: McGowan

#### **AGENDA NO. 14**

#### **2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Director McGowan requested have the 2024 Audited Financial Statement placed on file. No vote necessary.

#### **AGENDA NO. 15**

#### PRESIDENT'S PERFORMANCE AND SALARY REVIEW

Director Begley moved to a 3.25% general salary increase for President Doyle and 5% progression increase, consistent with all other SPA employees for the 2024 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Director Sidzyik. The motion was carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

#### **AGENDA NO. 16**

#### OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairman Cavanaugh asked whether any Board Members had any comments they wished to share. President Doyle thanked the Board Members for their support.

#### AGENDA NO. 17 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Cavanaugh asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board. There was none.

#### **AGENDA NO. 18**

#### **CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION, PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE**

A Closed Session was not necessary.

Director Cook moved to adjourn the regular Board Meeting which was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan

Voting No: None

The regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Mark Doyle
President & Secretary to the Board

MD/sec

#### **METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Departmental Communication

May 1, 2025

Subject: REVISION OF PRICES FOR SERVICE WORK AND MATERIALS-BILLING PRICE BOOK

**To:** Committee on Accounts, Expenditures, Finance and Rates

cc: All Board Members; Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Minor, Myers and

all Vice Presidents

From: Stephanie Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis

A detailed review of the costs to perform various types of service work has recently been completed, the outcome of which is detailed on the attached schedules. These schedules, once approved, are assembled, and become our Billing Price Book. To facilitate review, the detailed schedules are accompanied by two summary schedules, as follows:

- Schedule #1 Frequently Billed Services;
- Schedule #2 Most Significant Proposed Price Increases

To provide some perspective, the revenue resulting from items contained in the Billing Price Book generated approximately 1.0% of the District's consolidated revenue in 2024. Despite this, we approach this process with considerable diligence to ensure we employ the best methodologies to derive the cost associated with these services, as it has been our practice to employ a "cost recovery" philosophy when deriving prices. Additionally, there are a few items that are not cost based, but rather serve as penalty fees to dissuade undesirable behavior (e.g. penalty fee for turning on service that has been disconnected).

These proposed prices will be reviewed at a Public Hearing as part of the May 7, 2025 Committee Meeting and will be on the agenda of the May 7, 2025 Board Meeting. It is recommended that the proposed updated prices for service work and materials be approved with an effective date of June 1, 2025. The proposed effective date should allow sufficient time to provide notice to local building contractors.

Stephanie Lemonds

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Stephanie A. Lemonds
Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis

Approved:

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Mark F Myers

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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Mark E. Doyle

President

**Attachments** 

### Metropolitan Utilities District PROPOSED REVISIONS OF DISTRICT BILLING PRICES

It is recommended that the following hourly rates and fixed prices be adjusted as proposed effective June 1, 2025.

Current Billing Price Book Page		Present Price		osed ice
1	Field Services Labor:			
	Rate for 30 minutes - on premises  One employee - straight time One employee - overtime Two employees - straight time	\$ 122.00 144.00 236.00	•	128.00 152.00 247.00
	Two employees - overtime	281.00		295.00
	Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises  One employee - straight time One employee - overtime Two employees - straight time Two employees - overtime	178.00 211.00 345.00 411.00		187.00 222.00 361.00 432.00
1	Repeat CGI charge - second trip if CGI and subsequent trips if CGI	65.00		69.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field:			
	Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises  One employee - straight time  One employee - overtime  Two employees - straight time  Two employees - overtime	117.00 136.00 211.00 246.00		130.00 149.00 234.00 270.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field  Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises  One employee - straight time One employee - overtime Two employees - straight time Two employees - overtime	172.00 199.00 309.00 359.00		190.00 219.00 343.00 395.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the shop Straight time rate per hour	134.00		154.00

Current Billing Price Book Page		Present <u>Price</u>	Proposed Price
5	Water Distribution labor rates for operating hydrants which includes furnishing hose		
	Tryardits which includes faritishing hose		
	Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises		
	One employee - straight time	\$ 84.00	\$ 85.00
	One employee - overtime	100.00	103.00
	Two employees - straight time	159.00	161.00
	Two employees - overtime	194.00	197.00
	Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises		
	One employee - straight time	122.00	125.00
	One employee - overtime	147.00	151.00
	Two employees - straight time	233.00	236.00
	Two employees - overtime	283.00	289.00
8	Replace flexible connector - per trip ( plus material )	61.00	64.00
8	Pilot lighting (furnace, water heater, etc.)	122.00	128.00
	(To include gas leak calls where there is none)		
8	Repair and/ or Service Range or Dryer	Т &М	T &M
	Connect / Disconnect Range or Dryer	61.00	64.00
	( Does not include fuel line installations )		
9	Inspection fee - requiring two technicians - per unit		
	charge - commercial and industrial	150.00	150.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	75.00	75.00
9	Inspection fee - gas fired appliances - residential,		
	commercial and industrial, requiring one technician		
	First unit each application	98.00	98.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	48.00	48.00
9	Failure to pass inspection for the third and each		
	subsequent inspection		
	First unit - each application	98.00	98.00
	* Each additional unit - same address - same application	48.00	48.00
	* Defined as 3 or more units. Discount for multiple		
	inspections would apply to buildings with one access-		
	ible address. Multiple bays, duplexes, condos, and		
	townhomes would not receive this discount.		
9	Air test gas fuel lines for commercial customers	134.00	154.00

Current Billing Price Book Page			Present Price	Proposed <u>Price</u>
11	Turn-on gas and/or water service			
	Regular turn-on, MUD reads meter	\$	102.00	\$ 104.00
	Regular turn-on, priority service, MUD reads meter		129.00	132.00
	Move in; service is on		15.00	15.00
	Leave on for default		15.00	15.00
11	Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for			
	non-payment of bills or violation of District rules		75.00	75.00
11	Damage to special locking device (gas/water)		58.00	81.00
11	Apartment ownership changes - per turn-on		102.00	104.00
	Apartment ownership changes - max per apartment address		211.00	222.00
12	Finders Fee - Payable to Person Reporting			
	Unauthorized use of water and/or gas		35.00	35.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant		35.00	35.00
	Party striking water hydrant		35.00	35.00
	Vandalism which causes unmetered use		35.00	35.00
12	Service diversion charge			
	Residential - Water or Gas Service Bypass		486.00	486.00
	Commercial - Water or Gas Service Bypass		486.00	486.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant - Bypass		486.00	486.00
	( Includes improper use of backflow meter assembly )			
	Unauthorized Turn on Fee		32.00	33.00
12	Trip Charge for Residential & Commercial Shut-off		55.00	58.00
	- Fee for sending a Collector out to shut off gas or water service on a residential or commercial account			
12	Monthly Manual Read Fee		25.00	25.00
	- For customer's electing not to have ERT on their meters.			
12	Submeter - monthly charge to read			
	Monthly Charge to Read - Water		10.00	11.00
	Monthly Charge to Read - Gas		10.00	10.00
12	Insufficient fund check charge		43.00	39.00
12	Default Notification/Revert Letters		\$2 a	additional fee to
			leave on	agreement price
		(Addition	to the "defau	ılt" prices above)
12	Proparing Customer Decuments			

12 Preparing Customer Documents

Costs may be charged pursuant to the provisions of the Public Records Statute.

Current Billing Price Book Page			Present <u>Price</u>		Proposed <u>Price</u>	
	Water Meter Pricing					
	Prices with Couplings and	<u>Nipple</u>				
	All New Construction Mus	t Be 3/4" Meters Or Larger				
	1. MUD installs Meter (N	No sales tax)				
	Meter Size	Meter				
13	5/8"	Meter with ERT	\$ 324	.00	\$	389.00
13	3/4"	Meter with ERT	350		7	393.00
	3, . 1"	Meter with ERT	386			459.00
	=	aults - add \$70.00 to the above prices	300			.55.66
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13	2. Plumber installs mete	r (add sales tax)				
	(Includes Flange	)				
	1-1/2"	Disc w/ ERT	615	.00		615.00
	2"	Disc w/ ERT	772	.00		772.00
	<del>_2"</del>	Turbo w/ Remote	<del>1,008</del>	<del>.00</del>		
	2"	Turbo w/ ERT				1,145.00
	2"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				1,062.00
	<del>_3</del> "	Turbo w/ Remote	<del>952</del>	<del>.00</del>		
	3"	Turbo w/ ERT				1,497.00
	<del>_3</del> "	Compound w/ Remote	<del>1,990</del>	<del>.00.</del>		
	3"	Compound w/ ERT				1,811.00
	3"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				2,674.00
	<del>-4"</del>	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote	<del>1,763</del>	<del>.00</del>		
	4"	Turbo w/ ERT				2,067.00
	<del>-4"</del>	Compound w/ Remote	<del>3,327</del>	<del>.00</del>		
	4"	Compound w/ ERT				3,013.00
	4"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				3,583.00
	<del>-6"</del>	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote	<del>3,131</del>	<del>.00</del>		
	6"	Turbo w/ ERT				4,608.00
	6"	Compound w/ ERT				5,073.00
	6"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				6,476.00
	6"	Fireline w/ ERT				8,760.00
	8"	Turbo w/ ERT				5,677.00
	8"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				7,708.00
	8"	Fireline w/ ERT				12,243.00
	10"	Ultrasonic w/ ERT				12,771.00
	10"	Fireline w/ ERT			1	17,504.00
	ERTS IN Meter va	aults - add \$70.00 to the above prices (plus sales tax)				
13	3. Install water remote - (when ERT installation i	over 3" meters s not compatible on compound/ large meters )	T 8	λM		Т &М
14	Riser and Box Covers					
14	5/8" X 9" riser		170	00		170.00
		new service with outside meter box	267			267.00
		post-mounted remote index		.00		10.00
	for water meter in pit		10	.00		10.00

Current Billing Price Book Page		Present <u>Price</u>	Proposed <u>Price</u>
14	<u>Cash Allowances</u>	Tra	ide in allowance
	—5/8" Disc	5.00	5.00
	— 3/4" Disc	<del>5.50</del>	<del>5.50</del>
	—1" Disc	<del>7.00</del>	<del>7.00</del>
	The above allowances are for meters originally purchased		
	by the District and for meters purchased by water systems		
	now operated by the District. Meters 1-1/2" and larger must be		
	appraised by the Measurement Division to determine cash		
	or trade-in allowance.		
	The full sales price for water meters will be collected at the		
	time of sale unless prior appraisal for the trade in has been		
	received from the Measurement Division.		
14	Testing Water Meters at Customer's Request		
	Meter determined to be 2% fast or less	\$ 114.00	\$ 119.00
	Meter more than 2% fast	No charge	No charge
	Water meter 1-1/2" or larger	T &M	T &M
15	Hydrant Backflow Assembly		
	1. Hydrant Use Agreement, Rental Fees & Deposits		
	a) License requirement - all firms or persons requesting		
	use of District fire hydrants must sign a hydrant		
	equipment license agreement and adhere to the		
	District's operating instructions for use of hydrants.		
	b) All firms or persons using District fire hydrants must rent a		
	hydrant backflow assembly from the District or purchase		
	and install a meter in accordance with the District's		
	Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement.		
	<ul> <li>c) All water used through meters installed in accordance with the District's Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement will be</li> </ul>		
	billed at regular Schedule W-2 water rates plus sales tax which		
	is in addition to rental fees.		
15	2. Rental Fees - Hydrant Assembly		
	Processing & testing charge	156.00	158.00
	Daily fee plus sales tax (March 1 - November 30)	15.00	15.00
	Daily fee plus sales tax (December 1 - February 28)	25.00	25.00
	Deposit*	750.00	750.00
	* Not required if applicant is a current customer		
	residing in MIID coming area with active		

residing in MUD service area with active business account with a good credit experience.

Current Billing Price Book Page		Present <u>Price</u>	Proposed Price
17	Water Main Connection Charges Connection charge rate for mains installed prior to 1989 Contact Builder & Contractor Services for rate		
	Connection charge rate for mains installed in 1989 through 1993 (price per foot)		
	Residential lots or parcel	13.45	13.45
	Commercial lots or parcel - 6" Main Commercial lots or parcel - 8" Main or larger	13.45 17.74	13.45 17.74
	Connection charge rate for mains installed after 1993  Charge is based on the actual cost of the main. Contact  Accounting for rate.		
17	Private Water Line Fees Residential Lot	\$ 5,180.00	\$ 5,375.00
	No additional charges will be made against the original applicant if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
	Commercial Lot	6,425.00	6,620.00
	The flat charge will be credited towards future connection charges and if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
18	Hydrant Flow Test  Fee for performing a hydrant flow test at customer's request	373.00	381.00
18	Florence Water Sales (sales tax inc.)	0.25	0.25
18	Operating Water Curb Stop Valves for Turn-off/on Requests	100 gallons	100 gallons
	Emergency turn-off	No charge 102.00	No charge 104.00
	Turn-on following emergency Customers convenience water off request at stop-box	102.00	104.00
	Locating Water Stop Boxes		
18	Tracing out water lines - Commercial	T&M	T&M
	- Minimum Charge	122.00	128.00

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19	Tap and Inspection		
	3/4" corporation	421.00	545.00
	1" corporation - 6" to 18" main	439.00	626.00
	Inspection of service - pretapped mains	79.00	79.00
	Once approved, an additional water inspection fee		
	will apply to any service connections made by a		
	licensed master plumber on a master water service.		
	Normal tapping fees will apply if the connection to		
	the private water main is made by MUD.	79.00	79.00
	Inspection of existing service approved for reuse	79.00	79.00
	Taps not ready when called for	271.00	276.00
	Extra charge for special tap (taps not called for by		
	2:00 p.m. the previous day)	79.00	79.00
19	Taps on PVC Mains (includes saddle)		
	4x <mark>3/4"</mark>	\$ 523.00	<del>\$ 548.00</del>
	4X1"	576.00	672.00
	6x3/4"	544.00	624.00
	6X1"	565.00	661.00
	8x3/4"	558.00	630.00
	8X1"	602.00	670.00
	10x3/4"	600.00	696.00
	10X1"	550.00	718.00
	12x3/4"		724.00
	12X1 "	653.00	749.00
20	Taps on HDPE Mains with electrofusion taps		
	6x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	6X1"	T&M	T&M
	8x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	8X1"	T&M	T&M
	12X1"	T&M	T&M

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Billing Price		ı	Present	Р	roposed	
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	Large Water Taps					
	Taps on All Mains					
21	1-1/2" and 2" Water Taps (by size)					
	6 x 1-1/2		767.00		881.00	
	6 x 2		1,012.00		1,051.00	
	8 x 1-1/2		816.00		881.00	
	8 x 2		1,013.00		1,041.00	
	10 x 1-1/2		751.00		905.00	
	10 x 2		982.00		1,099.00	
	12 x 1-1/2		876.00		912.00	
	12 x 2		1,148.00		1,147.00	
	14 x 1-1/2		801.00		982.00	
	14 x 2		1,371.00		1,141.00	
	16 x 1-1/2		1,409.00		1,034.00	
	16 x 2		1,871.00		1,199.00	
21	Large Water Taps *					
	<u>Ductile and Cast Iron Mains</u>					
	4 x 4	\$	4,266.00	\$	4,328.00	**
	6 x 4		2,922.00		2,857.00	
	6 x 6		5,457.00		5,563.00	**
	8 x 4		3,036.00		3,147.00	
	8 x 6		3,622.00		3,709.00	
	8 x 8		6,074.00		6,283.00	**
	10 x 4		3,073.00		3,138.00	
	10 x 6		3,401.00		3,484.00	
	10 x 8		4,506.00		4,676.00	
	12 x 4		3,176.00		3,204.00	
	12 x 6		3,676.00		3,677.00	
	12 x 8		4,375.00		4,567.00	**
	12 x 12 16 x 4		8,149.00		9,073.00 3,679.00	
	16 x 6		3,483.00 3,938.00		3,960.00	
	16 x 8		4,869.00		5,111.00	
	16 x 12		6,255.00		7,269.00	
	DVC Mains					
	<u>PVC Mains</u> 6 x 4				5,506.00	**
	6 x 6				5,563.00	
	8 x 4				5,937.00	
	8 x 6				6,163.00	
	8 x 8				6,283.00	
	12 x 4				6,831.00	
	12 x 6				7,024.00	
	12 x 8				7,863.00	
	12 x 12				9,073.00	

<sup>\*</sup> material for taps includes tapping sleeve, MJX flange gate valve, machine bolts and nuts for valve, full face gasket, MJ plug and/or equivalent material.

Note: The above prices are for tapping existing water mains, or for installation with a new main. Prices for sizes not listed are to be obtained from the Engineering Division on an individual basis.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}}$  price includes cutting in tee - instead of using tapping sleeve.

Current Billing Price Book Page		Present <u>Price</u>	Proposed Price
23	<u>Large Water Service Cut Offs</u> The following prices apply when a contractor excavates the main and MUD only does the cut off.		
	4"	5,325.00	5,363.00
	6"	5,393.00	5,421.00
	8"	5,475.00	5,443.00
	10"	6,174.00	6,368.00
	12"	6,267.00	6,462.00
	14"	7,188.00	7,383.00
	16"	7,791.00	7,986.00
25	Backflow prevention testing	102.00	104.00
	Testing multiple backflow devices under same		
	ownership and same general vicinity	T &M	T &M
	- Minimum charge	102.00	104.00
26	Valves and valve boxes - repair or replacement of private valves and valve boxes	T & M	T & M
26	Test water for possible lead contamination	204.00	208.00

Current

Billing Price Present Proposed

Book Page Price Price

#### 27 - 28 IMPACT FEE

As new water demands are connected to the distribution system, additional capacity is needed to assure adequate flows and pressures from source of supply to general areas of consumption. Such capacity may be achieved through the building of reservoirs and/or pump stations in addition to looping, oversizing, enlarging, and reinforcing portions of the water distribution system. The purpose of the impact fee is to pay for a major portion of these growth related costs without placing additional undue burden on existing customers.

The impact fee is based on the added demand to the water system, as measured by the size of the water meter.

Effective June 1, 2025

	METER	CONTINUOUS *											
SIZE	TYPE	FLOW RATING	CURRENT		CURRENT		CURRENT		CURRENT		FLOW RATING CURR		NEW
		Rate per gpm	\$	109.10	\$ 124.95								
5/8"	Disc	10 gpm	\$	1,091.00	\$ 1,250.00								
3/4"	Disc	15 gpm	\$	1,637.00	\$ 1,874.00								
1"	Disc	25 gpm	\$	2,728.00	\$ 3,124.00								
1 1/2"	Disc	50 gpm	\$	5,455.00	\$ 6,248.00								
2"	Disc	80 gpm	\$	8,728.00	\$ 9,996.00								
2"	Turbo	160 gpm	\$	17,456.00	\$ 19,992.00								
3"	Compound	160 gpm	\$	17,456.00	\$ 19,992.00								
3"	Turbo	350 gpm	\$	38,185.00	\$ 43,733.00								
4"	Compound	250 gpm	\$	27,275.00	\$ 31,238.00								
4"	Turbo	1000 gpm	\$	109,100.00	\$ 124,950.00								
6"	Compound	500 gpm	\$	54,550.00	\$ 62,475.00								
6"	Turbo	2000 gpm	\$	218,200.00	\$ 249,900.00								
8"	Turbo	2800 gpm	\$	305,480.00	\$ 349,860.00								
10"	Turbo	3200 gpm	\$	349,120.00	\$ 399,840.00								

<sup>\*</sup> Manufacturer's rating

Impact Fees will be assessed on each water meter purchased from the District. The fees will be assessed on the size of the meter. When upgrading to any larger size meter, the applicant will pay the difference in impact fees, at the current rates, between the existing meter and the larger meter.

Current Billing Price Book Page			resent <u>Price</u>	P —	roposed Price
29	Gas S	ervice Installation, Service and Meter Enlargement			
	Α	General Requirements			
	:	<ol> <li>Fixed or firm prices and deposits for estimated T&amp;M installations will be payable at the time application is made.</li> </ol>			
	:	<ul> <li>The first 100 feet of service from property line to the meter location will be provided at no charge to the customer providing the following requirements are met: <ul> <li>The meter is installed and account activated within six months of the service installation date. If this requirement is not met, the cost of the service is \$1,545.00 (to be evaluated each year).</li> <li>The meter is located on the side of the house. However, the District reserves the right to place the service and meter in the most economical location. If this requirement is not met (i.ethe applicant requests the meter to be placed in a non-standard location which will cause increased costs for the District), the cost of the service will be based on a firm price provided by the District.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$ 1,515.00 Firm	\$	1,545.00 Firm
	:	3. Single dwelling unit - all above requirements are met - No charge.			
	4	1. Duplex - per service - all above requirements met - No Charge.			
	!	5. Rehab houses - new application needed - all above requirements are met - No Charge			
	(	<ul> <li>All units - excess footage charge:</li> <li>Summer (March 16 - December 14) - \$15.60/ft (to be evaluated each year)</li> <li>Winter (December 15 - March 15) - \$19.20/ft (to be evaluated each year)</li> </ul>	15.30 18.80		15.60 19.20
		7. A priority schedule fee of \$200.00 (to be evaluated each year) shall be billed only in those instances where the applicant requests priority scheduling.  Gas service shall be installed within 10 working days from receipt of application.	200.00		200.00

#### 30 B. Residential - Detached Building/Separate Service

Gas service installation shall be provided in accordance with Section A, General Requirements, Part 2 (listed above). M.U.D. shall determine if a separate service or branch service off the house service line shall be installed to supply gas to the detached building.

Current Billing Price Book Page			Present <u>Price</u>	Proposed <u>Price</u>
30	C.	Other Firm Service Billings		
	1.	All other firm service installations and enlargements - new installation  a) Where installation is to provide additional gas load includes underground service piping from main to the meter.		
30	2.	Service and/or meter relocation  a) when no increase in load made  b) when gas load and gas usage is increased  c) Residential Only - Move service riser and meter to outside - same location	Firm * Firm	Firm * Firm
30	3.	Meter Enlargement, Meter Sets, Resets, Reconnections of Gas Load  a) where installation results in increased gas load and gas usage  b) where installation results in increased gas load but no increase in gas usage  c) Reset residential gas meters if removed for District's convenience  d) Reset commercial gas meter if removed for District's convenience	* Firm No Charge No Charge	* Firm No Charge No Charge
31		<ul> <li>e) Reconnect residential gas service cut off less than one year ago</li> <li>f) Meter sets for old buildings converted to apartments, condominiums, offices and shops</li> <li>g) Reconnect due to condemnation - same owner.</li> <li>h) Installation of meter sets to divide building load among tenants when gas service has been previously inactive.</li> <li>i) Where meter installation is for dividing building load among tenants or for any other customer convenience</li> <li>j) Installation of additional gas meter in existing duplexes</li> <li>k) Consolidate load (eliminate meter)</li> </ul>	No Charge  No Charge  758.00  No Charge  Firm  Firm  Firm	No Charge  No Charge  773.00  No Charge  Firm  Firm  Firm
		* Evaluate on individual basis based on projected load		
31	4.	Priority Gas Service Cut-off - Expedited Service: 7 working days	500.00	500.00
31	5.	Sub-meters  a) Residential multiple housing units (includes ERT meter) b) Other	T &M T &M	T &M T &M
31	6.	Excess Flow Valve - Installation of Excess Flow Valve at customer's request	816.00	832.00
32	D.	Commercial-Firm New Service Installation with Main Abutting Property, Service Enlargement, Conversions and Relocations		

Marketing/Engineering will evaluate on an individual basis based on project load.

82 E. Interruptible Service Installations, Enlargements or Relocations with Main Abutting Property 1. New installations and enlargements a. Underground service piping from main to the meter b. Metering equipment and installation c. Meter Reading equipment (i.e. Metretek) - customer to provide phone line and power phone line and power T & M
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B. ERT Reading Devices
Install ERT reading device on existing gas meter 105.00 105.00 - scheduled or unscheduled meter change
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D. Gas Meter Replacement 507.00 514.00
Replacement of broken or damaged residential gas meter

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha that the revision of billing prices for service work and materials as recommended by Management in a letter dated May 1, 2025, signed by Stephanie A. Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis, together with the attachments thereto, be and are hereby adopted, and all rates for service work and materials shall be effective June 1, 2025.

Adopted:

# Billing Price Book Update

May 7, 2025



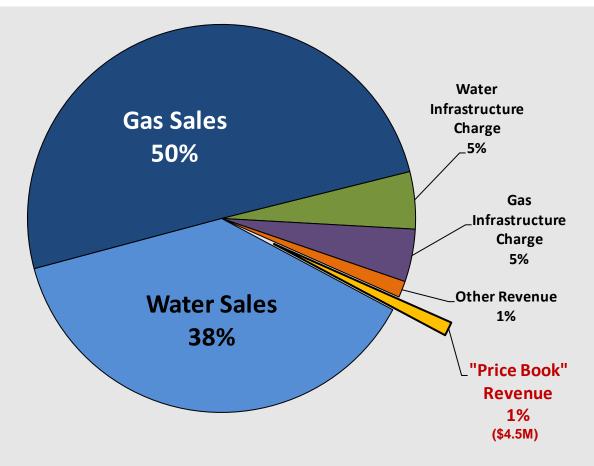
## Background

- Establishes prices for services and materials provided to customers and contractors
- Typically updated annually with revised pricing effective on June 1st
- Generally structured to recover the District's costs with certain exceptions, such as:
  - "Penalty" fees (i.e. Service Diversion charges)
  - Turn-on Charge for Collection Accounts
- No new billing items proposed in 2025



## Components of Revenue

- Total Gas and Water revenue in 2024 was \$389.3 million
- "Price Book" revenue was \$4.5 million or 1% of total revenue



## Frequently Billed Services

		C	urrent	Pr	oposed	Change			
	Service		Price		Price		\$	%	
1)	Field Services Labor Rate for 30 minutes (including travel) Hourly rate after 1/2 hour	\$ \$	122.00 178.00	\$ \$	128.00 187.00	\$ \$	6.00 9.00	4.9% 5.1%	
2)	Turn on Gas and/or Water Service  a) Regular turn-on, M.U.D. reads meter b) Regular turn-on, PRIORITY SERVICE, M.U.D. reads meter c) Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for nonpayment of bills or violation of District rules - next day	\$ \$	102.00 129.00 75.00	\$ \$	104.00 132.00 75.00	\$ \$ \$	2.00 3.00	2.0% 2.3% n/a	
3)	Water Meter Installation 3/4" with ERT	\$	350.00	\$	393.00	\$	43.00	12.3%	
4)	Water Main Tap and Inspection 1" Corporation	\$	439.00	\$	626.00	\$	187.00	42.6%	

## Prices increasing > \$200 and/or > 15%

		Current		Proposed		Change		
	Service		Price		Price		\$	%
1)	Damage to special locking device (gas/water)	\$	58.00	\$	81.00	\$	23.00	39.7%
2)	Water Meter Installation 5/8" with ERT 1" with ERT	\$ \$	324.00 386.00	\$ \$	389.00 459.00	\$ \$	65.00 73.00	20.1% 18.9%
3)	Water Main Tap and Inspection 3/4" corporation	\$	421.00	\$	545.00	\$	124.00	29.5%
4)	Taps on PVC Mains (includes saddle) 4X1" 6X1" 10x3/4" 10X1"	\$ \$ \$	576.00 565.00 600.00 550.00	\$ \$ \$	672.00 661.00 696.00 718.00	\$ \$ \$	96.00 96.00 96.00 168.00	16.7% 17.0% 16.0% 30.6%
5)	Large Water Taps (By Size) 8 x 8 10 x 1-1/2 12 x 12 14 x 1-1/2 16 x 8 16 x 12	\$ \$ \$ \$	6,074.00 751.00 8,149.00 801.00 4,869.00 6,255.00	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	6,283.00 905.00 9,073.00 982.00 5,111.00 7,269.00	\$ \$ \$ \$	209.00 154.00 924.00 181.00 242.00 1,014.00	3.44% 20.5% 11.34% 22.6% 4.97% 16.21%

## METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

May 1, 2025

Subject: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

**To:** Construction and Operations Committee

cc: all Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore,

Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Kendall Minor, SVP & Chief Operations Officer

The following items will be on the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

#### **BUILDINGS, PLANTS & EQUIPMENT**

**1. JOB #:** (100096000028 - \$98,371)

TOTAL COST: \$98,371 LOCATION: LNG Plant

PURPOSE: Replacement of insulation on the LNG boiloff piping run

**DESCRIPTION:** The boiloff line at the LNG plant consists of approximately 200-feet of 4-inch insulated piping. The current insulation, installed in the early 2000s, has deteriorated

due to over 20 years of exposure to the elements.

The new insulation will match what was recently installed during the capital improvement project. It will consist of eight layers of CryoGel covered with an aluminum jacket. CryoGel is a widely used material for cryogenic insulation applications and is standard at most LNG plants across the country.

**2. JOB #:** WP2161 (100035000018 - \$526,700)

**TOTAL COST:** \$526,700

**LOCATION:** Platte West Water Production Facility **PURPOSE:** Boiler Replacement Construction

**DESCRIPTION:** This is for the labor and miscellaneous materials to replace the existing plant boiler and control systems at the Platte West Water Production Facility. New High Efficiency boilers w/ updated controls will be furnished and installed to better meet facility system demands while also reducing operational and maintenance costs.

This C&A provides funding necessary to hire a Contractor for the procurement and installation of the new boiler system in accordance with Contract drawings and specifications. A prior C&A was approved at the February 2025 Board meeting for the development of drawings and specifications for this project.

**3. JOB #:** (100071000739 - \$360,000)

**PROJECT COST:** \$1,110,000

**LOCATION:** Platte West Water Production Facility **PURPOSE:** Well Re-Development for 2025 - 2027

**DESCRIPTION:** As part of the Platte West Water Production Facility Well Maintenance Program, approximately six (6) production wells are selected each year to provide consistent well rehabilitation and pump maintenance throughout both the Platte West Wellfields. Wells require re-development to maintain their production capacity and extend the life of both the well structure and the pump.

This C&A will allow for approximately 6 wells to be rehabilitated each year for three years beginning in 2025. It includes all labor and materials necessary to perform the well rehabilitation, as well as any pump repair work that will be performed on a time and materials basis once the pumps are removed from the well.

**4. JOB #**: (100086000779 - \$110,000)

PROJECT COST: \$110,000 LOCATION: District Wide

**PURPOSE:** End User Device Lifecycle Refresh

**DESCRIPTION:** The Information Technology Services (ITS) replaces a portion of end-user equipment yearly as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a secure, efficient, and up-to-date technology environment. For 2025, the End User Device Lifecycle Refresh will include purchasing end-user devices such as monitors and iPads. Replacing outdated equipment ensures compatibility with current software standards and enhances overall productivity and security across the district.

**5. JOB #**: (100084001342 - \$131,990)

PROJECT COST: \$131,990 LOCATION: Headquarters

**PURPOSE:** Parking garage repairs

**DESCRIPTION:** Repairs on the Headquarters parking garage are necessary to prevent water intrusion and the migration of salt and minerals from the upper deck to the lower deck. The scope of work will include selective expansion joint and joint sealant repairs and reapplying waterproof sealer over the joints.

#### **SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**1. JOB #:** R2297 (100052331606 - \$20,000), (100067001578 - \$7,600), (100054001160 - \$50.000) & (100068001143 - \$8,200)

**PROJECT COST:** \$85,800

**LOCATION:** Fort Street from Kestrel Parkway to North 216<sup>th</sup> Street **PURPOSE:** Relocate gas mains, water mains and one hydrant

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed grading, paving and storm sewers being done for the Fort Street roadway improvements project C-20(629). The water portion is reimbursable as the facilities are in easement. The estimated cost paid by Douglas County is \$27,600. This project is anticipated to begin November 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew.

**2. JOB #:** R2299 (100053001580 - \$324,000) & (100067001550 - \$30,500)

**PROJECT COST:** \$354,500

**LOCATION:** Schram Road between South 144<sup>th</sup> Street and South 156<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Abandon and replace ductile iron water mains

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed grading, paving, and storm sewers being done for the City of Papillion as part of the Schram Road Exterior Roadway Improvements Project. This work is not reimbursable as the mains are in public right-of-way. This project is anticipated to begin summer 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew.

**3. JOB #:** R2350 (100053001612 - \$530,000), (100067001584 - \$63,200), (100054001185 - \$73,000) & (100068001170 - \$16,100)

**PROJECT COST:** \$682,300

**LOCATION:** South 45<sup>th</sup> Street to South 48<sup>th</sup> Street & Capehart Road to Lawnwood Drive

**PURPOSE:** Abandon and replace ductile iron water mains

**DESCRIPTION:** This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed grading, paving, and storm sewers being done for Sarpy County Project No. C-77. A portion of this work is reimbursable as there is some water main that was installed in a permanent easement. The estimated cost for this work is \$74,900. This project is anticipated to begin May 2025 and will be constructed by a District Crew.

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SVP, Chief Operations Officer

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#### **METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Department Communication

April 23, 2025

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger,

Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Trevor Tonniges, Director, Plant Engineering

The following items will be on the May 7, 2025, Committee Meeting for consideration and the Board Meeting Agenda for approval. Work has been satisfactorily completed on the following contracts and final payment is recommended:

Contract	Contract	Amounts				
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual			
<b>a.</b> INSTALL WATER MAINS IN GEMINI LOT 2, 168 <sup>TH</sup> ST. – SCHRAM RD. TO CAPEHART RD., CAPEHART RD. – 168 <sup>TH</sup> TO E. OF 156 <sup>TH</sup> ST., S 144 <sup>TH</sup> ST. – FAIRVIEW RD. TO N., FAIRVIEW RD. – 144 <sup>TH</sup> ST. TO W.;	1/4/2023	\$8,287,615.00	\$8,330,920.15			
JUDDS BROS CONSTRUCTION CO.;						
WP1842 (100057000497, 100057000498, 1000570005000)						

**Comments:** There was a net increase of \$43,305.15 (+0.5%) for this project, due primarily to a previously approved change order in the amount of \$47,218.51 to change alignment to avoid a sewer conflict and for preliminary pressure testing. There was also a decrease in pipe embedment and dewatering items that resulted in \$10,560.00 in savings that was partially offset by a charge of \$6,646.64 to install and remove construction site entrances. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract	Amounts	
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
<b>b.</b> INSTALL WATER MAINS IN 42" DUCTILE IRON WATER MAIN, WEST CENTER RD. FROM 210 <sup>TH</sup> ST. TO 204 <sup>TH</sup> ST.; JUDDS BROS CONSTRUCTION CO.;	8/2/2023	\$6,263,290.00	\$6,269,703.44
WP2014 (100057000469, 100051001043)			

**Comments:** There was a net increase of \$6,413.44 (+0.1%) for this project, due primarily to a previously approved change order in the amount of \$8,305.50 for preliminary pressure testing and a charge of \$19,207.94 for the contractor to install and remove construction entrances. There was also a decrease in pipe embedment and dewatering items that resulted in \$21,100.00 in savings. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract	Amou	ints
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
c. INSTALL WATER MAINS IN 204 <sup>TH</sup> ST. & HARRISON ST. 36" TRANSMISSION MAIN, NE OF 204 <sup>TH</sup> ST. & HARRISON ST.;  JUDDS BROS CONSTRUCTION CO.;  WP2031 (100051001072)	3/6/2024	\$1,937,500.00	\$1,904,619.00

**Comments:** There was a net decrease of \$32,881.00 (-1.7%) for this project, largely due to a decrease in unit quantities for pipe embedment for poor soil conditions. There was also a previously approved change order in the amount of \$7,119.00 to perform preliminary pressure testing. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract	Amounts	
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
<b>d.</b> INSTALL WATER MAINS IN CHERRY CREEK LOTS 1-9, SE OF 106 <sup>TH</sup> AVE. & POTTER ST.;			
CEDAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.;	11/1/2023	\$297,211.00	\$284,690.00
WP2032 (100055001451)			

**Comments:** There was a net decrease of \$12,521.00 (-4.2%) for this project, due to a reduction in water main, sleeves, air reliefs and bend unit items. There was also a charge for \$1,365.00 to furnish and install erosion control blankets. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract	Amou	ints
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
e. INSTALL WATER MAINS IN WOODBROOK VALLEY LOTS 36-87 AND 106-200 WOODBROOK VALLEY REPLAT 1 LOTS 1-46, S OF N. 186 <sup>TH</sup> ST. & IDA ST.;	9/4/2024	\$867,645.00	\$870,589.00
CEDAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.; WP2080 (100055001463)			

**Comments:** There was a net increase of \$2,944.00 (+0.3%) for this project, due to charges added for the contractor to deal with frost to install the water main and a decrease in unit quantities for water mains and bends required to complete the work. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
Contract		*Unit Price Bid	Actual
f. 64TH & GROVER PIPE OVERHANG REPLACEMENT;			
NEUVIRTH CONSTRUCTION, INC.;	8/27/2024	\$52,133.17	\$57,938.65
WP2119 (100071000733)			

**Comments:** There was a net increase of \$5,805.48 (+11.1%) for this project, due to a previously approved change order in the amount of \$5,805.48 for the addition of a wax primer and tape system to protect the pipe from further corrosion behind the pipe supports. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract	Amounts	
Contract	Approval Date	*Unit Price Bid	Actual
g. FLORENCE LOW SERVICE MOTOR #2 RECONDITION;	12/5/2024	****	
NORTHWEST ELECTRIC, LLC.;		\$21,376.81	\$32,625.83
WP2158 (100031000022)			

**Comments:** There was a net increase of \$11,249.02 (+52.6%) for this project, due to a previously approved change order in the amount of \$11,249.02 for additional repairs that were recommended and approved once the motor was disassembled and inspected. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

\*Based upon Engineering's estimated unit quantities.

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Director, Plant Engineering

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# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 24, 2025

Subject: BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

**To:** Construction & Operations Committee

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore,

Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Sherri A Lightfoot, Director, Procurement

The following items will be on the May 7, 2025 Committee Agenda for consideration and the May 7, 2025 Board Agenda for approval. The recommended bid is bolded and listed first. Nonlocal bidders have been indicated in italics.

# WATER/GAS MAIN CONTRACTS

	Bids Sent		
<u>ltem</u>	/ Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Install 24" Water Main, N. 180th St. from	35/6	Judds Bros. Constr.	\$2,601,910.00
Purple Martin Pkwy. to Ida St. and in		Kersten Constr.	2,642,834.50
Ida St. from N. 180 <sup>th</sup> St. to ½ mile West		Cedar Constr.	2,813,556.00
100057000542 100057000544		Roloff Constr.	2,916,547.37
100057000555 100055001489 WP208	3	Neuvirth Constr.	2,953,243.39
Engineering Estimate: \$2,815,500.00		Valley Corp.	3,083,727.72
(C&A for 100057000542 100057000544	100057000	555 approved Septemb	per 4, 2024 in the
amount of \$2,879,900.00.) (A Supplement	ntal C&A in the	e amount of \$3,482,066.	00 will be
presented to the Board on May 7, 2025 for	or approval of	an additional \$602,166.	00.)

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Install Water Mains for OPPD,	35/5	Judds Bros. Constr.	<i>\$244,785.00</i>
N. 102 <sup>nd</sup> St. from Hadan St. to		Cedar Constr.	283,235.00
Garvin Ave., Hadan St. from N.		Pat Thomas Constr.	286,900.00
106 <sup>th</sup> St. to N. 102 <sup>nd</sup> St.		Kersten Constr.	297,321.50
100051001099 100055001493 WP	2193	Valley Corp.	309,623.77
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Engineering Estimate: \$310,630.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$310,477.00 will be presented to the Board on May 7, 2025 for approval.)

Install Water Mains in Sunset Meadows	35/4	Cedar Constr.	\$602,677.00
Phase 2 Lots 246-251, 258-285, 292-327		Kersten Constr.	627,052.00
Sunset Meadows Replat Two Lots 1-27,		Valley Corp.	738,777.67
Their Sublots and Outlot "A", SW of S.		Pat Thomas Constr.	785,145.00

204<sup>th</sup> St. and Harrison St. 100055001488 WP2181

Engineering Estimate: \$688,200.00

approval.)

Install Water Mains in SE Bellevue	35/4	Judds Bros. Constr.	\$3,934,075.00
Phase B 16" and 24" Pioneer Mains,		Cedar Constr.	4,006,053.00
Hidden Valley Dr. from Platteview Rd. to		Roloff Constr.	4,260,400.00
S. 10 <sup>th</sup> St, Hidden Valley Dr. from S.		Valley Corp.	4,758,875.41
10 <sup>th</sup> St. to S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.			

100057000527 100057000505 WP2127 Engineering Estimate: \$4,670,500.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$5,154,718.00 will be presented to the Board on May 7, 2025 for

approval.)

Cast Iron Water Main Replacement	3/2	CMG Pipelines	<i>\$1,724,835.25</i>
Greenbrier Dr. to Honeysuckle Dr. and		Murphy Pipeline	2,013,625.00
N. 211 <sup>th</sup> St. to N. 216 <sup>th</sup> St.			
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(C&A for An Annual Water Infrastructure Replacement approved January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$30,719,544.00.)

# **RATIFICATION**

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid Amount
High Service No. 5 and No. 6 Valve Replacements at Platte South	4/2	FreeState Flow Sol. Mellen & Assoc.	<b>\$27,091.50</b> 31,996.80
Water Production Facility 100033000039 (C&A for 100033000039 approved Apr	il 25, 2025 in th	ne amount of \$40,000.00.)	

# **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid Amount
Information Technology Research and Advisory Services Renewal for Three Year Contract (June 19, 2025 through June 19, 2028) *Extension #1	1/1	Info-Tech.	\$325,578.96*

# <u>OTHER</u>

<u>ltem</u>	Bids Sent / Rec'd	<u>Bidders</u>	Bid Amount
2025 Headquarters Parking Garage	16/5	Fisher Building Serv.	\$110,847.80
Repairs		McGill Restoration	136,426.00
100084001342		Western Specialty Contr.	. 158,011.77
Engineering Estimate: \$181,000.00		Mid-Continental Restor.	202,652.00
		MC Wells Contracting	373,536.00
(A C&A in the amount of \$131,990.00 vapproval.)	will be presented	•	025 for

Platte West Boiler Replacement	13/6	<b>Grunwald Mechanical</b>	\$366,583.00
100035000018 WP2161		Boiler Chiller Systems	417,057.80
Engineering Estimate: \$405,000.00		Helm Mechanical	435,576.00
		Prairie Mechanical	469,957.00
		Cerris Systems	523,520.00
		J&R Mechanical	570,318.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$526,700.00 will be presented to the Board on May 7, 2025 for approval.)

Platte West Water Production Facility 3/3 **Downey Drilling** \$583,110.00 Well Re-Development of Eighteen (18) Sargent Drilling 995,904.00 Wells, Six (6) in 2025, Six (6) in 2026 and Layne Christensen 1,147,719.30 Six (6) in 2027

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(A C&A in the amount of \$1,110,000.00 will be presented to the Board on May 7, 2025 for approval.)

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Vice President, Procurement and Enterprise Services

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Steve Ausdemore

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Senior Vice President, Safety, Security and Field Operations

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#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

# April 30, 2025

**Subject:** MAIN EXTENSIONS

**To:** Services and Extensions Committee

cc: All Board Members: President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice

**Presidents** 

**From:** Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering

The following main extension will be on the May 7, 2025, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

1. JOB #: WP2091 (100055001469 - \$208,442) - REVISION

**PROJECT COST:** \$208,442

**DISTRICT COST: \$0** 

**LOCATION:** NW of 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bedford Avenue

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Begley

**PURPOSE**: Install water mains for Bedford Heights Subdivision

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 2 multi-family lots in the Bedford Heights Subdivision. This project was originally approved by the Board on January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$229,034. Since then, the developer has worked with the District to adjust sewer locations and update the water design in order to lower project costs.

**2. JOB #:** WP2193 (100055001493 - \$241,662) & (100051001099 - \$68,815)

**PROJECT COST:** \$310,477 **DISTRICT COST:** \$68,815

**LOCATION:** North 102<sup>nd</sup> Street from Hadan Street to Garvin Road

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Friend

**PURPOSE**: Install water mains between N 106<sup>th</sup> Street and N 102<sup>nd</sup> Street along Haden

Street.

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 10406 State Street, an OPPD property. Included with this project will be additional water mains to address an existing long dead end and to provide additional reliability to the area under 100051001099.

**3. JOB #:** WP2181 (100055001488 - \$731,493)

**PROJECT COST:** \$731,493

**DISTRICT COST: \$0** 

**LOCATION:** South of 207<sup>th</sup> and Harrison Street

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Cavanaugh

**PURPOSE**: Install water mains for Sunset Meadows Subdivision Phase 2 and Sunset Meadows Replat Two

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 70 single-family residential lots and 27 multi-family residential lots in the Sunset Meadows Subdivision Phase 2 and Sunset Meadows Replat Two.

**4. JOB #:** WP2127 (100057000505 - \$2,882,131) & (100057000527 - \$2,272,587)

**PROJECT COST:** \$5,154,718

**DISTRICT COST:** \$0

**LOCATION:** Hidden Valley Drive from Platteview Road to South 10<sup>th</sup> Street and from

10<sup>th</sup> Street to South 5<sup>th</sup> Street **DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Sidzyik

**PURPOSE**: Install water approach main for the City of Bellevue

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service, fire protection and facilitate development in areas of southeastern Bellevue. The project is being developed by the City of Bellevue. WP2127 will connect the western and eastern main segments (Phases A and C) previously approved by the Board on November 4, 2023. This C&A is for full project authorization for construction of Phase B of this project. The Phase B segment was removed from the original project scope at the request of the City of Bellevue, to facilitate their plans to pursue a government grant with the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Ultimately, this grant was not awarded by the EDA to the City of Bellevue.

**5. JOB #:** WP2083 (100057000542 - \$1,651,423), (100057000544 - \$1,612,620), (100057000555 - \$185,243) & (100055001489 - \$32,780) - SUPPLEMENTAL

PROJECT COST: \$3,482,066 DISTRICT COST: \$2,565,071

**LOCATION:** North 180th Street from Purple Martin Parkway to Ida Street and Ida Street

from North 180th Street to North 186th Street

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Begley

**PURPOSE**: Provide water service and fire protection for the developing area **DESCRIPTION**: A C&A for \$2,879,900 was previously approved by the Board September 4, 2024. This Supplemental C&A addresses costs associated with received bids, as the original C&A utilized estimated costs based on historical projects of a similar size and scope.

**6. JOB #:** GP2891 (100060001515 - \$515,584) & (100052001872 - \$12,579)

**PROJECT COST:** \$528,163 **DISTRICT COST:** \$65,606

**LOCATION:** Northwest of North 209<sup>th</sup> Street & Blondo Street

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Begley

PURPOSE: Install gas mains for Blondo Point Subdivision and connections for

Greenbrier Subdivision

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide gas service to 379 single family residential lots in Blondo Point subdivision. In addition, this project includes the installation of mains in Blondo Street fronting this development to support continued

orderly growth and connections to the existing Greenbrier subdivision to the south of Blondo Street. To properly expand our system to serve future developments, it is necessary to oversize approximately 3,300' of 2" mains to 4" mains at a District cost of \$65,606.

**7. JOB #:** GP2899 (100060001518 - \$152,233)

PROJECT COST: \$152,233 DISTRICT COST: \$26,146

LOCATION: Northwest of South 36th Street and Cornhusker Road

**DISTRICT SUBDIVISION:** Sidzyik

**PURPOSE**: Install gas mains for Cornhusker Creek Subdivision

**DESCRIPTION:** Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 111 single family residential lots, 1 multi-family residential lot, 1 commercial lot, and 1 mixed use (commercial/multi-family lot) in Cornhusker Creek subdivision. To properly expand our system to serve future developments, it is necessary to oversize approximately 1,440' of 2" mains to 4" mains at a District cost of \$26,146.

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#### **METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Department Communication

April 28, 2025

# Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, May 2025 Board Meeting

To: Personnel Committee

**cc:** All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Bonnie Savine, Vice President, Human Resources

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the wage or salary increases outlined below. All positions involve District employees earning more than \$10,000 per year and therefore require your approval.

#### 1. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Promotion

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. These wage increases are based on a job selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

Employee: Alexander Brown

Current position (department): Water Plant Engineer (Platte South Plant)

**New position (department):** Chemical Equipment Mechanic I (Platte South Plant)

Current rate; step/grade: \$41.13; Step 1
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.06; Step 4

Percent of increase: 2.26%

**District hire date:** June 5, 2023

Employee: Jacob Brown

Current position (department): Machine Operator (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$37.46; Step 2 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$39.66; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.87%

**District hire date:** October 11, 2021

Employee: Jayson Dimauro

**Current position (department):** Pipe Layer – Welder (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$39.54; Step 3 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$41.87; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.89%

**District hire date:** September 7, 2021

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Employee: Michael Dulik

**Current position (department):** Utility Worker (Construction)

**New position (department):** Crew Leader – Construction (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$44.07; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$46.52; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.56%

**District hire date:** June 9, 2014

Employee: Tyler Groves

**Current position (department):** Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)

**New position (department):** Water Plant Operator (Water Production & Pumping)

Current rate; step/grade: \$27.89; Step 1
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$35.19; EN
Percent of increase: 26.17%

District hire date: June 24, 2024

Employee: John Hubbard

Current position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$39.54; Step 3 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$41.87; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.89%

**District hire date:** September 13, 2021

Employee: Thomas Middleton

**Current position (department):** Pipe Layer – Welder (Construction)

**New position (department):** Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$41.62; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$44.07; Step 4

Percent of increase: 5.89%

**District hire date:** June 11, 2007

Employee: Wendy Owens

Current position (department): Administrative Clerk III (Customer Services)

**New position (department):** Print Room Operator/Administrative Clerk (Engineering Design)

Current rate; step/grade: \$33.10; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$34.44; Step 4

Percent of increase: 4.05%

**District hire date:** March 12, 2007

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Employee: Andrew Rynders

**Current position (department):** Pipe Layer – Welder (Construction)

New position (department): Utility Worker (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$39.54; Step 3 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$41.87; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.89%

**District hire date:** September 7, 2021

Employee: William Stoffel

**Current position (department):** Utility Worker (Construction)

**New position (department):** Crew Leader – Construction (Construction)

Current rate; step/grade: \$44.07; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$46.52; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.56%

**District hire date:** January 13, 2014

#### 2. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Transfer

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. A transferring employee who is at less than Standard Wage will be moved to an equal rate in the new job classification or, if there is not an identical wage rate, to the nearest higher wage rate in the new job classification. These wage increases are based on a formal selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

Employee: Kelly Yarpe

**Current position (department):** Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Services)

**New position (department):** Administrative Clerk II (Field Service Administration)

Current rate; step/grade: \$26.74; EN
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$26.79; Step 1

Percent of increase: .19 %

**District hire date:** September 9, 2024

Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications May 2025 Page 4

# 3. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Progression

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the following wage increases for the OAC employees who have successfully completed required training and who have been recommended by their supervisor for promotion as they progress within their job family. All increases are based on the bargaining unit wage structure. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following board approval.

Employee: Veronica Harris

Current position (department): Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Services)

New position (department): Customer Service Clerk II (Customer Services)

Current rate; step/grade: \$31.75; Step 3 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$33.34; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** November 21, 2022

Employee: Jordan Loring

**Current position (department):** Water Maintenance Trainee (Water Distribution) **New position (department):** Water Maintenance Worker (Water Distribution)

Current rate; step/grade: \$32.97; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$34.90; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.85%

**District hire date:** April 24, 2023

Employee: Marvin Miranda

Current position (department): Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Services)

New position (department): Customer Service Clerk II (Customer Services)

Current rate; step/grade: \$31.75; Step 3
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$33.34; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** November 14, 2022

Employee: Mayra Monarrez

Current position (department): Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Services)

New position (department): Customer Service Clerk II (Customer Services)

Current rate; step/grade: \$31.75; Step 3
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$33.34; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** November 21, 2022

Employee: Steve Novak

Current position (department): Water Maintenance Trainee (Water Distribution)

New position (department): Water Maintenance Worker (Water Distribution)

Current rate; step/grade: \$32.97; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$34.90; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.85%

**District hire date:** April 24, 2023

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Employee: Timothy Pecoraro

Current position (department): Water Maintenance Trainee (Water Distribution)

New position (department): Water Maintenance Worker (Water Distribution)

Current rate; step/grade: \$32.97; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$34.90; Step 2

Percent of increase: 5.85%

**District hire date:** April 24, 2023

Employee: Jason Snipes

**Current position (department):** Computer Aided Drafting Technician I (Engineering Design) **New position (department):** Computer Aided Drafting Technician II (Engineering Design)

Current rate; step/grade: \$32.17; Step 4 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$35.48; Step 2

Percent of increase: 10.29%

**District hire date:** August 15, 2022

Employee: Laquisha Workman-Thomas

Current position (department): Customer Service Clerk I (Customer Services)

New position (department): Customer Service Clerk II (Customer Services)

Current rate; step/grade: \$31.75; Step 3 Proposed rate; step/grade: \$33.34; Step 3

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** November 14, 2022

#### 4. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) Salary Increases Due To Job Promotion

The following employees are selected for promotion into SPA positions. It is recommended the President be authorized to increase the salary of these employees. These SPA jobs have been evaluated, graded, appropriate job descriptions completed, and posting guidelines fulfilled. The effective date for these salaries will be the beginning of the next SPA pay period following board approval.

Employee: Tina Gutschenritter

**Current position (department):** Customer Engagement Representative (Business Development)

**New position (department):** Customer Engagement Specialist (Business Development)

Current rate; step/grade: \$90,566; SPA - 01Proposed rate; step/grade: \$95,094; SPA - 02

Percent of increase: 5.00%

**District hire date:** September 29, 2014

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Employee: Dennis Schweikart

Current position (department): Engineer II (Engineering Design)

**New position (department):** Design Engineer (Engineering Design)

**Current rate; step/grade:** \$115,040; SPA – 04 **Proposed rate; step/grade:** \$120,792; SPA – 05

Percent of increase: 5.00%

District hire date: May 3, 2021

# 5. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) New Hire Ratification

Board of Director Ratification of salaries, for new SPA employees hired from outside the District, is required to confirm the salary within the grade established for the position. Authorization to ratify the annual salary of SPA employees hired from outside the District will be requested each month, if appropriate.

There are no ratifications for approval this month

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Bonnie Savine

Vice President, Human Resources

**APPROVED:** 

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Mark Mendenhall

Mark A. Mendenhall

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

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Mark E. Doyle President

#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 28, 2025

Subject: FOURTH LEGISLATIVE REPORT – 2025 SESSION

**To:** Judicial and Legislative Committee

**cc:** All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents

Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers; all Vice Presidents

**From:** Rick Kubat, Government Relations Attorney

The Legislature is tentatively set to adjourn on June 9, 2025. The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board recently projected \$190 million less in revenue for the state's current fiscal year. The total budget deficit is roughly \$314 million. The body will need to consider some combination of spending cuts, revenue bills, or transfers of funds from the state's cash reserves to balance the budget. Please note that the position on LB 36 provided below has changed from a position of District support to a management recommendation of Neutral as the District's language contained in the bill has been removed. In addition to the list of bills provided below, there are numerous other legislative proposals that will continue to be monitored on behalf of the District.

#### INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN THE 2025 SESSION

**LB 36** (Brandt) – Creates the Wellhead Protection Act. The bill provides that any county, city, or village with zoning, land-use, planning, or permit-granting authority over any wellhead protection area shall notify the controlling entity of such wellhead protection area of any proposed land-use or zoning regulation or building permit within such wellhead protection area. Additionally, counties, cities, or villages shall take into consideration the ability of a controlling entity to provide the public with an adequate supply of potable water when making any determinations regarding the authorization of a proposed land-use or zoning regulation or building permit within a wellhead protection area. The Nebraska League of Municipalities has been engaged with opponents of LB 36 attempting to address underlying concerns with the breadth and scope of the bill. LB 36 was used a vehicle by the Natural Resources Committee to move several other items of legislation, but did not include provisions related to wellhead protection areas.

Mgmt rec: Neutral

Status: Placed on Final Reading

**LB 117** (Holdcroft) – Creates a sales tax exemption for the sale and use of *residential* electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer. Senator Holdcroft has indicated his intention is for LB 117 to specifically eliminate state sales taxes for residential utilities, but to allow cities to maintain their local option sales taxes.

Board Pos: Support

Status: Remains in the Revenue Committee

**LB 147** (Hansen) – Public and private water entities which provide water for human consumption may add fluoride. Entities that choose to fluoridate must do so in an amount and manner as determined by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Board Pos: Neutral

Status: Remains in the Health and Human Services Committee

**LB 264** (Arch on behalf of Governor) – Fiscal adjustments to Nebraska's biennium budget. The District's opposition to LB 264 is specific to section 58, where any remaining balance to the Lead Service Line Cash Fund is transferred to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025.

Board Pos: Oppose

Status: Remains in the Appropriation Committee

LB 317 (Brandt) – A 446-page bill that merges the Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to become the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE), effective July 1, 2025. The merged Department shall exercise the powers and perform such duties that were assigned to both NDEE and DNR prior to the merger. The NDEE Director will be renamed the Director of Water, Energy, and Environment and shall be appointed by the Governor. The DNR Director would be renamed the Chief Water Officer and would retain the authorities previously prescribed for the administration of the duties of DNR. The Chief Water Officer shall have at least five years' experience in a position of responsibility in irrigation work, shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall report directly to the Director of Water, Energy, and Environment. An amendment was adopted to the bill requiring the Chief Water Officer be either a Professional Engineer or Professional Geologist.

Board Pos: Neutral

Status: Placed on Final Reading

**LB 344** (Brandt) – Changes provisions relating to ground water allocations. The bill proposes to update language that is set to expire on January 1, 2026, regarding allocations and limits placed on commercial or industrial municipal water use in fully and over appropriated areas. The Papio-Missouri water basin, in which the District operates, is neither fully nor over appropriated. Under the bill, after January 1, 2026, in fully or over appropriated areas, any new or expanded commercial or industrial user served by a municipal water source that commences water use at a rate in excess of 25 million gallons annually, expands water use to a rate in excess of 25 million gallons annually, or at any time exceeds water use of 25 million gallons annually shall be subject to the controls of an integrated management plan, rule, or order and provide a mitigation report to the natural resources district within which such user is located. The mitigation report shall include (i) annual water use, (ii) annual volume of water returned to the municipal system or discharged to another location, (iii) source of water used to mitigate the new or expanded consumptive use, and (iv) any other information deemed necessary by the applicable natural resources district or the Department of Natural Resources. The mitigation report shall be approved by the applicable natural resources district and the Department of Natural Resources prior to January 1, 2026, or prior to commencement of the new or expanded use. Each integrated management plan, rule, or order within an area determined by the Department of Natural Resources to be fully appropriated or over appropriated pursuant may require annual water use and water consumption reporting from municipalities..

Board Pos: Neutral

Status: Amended into LB 36 and Placed on Final Reading

**LB 542** (Dover) – Under current law, the District is required to move facilities at District expense for any changes, alterations, or relocations of roads. LB 542 would require the state or local government to pay for relocation of utilities when federal funds or state funds for local governments are part of the financing for said road project. LB 542 received opposition testimony from the Nebraska Department of Transportation and representatives of cities with the primary concern being the additional costs associated with roads projects should the state or cities be required to pay for utility relocations.

Board Pos: Support

Status: Remains in the Transportation and Telecommunications

Committee

**LB 546** (Rountree) – Provides political subdivisions that supply electricity, natural gas, water, or sewer service with permissive authority to request an emergency proclamation from the Governor when the political subdivision operates in multiple counties. LB 546 was introduced to address the requirement of requesting multiple counties to sign-off on an emergency declaration when utilities are operating in more than one county. The utilities listed will have the authority under the bill to make a direct request to the Governor for such a declaration.

Board Pos: Support

Status: Remains in the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LB 548** (Lippincott) – Introduced to address a specific situation, where a municipal natural gas utility desires to serve an industrial customer outside of the utilities' territorial jurisdiction. LB 548 as currently drafted, would allow any publicly owned natural gas utility to serve an industrial customer that uses three million British thermal units of gas per day. The legislation would only apply to industrial customers who are both outside the jurisdiction of the municipal gas utility and not serviced within the territory of any other existing gas utility.

Board Pos: Neutral

Status: Placed on General File

**LB 580** (Cavanaugh M.) – Provides that any remaining funds in the Lead Service Line Cash Fund for purposes of lead service line removal or labor training be re-appropriated into the subsequent biennium budget. All remaining Lead Service Line Cash funds are to be made available to the District for purposes of lead service line removals via a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Support for LB 580 was offered by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Water Resources Association, and the Nebraska American Academy of Pediatrics.

Board Pos: Support

Status: Remains in the Appropriations Committee

Rick kubat Richard A. Kubat Government Relations Attorney

Approved:

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Senior Vice President/General Counsel

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# **METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Department Communication

May 1, 2025

**Subject:** CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY:

Jeromy & Carrie Schnell 10930 S. 180th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68136

**To:** Judicial and Legislative Committee

cc: all Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents

Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Justin Cooper, Attorney

For several months, the Law Department has been attempting to negotiate a permanent water main easement with the owners of property at 180<sup>th</sup> Street & HWY 370, Jeromy & Carrie Schnell. The easement of .2662 acres is needed as an essential component in the District's ability to enter into a Wholesale Agreement with the City of Gretna, to provide water to their residents. A map showing the location of the easement on the owner's property is attached. The City of Gretna has reached its capacity to provide water by its well system and is building a pump station to be completed in the Fall of 2025. The District will provide a 16" main extension from 180<sup>th</sup> Street to 183<sup>rd</sup> Street to connect to the pump station which should take 30 to 60 days to complete.

Negotiations have consisted of letters, telephone conversations and a site visit with engineers on the project. Negotiations continue, but to avoid further delays in the project, the District is seeking condemnation authority to proceed in the event negotiations fail. Eminent Domain requires that the District make a good faith offers to compensate the property owners prior to seeking the Court's intervention. The District has made two compensation offers that have been rejected.

A resolution authorizing condemnation has been prepared for consideration. This matter will appear on the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Committee Agenda for discussion and on the Board Agenda for approval.

Justin (poper Justin Cooper Justin Cooper Attorney

Approved:

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Mark Döyle Mark Döyle President

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha has sought by negotiation and purchase of easement rights in a parcel of real property needed for the installation, maintenance, and operation of a water main to provide to the City of Gretna a Wholesale Water Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, that it finds it necessary to acquire private property for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and to enhance the operation of service to the portion the City of Gretna, in Sarpy County, Nebraska as part of the District's water system; and further finds the acquisition of permanent easement rights in such properties is necessary for the stated public purpose.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the subject properties described in Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a reasonable good faith offer has been made under the direction of the District's Senior Vice President, General Counsel to the owners of the described property in an effort to acquire easements by purchase, such offers have not been accepted by the owners, and therefore the Senior Vice President, General Counsel is hereby authorized to institute condemnation proceedings on behalf of the District for the easement rights as provided by Nebraska Revised Stature §14-2116 (Reissue 2012) as well as to continue negotiations up to the point of a condemnation hearing ruling.

Adopted:

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### PERMANENT EASEMENT

#### TRACT 1

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1 IN TEPLY'S TIMBERS, A PLATTED SUBDIVISION IN SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA;

THENCE ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29, NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST (BASIS OF BEARING), 113.78 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, 54.58 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HIGHWAY 370, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ON SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES:

- 1) SOUTH 65 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 60.73 FEET;
- 2) NORTH 86 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, 83.07 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1;

THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, NORTH 21 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 12.83 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 157.75 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 41.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTH 180TH STREET;

THENCE ON SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES:

- 1) SOUTH 08 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 38.02 FEET;
- 2) SOUTH 04 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 65.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS AN AREA OF 0.2662 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

# EASEMENT **ACQUISITION**

GROUP NO.

WP2134

PROJECT NO. 100057000550

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LEGEND

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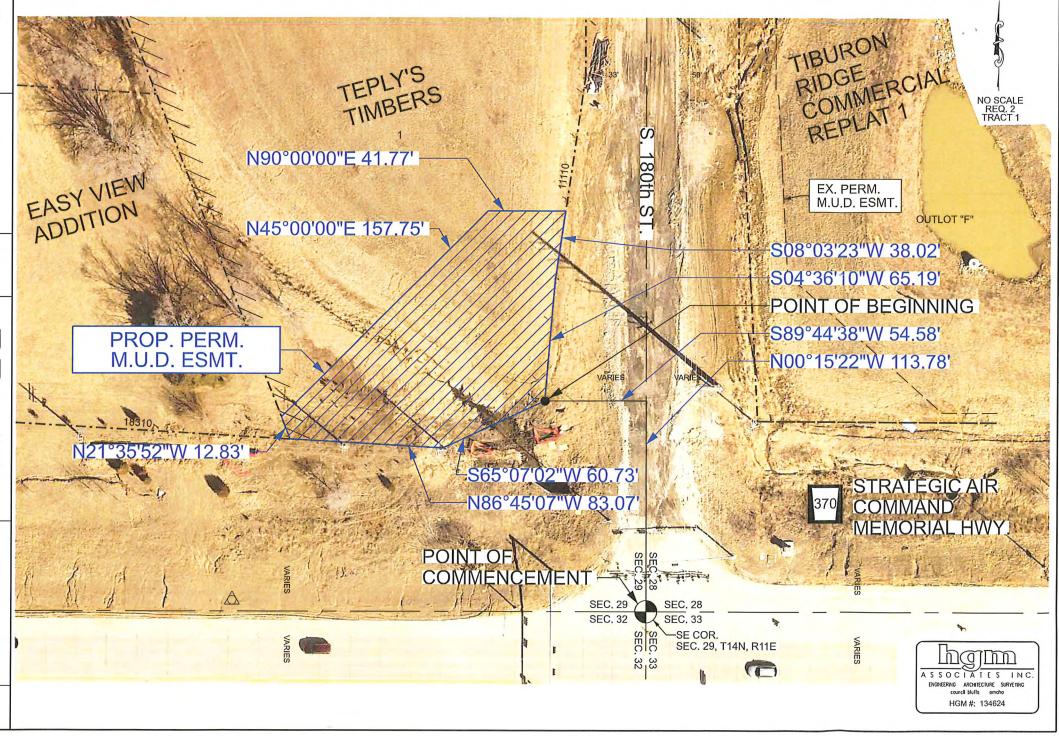
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#### METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Departmental Communication

April 23, 2025

Subject: REVISION TO INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENTS FOR PENSION TRUST AND

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST

**To:** Insurance and Pensions Committee

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle, Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger,

Mendenhall, Minor and all Vice Presidents

From: Mark F. Myers, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

PNC Institutional Asset Management (PNC) serves as a co-fiduciary advisor related to both the pension and OPEB trusts and has discretionary authority to manage the investment assets of these employee benefit plans.

PNC recently completed a study of both plans and is recommending changes to the investment allocation for the pension and OPEB assets. These changes include reducing the allocation to Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) from 8% to 4% in both plans. This 4% reduction in REITs would be offset by an increase of 2% each in the allocation to U.S. and Non-U.S. Equities.

Due to a number of factors, PNC believes REITs no longer provide a diversification benefit or downside protection for investment portfolios when compared to traditional equity investments.

In addition, PNC recommends grouping REITs under the broad equity category rather than as a unique asset class. This aligns more closely with most broad equity benchmarks, which now include REITs.

These changes require the Investment Policy Statement for each plan to be revised as follows:

#### **Pension Trust:**

Asset Class	Current Allocation	Recommended Allocation	Change
Domestic (U.S.) Equities	36%	38%	2%
International (Non-U.S.) Equities	24%	26%	2%
REITS (see below)	0%	4%	4%
Subtotal Equity	60%	68%	8%
U.S. Aggregate Bonds	15%	15%	0%
International (Non-U.S.) Bonds	3%	3%	0%
Intermediate-Term Credit	11%	11%	0%
Short-Term Credit	3%	3%	0%
Subtotal Fixed Income	32%	32%	0%
REITS (see above)	8%	0%	-8%
Grand Total	100%	100%	0%

#### **OPEB Plan:**

Asset Class	Current Allocation	Recommended Allocation	Change
Domestic (U.S.) Equities	40%	42%	2%
International (Non-U.S.) Equities	27%	29%	2%
REITS (see below)	0%	4%	4%
Subtotal Equity	67%	75%	8%
U.S. Aggregate Bonds	11%	11%	0%
International (Non-U.S.) Bonds	3%	3%	0%
Intermediate-Term Credit	9%	9%	0%
Short-Term Credit	2%	2%	0%
Subtotal Fixed Income	25%	25%	0%
REITS (see above)	8%	0%	-8%
Grand Total	100%	100%	0%

Copies of the revised Investment Policy Statements are attached for your reference.

Management supports PNC's recommendation, which was presented to the Insurance & Pension Committee at a meeting held on April 21, 2025. The Committee approved the proposed revisions to the Investment Policy Statements and presentation of these documents to the full Board of Directors for approval at the meeting to be held on May 7, 2025.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mark Myers Måfkff.2Myers

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (402) 504-7174

Approved:

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President

Attachments

# Approved: December 1, 2021 May 7, 2025 Investment Policy Statement for The Retirement Plan for Employees of The Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha (Pension Plan)

#### Objectives and Guidelines

# A. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Retirement Plan is to provide eligible employees with retirement pension benefits. This is a "defined benefit" plan with contributions to the plan made periodically by both employees and the District. The investment policy is premised upon restrictions set out in State of Nebraska Statute, Section 30-3209 (2), a copy of which is attached to the policy. The "Prudent Investor" guideline is to be followed in regard to the investment management of the Plan. Consistent with prudent standards for the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity, the goal of the plan is to earn the highest possible rate of return consistent with the Plan's tolerance for risk. The level of risk is determined by the Board of Directors of the District with guidance from their Investment Advisor. Short-term fluctuations in the asset value of the Plan shall be considered secondary to long-term investment results.

The Board of Directors has the fiduciary responsibility for the Retirement Plan. They have delegated the administrative responsibility for the Plan to the Board's Insurance and Pension Committee, but have retained overall fiduciary oversight. The Plan's Investment Advisor will provide guidance when implementing the policies as stated in the following investment policy statement. The General Counsel of the District will provide legal advice for the Plan whenever needed.

#### The Investment Policy shall:

- 1. Define and assign the responsibilities of all parties.
- 2. Establish a clear understanding for all involved parties of the investment goals, risk tolerance and objectives for plan assets. Set asset allocation guidelines.
- 3. Offer guidance and limitations to the Investment Advisor regarding the investment of Plan assets.
- 4. Establish a basis for evaluating investment results.
- 5. Manage Plan assets according to prudent standards as established by Nebraska law.

In general, the purpose of this statement is to outline a philosophy and attitude, which will guide the investment management of the assets toward the desired results. It is intended to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful, yet flexible enough to be practical.

# B. Delegation of Authority

The Insurance and Pension Committee of the Board is responsible for directing and monitoring the investment management of Pension Plan assets. The Committee's decisions and direction

will be implemented by the Management Pension Committee. This Management Pension Committee is composed of the following Metropolitan Utilities District officers: The President, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Accounting. The Insurance and Pension Committee is authorized to retain, and to delegate certain responsibilities and duties to professional experts in various fields. Their fields include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Investment Advisor. The Advisor will assist the Committee in establishing investment policy, objectives and guidelines; selecting investment funds; reviewing such investments over time; measuring and evaluating investment performance; and other tasks as deemed appropriate.
- 2. Custodian. The custodian will physically (or through agreement with a sub-–custodian) maintain possession of securities owned by the Plan, collect dividend and interest payments, redeem maturing securities, and affect receipt and delivery following purchases and sales. The custodian may also perform regular accounting of assets owned, purchased or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of Plan accounts.
- 3. Consulting Actuary. The Consulting Actuary will provide the Plan with all actuarial services required.
- 4. Additional specialists such as attorneys, auditors and others may be employed to assist in meeting responsibilities and obligations to administer Plan assets prudently.

# C. Responsibilities

- 1. The Board of Directors
  - a. Serve as a Plan co-fiduciary with the Investment Advisor.
  - b. Appoint the three members of the Insurance and Pension Committee and designate a Chair.
  - c. Approve the Insurance and Pension Committee's annual review of the Investment Policy in the event there are significant recommended changes.
  - d. On an annual basis, review investment performance reports of the Plan as presented by the Investment Advisor.
  - e. Review the annual actuarial valuations report. Approve any necessary changes in the Plan's funding requirements based upon input from the Management Pension Committee and Consulting Actuary.
  - f. Approve the selection of an Investment Advisor for the plan.

#### 2. The Insurance and Pension Committee

The Committee shall consist of three Board members, who are appointed by the full Board. They will meet as often as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The Committee is responsible for:

a. Supervision of the Policy, including the annual review and recommendations for

appropriate changes. Such changes must be approved by the Board.

- b. Retain an Investment Advisor to serve as a discretionary advisor and co-fiduciary for investment decisions with regard to the plan.
- c. Review quarterly investment performance reports for the Plan.
- d. Evaluating performance of investments in accordance with defined objectives and changing funds when needed.
- e. Retaining a custodian for the Plan's assets.
- f. Retaining Investment Consultant(s) to assist with the management of the Plan's investments if deemed necessary.
- g. Retaining a Consulting Actuary for the Plan.
- h. Reviewing the total cost for the investment and administration of the Plan annually. Consider cost implications in making any decisions for the Plan.

# 3. Consulting Actuary

The actuarial consultant will provide an annual actuarial valuation of the Retirement Plan. The primary purposes of performing the valuation are:

- a. To estimate the liabilities for the future benefits expected to be provided by the Plan.
- b. To determine the recommended contribution level, based on the District's funding policy.
- c. To measure and disclose various asset and liability measures.
- d. To monitor any deviation between actual plan experience and experience predicted by the actuarial assumptions so that recommendations for assumption changes can be made when appropriate.
- e. To analyze and report on any significant trends in contributions, assets and liabilities over the past several years.

The actuarial consultant will also provide Retirement Plan Experience Studies. The basic purpose of an experience study is to determine whether the actuarial assumptions currently in use have accurately anticipated actual emerging experience.

In addition, the Consulting Actuary may be asked to offer an opinion as to the Plan's absolute long-term total return investment objective, the Plan's asset allocation targets with respect to its peer group, and the Plan's tolerance for risk.

#### 4. Management Pension Committee

The Committee is composed of the following District officers: the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Accounting. The Chief

Financial Officer will serve as Chair, and will coordinate all Committee responsibilities and duties. The Committee's responsibilities are:

- Authorize all distributions to eligible retired employees. This responsibility has been delegated to the Human Resource Department.
- b. Oversee the accumulation of performance measurement data required by the Insurance and Pension Committee for the ongoing evaluation of investment performance.
- c. The Chief Financial Officer will act as the primary contact with the Insurance and Pension Committee, the Investment Advisor, and the Consulting Actuary.
- d. Providing the Board with quarterly investment reports for the Plan.
- e. Provide ongoing reports necessary for the administration of the Plan.
- f. Review the annual report of the Consulting Actuary and recommend to the Board any changes in funding requirements for the plan which are needed to keep the Plan's funding level at an acceptable level.

#### 5. The Investment Advisor

The Investment Advisor's role is to serve as a discretionary advisor and co-fiduciary for investment decisions with regard to the Plan. The Investment Advisor will have full discretion to make all investment decisions for the assets placed under their jurisdiction, while observing and operating within the Policy and any specific guidelines and constraints applied specifically to them. Investment advice concerning the management of Plan assets will be offered by the Advisor and will be consistent with investment objectives, policies, guidelines and constraints as established in the Policy. Specific responsibilities of the advisor may include:

- a. Assisting in the development and periodic review of the Investment Policy.
- b. Monitoring the asset allocation targets compared to the individual fund valuations and rebalancing between the various funds as necessary.
- c. Balancing preservation and growth of capital prudently.
- Monitoring the performance of the investments and provide the basis for evaluating the achievement of investment objectives and fund performance compared to benchmarks. Recommend changes if necessary.
- e. Providing information regarding any qualitative changes to investment management organizations. Examples include changes in personnel, ownership structure, investment philosophy and style.
- f. Performing other tasks which help in the effective management of Plan assets.
- g. Comply with all Nebraska Statues relating to pension investments and any other legal and regulatory requirements required for the investment of pension fund assets.

#### h. Communication

- i. Investment performance reports on a timely basis.
- ii. Any significant changes in the management or research personnel or ownership within the investment management firm.
- iii. Access for telephone consultations on a reasonable basis.
- iv. Presentations to the Insurance and Pension Committee as requested, but at least annually.
- v. Presentations to the Board of Directors as requested (generally on an annual basis).
- vi. Other reporting and analysis as requested.

# D. Investment Return Objectives

- 1. Absolute Return Objective: The Fund's long-term total return objective (income plus market appreciations) is 6.75% after investment expenses. This objective is based upon the Asset Allocation Guidelines for the Plan (section F).
- 2. Relative Total Return Objectives to meet or exceed the following benchmarks:

U.S. Equity	CRSP US Total Market Index or a similar broad domestic equity index
Non-U.S. Equity	FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index or a similar broad international equity index
Investment-Grade Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate BondFloat Adjusted Index, or a similar aggregate
REITs	MSCI US REIT Index or a similar REIT index

These Benchmarks will be used to compute a blended Benchmark Index for the Plan. If a new investment category is used, then a benchmark would be identified. This will be compared to actual investment returns.

#### E. Investment Guidelines and Limitations

- 1. Permitted Investments
  - a. Cash Equivalents
    - i. Treasury Bills
    - ii. Money Market Funds
    - iii. Commercial Paper

iv. Certificate of Deposits and Checking Accounts (Limited to \$250,000 less the anticipated interest per FDIC insured financial institution)

#### b. Fixed Income Securities

- i. US Government and Agency Securities
- ii. Corporate Notes and Bonds
- iii. Private and Agency residential mortgage-backed securities, including both passthrough securities and collateralized mortgage obligations
- iv. Private and agency commercial mortgage-backed securities
- v. Asset-backed securities
- vi. Taxable municipal securities

# c. Equity Securities

- i. Common Stocks
- ii. Convertible Notes and Bonds
- iii. American Depository Receipts (ADR's)

#### d. Mutual Funds\*

- i. Equity
- ii. Fixed Income
- iii. Exchange Traded Funds
- \* Investment Limitations shall not apply to Mutual Funds. However, Mutual Funds selected by the Investment Advisor shall comply with all SEC requirements, statements contained in their prospectus and give notice of any significant changes in personnel, style or objectives. The Investment Advisor shall manage compliance.

#### e. Other Securities

i. Securities not listed above with the specific prior approval of the Insurance and Pension Committee.

#### 2. Prohibited Investments

- a. Private placements and letter stock
- b. Options

#### c. Commodities

# d. Asset backed money market funds

#### 3. Prohibited Transactions

Unless expressly authorized by the Committee, the Portfolio and its investment funds are prohibited from:

- a. Purchasing securities on margin, or executing short sales.
- b. Pledging or hypothecating securities, except for loans of securities that are fully collateralized.
- c. Purchasing or selling derivative securities for speculation or leverage.
- d. Engaging in investment strategies that have the potential to amplify or distort the risk of loss beyond a level that is reasonably expected given the objectives of their portfolios

# 4. Diversification Policy

Diversification across and within asset classes is the primary means by which the Committee expects the Portfolio to avoid undue risk of large losses over long time periods. To protect the Portfolio against unfavorable outcomes within an asset class due to the assumption of large risks, the Committee will take reasonable precautions to avoid excessive investment concentrations. Specifically, the following guidelines will be in place:

- a. With the exception of fixed income investments explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, no single investment security shall represent more than 5% of total Portfolio assets.
- b. With the exception of passively managed investment vehicles seeking to match the returns on a broadly diversified market index, no single investment pool or investment company (mutual fund) shall comprise more than 20% of total Portfolio assets.
- c. With respect to fixed income investments, the minimum average credit quality of these investments shall be investment grade (Standard & Poor's BBB or Moody's Baa or higher).

#### F. Asset Allocation Guidelines for the Plan

Asset Class	Sub-Asset Class		Target Allocation
Equity			<del>60%</del> 68%
	Domestic (U.S.) Equities	<del>36%</del> 38%	
	International (Non-U.S.) Equities	<del>24%</del> 26%	
	REITS	4%	
Fixed Income			32%
	U.S. Aggregate Bonds	15%	
	International Bonds	3%	
	Intermediate Term Credit	11%	
	Short Term Credit	3%	
	Intermediate Terms TIPS	<del></del>	

REITS	<del>-8%</del>
Total	100%

The Portfolio will be rebalanced to the target asset allocation described above as follows:

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  - c. Rebalancing the Portfolio at any other time if the Investment Advisor in its discretion deems it appropriate to do so.

#### G. Performance Measurement

Performance will be monitored quarterly. The Investment Advisor will provide investment return data for each quarter, year-to-date, last twelve months, three year and five year periods; and since inception of the Advisor's engagement. Actions may be taken at any time to replace an investment if the Insurance and Pension Committee deems it appropriate for performance or other reasons.

The Management Pension Committee shall report quarterly to the Board on the actual performance of the Plan compared to goals, objectives and Benchmarks.

#### H. Review and Amendment

The Insurance and Pension Committee will review this Policy at least annually in order to ascertain whether there have been any changes in the needs of the Plan and/or major changes in the structure of the capital markets, which require this Policy to be amended. The Committee will recommend changes to the Policy whenever it is deemed necessary to the Board for approval.

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Corporate trustee; retirement or pension funds of governmental employees; investments authorized.

(1) Corporate trustees authorized by Nebraska law to exercise fiduciary powers and holding retirement or pension funds for the benefit of employees or former employees of cities, villages, school districts, or other governmental or political subdivisions may invest and reinvest such funds in such securities and investments as are authorized for trustees, guardians, conservators, personal representatives, or administrators under the laws of Nebraska. Retirement or pension funds of such cities, villages, districts, or subdivisions may be invested in annuities issued by life insurance companies authorized to do business in Nebraska. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any other retirement or pension funds of cities, including cities operating under home rule charters, villages, school districts except as provided in section 79-9,107, and all other governmental or political subdivisions may be invested and reinvested, as the governing body of such city, village, school district, or other governmental or political subdivision may determine, in the following classes of securities and investments: (a) Bonds, notes, or other obligations of the United States or those guaranteed by or for which the credit of the United States is pledged for the payment of the principal and interest or dividends thereof; (b) bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the State of Nebraska and full faith and credit obligations of or obligations unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by any other state of the United States; (c) bonds, notes, or obligations of any municipal or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska which are general obligations of the issuer thereof and revenue bonds or debentures of any city, county, or utility district of this state when the earnings available for debt service have, for a five-year period immediately preceding the date of purchase, averaged not less than one and one-half times such debt service requirements; (d) bonds and debentures issued either singly or collectively by any of the twelve federal land banks, the twelve intermediate credit banks, or the thirteen banks for cooperatives under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration; (e) certificates of deposit of banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or capital stock financial institutions, and if the amount deposited exceeds the amount of insurance available thereon, then the excess shall be secured in the same manner as for the deposit of public funds; (f) accounts with building and loan associations, qualifying mutual financial institutions, or federal savings and loan associations in the State of Nebraska to the extent that such accounts are insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; (g) bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof if (i) at the time the purchase is made, they are given, by at least one statistical organization whose publication is in general use, one of the three highest ratings given by such organization and (ii) not more than five percent of the fund shall be invested in the obligations of any one issuer; (h) direct short-term obligations, generally classified as commercial paper, of any corporation organized or existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof with a net worth of ten million dollars or more; and (i) preferred or common stock of any corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof with a net worth of ten million dollars or more if (i) not more than fifty percent of the total investments at the time such investment is made is in this class and not more than five percent is invested in each of the first five years and (ii) not more than five percent thereof is invested in the securities of any one corporation. Notwithstanding the percentage limits stated in this subsection, the cash proceeds of the sale of such preferred or common stock may be reinvested in any securities authorized under this subdivision. No city, village, school district, or other governmental subdivision or the governing body thereof shall be authorized to sell any securities short, buy on margin, or buy, sell, or engage in puts and calls. Section 77-2366 shall apply to deposits in capital stock financial institutions. Section 77-2365.01 shall apply to deposits in qualifying mutual financial institutions.

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metropolitan class is located, or public power district shall invest such funds in investments of the nature which individuals of prudence, discretion, and intelligence acquire or retain in dealing with the property of another. Such investments shall not be made for speculation but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The trustees or custodians shall not buy on margin, buy call options, or buy put options. The trustees or custodians may lend any security if cash, United States Government obligations, or United States Government agency obligations with a market value equal to or exceeding the market value of the security lent are received as collateral. If shares of stock are purchased under this subsection, all proxies may be voted by the trustees or custodians. The asset allocation restrictions set forth in subsection (1) of this section shall not be applicable to the funds of pension or retirement systems administered by or on behalf of a city of the primary class, city of the metropolitan class, metropolitan utilities district, county in which a city of the metropolitan class is located, or public power district.

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# Approved: November 7, 2019May 7, 2025 Investment Policy Statement for Postretirement Benefits for Employees of The Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha (OPEB Plan)

#### Objectives and Guidelines

#### A. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan (the Plan) is to provide eligible employees with post-retirement healthcare benefits. The investment policy is premised upon restrictions set out in State of Nebraska Statute, Section 30-3209 (2), a copy of which is attached to the policy. The "Prudent Investor" guideline is to be followed in regard to the investment management of the Plan. Consistent with prudent standards for the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity, the goal of the plan is to earn the highest possible rate of return consistent with the Plan's tolerance for risk. The level of risk is determined by the Board of Directors of the District with guidance from their Investment Advisor. Short-term fluctuations in the asset value of the Plan shall be considered secondary to long-term investment results.

The Board of Directors has the fiduciary responsibility for the Plan. They have delegated the administrative responsibility for the Plan to the Board's Insurance and Pension Committee, but have retained overall fiduciary oversight. The Portfolio's Investment Advisor will provide guidance when implementing the policies as stated in the following investment policy statement. The General Counsel of the District will provide legal advice for the Plan whenever needed.

#### The Investment Policy shall:

- 1. Define and assign the responsibilities of all parties.
- 2. Establish a clear understanding for all involved parties of the investment goals, risk tolerance and objectives for plan assets. Set asset allocation guidelines.
- 3. Offer guidance and limitations to the Investment Advisor regarding the investment of Plan assets.
- 4. Establish a basis for evaluating investment results.
- 5. Manage Plan assets according to prudent standards as established by Nebraska law.

In general, the purpose of this statement is to outline a philosophy and attitude, which will guide the investment management of the assets toward the desired results. It is intended to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful, yet flexible enough to be practical.

#### B. Delegation of Authority

The Insurance and Pension Committee of the Board is responsible for directing and monitoring the investment management of Plan assets. The Committee's decisions and direction will be implemented by the Management Pension Committee. This Management Pension Committee is composed of the following Metropolitan Utilities District officers: The President, the Chief

Financial Officer, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Accounting. The Insurance and Pension Committee is authorized to retain, and to delegate certain responsibilities and duties to professional experts in various fields. Their fields include, but are not limited to:

- Investment Advisor. The Advisor will assist the Committee in establishing investment policy, objectives and guidelines; selecting investment funds; reviewing such investments over time; measuring and evaluating investment performance; and other tasks as deemed appropriate.
- 2. Custodian. The custodian will physically (or through agreement with a sub-custodian) maintain possession of securities owned by the Plan, collect dividend and interest payments, redeem maturing securities, and affect receipt and delivery following purchases and sales. The custodian may also perform regular accounting of assets owned, purchased or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of Plan accounts.
- 3. Consulting Actuary. The Consulting Actuary will provide the Plan with all actuarial services required.
- 4. Additional specialists such as attorneys, auditors and others may be employed to assist in meeting responsibilities and obligations to administer Plan assets prudently.

#### C. Responsibilities

#### 1. The Board of Directors

- a. Serve as a Plan co-fiduciary with the Investment Advisor.
- b. Appoint the three members of the Insurance and Pension Committee and designate a Chair.
- c. Approve the Insurance and Pension Committee's annual review of the Investment Policy in the event there are significant recommended changes.
- d. On an annual basis, review investment performance reports of the Plan as presented by the Investment Advisor.
- e. Review the annual actuarial valuations report. Approve any necessary changes in the Plan's funding requirements based upon input from the Management Pension Committee and Consulting Actuary.
- f. Approve the selection of an Investment Advisor for the plan.

#### 2. The Insurance and Pension Committee

The Committee shall consist of three Board Members, who are appointed by the full Board. They will meet as often as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities. The Committee is responsible for:

a. Supervision of the Policy, including the annual review and recommendations for appropriate changes. Such changes must be approved by the Board.

- b. Retain an Investment Advisor to serve as a discretionary advisor and co-fiduciary for investment decisions with regard to the plan.
- c. Review quarterly investment performance reports for the Plan.
- d. Evaluating performance of investments in accordance with defined objectives and changing funds when needed.
- e. Retaining a custodian for the Plan's assets.
- f. Retaining Investment Consultant(s) to assist with the management of the Plan's investments if deemed necessary.
- g. Retaining a Consulting Actuary for the Plan.
- h. Reviewing the total cost for the investment and administration of the Plan annually. Consider cost implications in making any decisions for the Plan.

#### 3. Consulting Actuary

The actuarial consultant will provide an annual actuarial valuation of the Plan. The primary purposes of performing the valuation are:

- a. To estimate the liabilities for the future benefits expected to be provided by the Plan.
- b. To determine the recommended contribution level, based on the District's funding policy.
- c. To measure and disclose various asset and liability measures.
- d. To monitor any deviation between actual plan experience and experience predicted by the actuarial assumptions so that recommendations for assumption changes can be made when appropriate.
- e. To analyze and report on any significant trends in contributions, assets and liabilities over the past several years.

In addition, the Consulting Actuary may be asked to offer an opinion as to the Plan's absolute long-term total return investment objective, the Plan's asset allocation targets with respect to its peer group, and the Plan's tolerance for risk.

#### 4. Management Pension Committee

The Committee is composed of the following District officers: the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Accounting. The Chief Financial Officer will serve as Chair, and will coordinate all Committee responsibilities and duties. The Committee's responsibilities are:

a. Authorize all distributions to eligible retired employees. This responsibility has been delegated to the Human Resource Department.

- b. Oversee the accumulation of performance measurement data required by the Insurance and Pension Committee for the ongoing evaluation of investment performance.
- c. The Chief Financial Officer will act as the primary contact with the Insurance and Pension Committee, the Investment Advisor, and the Consulting Actuary.
- d. Provide the Board with quarterly investment reports for the Plan.
- e. Provide ongoing reports necessary for the administration of the Plan.
- f. Review the annual report of the Consulting Actuary and recommend to the Board any changes in funding requirements for the plan which are needed to keep the Plan's funding level at an acceptable level.

#### 5. The Investment Advisor

The Investment Advisor's role is to serve as a discretionary advisor and co-fiduciary for investment decisions with regard to the Plan. The Investment Advisor will have full discretion to make all investment decisions for the assets placed under their jurisdiction, while observing and operating within the Policy and any specific guidelines and constraints applied specifically to them. Investment advice concerning the management of Plan assets will be offered by the Advisor and will be consistent with investment objectives, policies, guidelines and constraints as established in the Policy. Specific responsibilities of the advisor may include:

- a. Assisting in the development and periodic review of the Investment Policy.
- b. Monitoring the asset allocation targets compared to the individual fund valuations and rebalancing between the various funds as necessary.
- c. Balancing preservation and growth of capital prudently.
- d. Monitoring the performance of the investments and provide the basis for evaluating the achievement of investment objectives and fund performance compared to benchmarks. Recommend changes if necessary.
- e. Providing information regarding any qualitative changes to investment management organizations. Examples include changes in personnel, ownership structure, investment philosophy and style.
- f. Performing other tasks which help in the effective management of Plan assets.
- g. Comply with all Nebraska Statues relating to post-retirement investments and any other legal and regulatory requirements required for the investment of post-retirement fund assets.

#### h. Communication

- i. Investment performance reports on a timely basis.
- ii. Any significant changes in the management or research personnel or ownership

within the investment management firm.

- iii. Access for telephone consultations on a reasonable basis.
- iv. Presentations to the Insurance and Pension Committee as requested, but at least annually.
- v. Presentations to the Board of Directors as requested (generally on an annual basis).
- vi. Other reporting analysis as requested.

#### D. Investment Return Objectives

- 1. Absolute Return Objective: The Fund's long-term total return objective (income plus market appreciations) is to earn the highest possible rate of return consistent with the Plan's tolerance for risk. This objective is based upon the Asset Allocation Guidelines for the Plan (section F).
- 2. Relative Total Return Objectives to meet or exceed the following benchmarks:

U.S. Equity	CRSP US Total Market Index or a similar broad domestic equity index
Non-U.S. Equity	FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index or a similar broad international equity index
Investment-Grade Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Float Adjusted Index, or a similar aggregate
REITs	MSCI US REIT Index or a similar REIT index

These Benchmarks will be used to compute a blended Benchmark Index for the Plan. If a new investment category is used, then a benchmark would be identified. This will be compared to actual investment returns.

#### E. Investment Guidelines and Limitations

- 1. Permitted Investments
  - a. Cash Equivalents
    - i. Treasury Bills
    - ii. Money Market Funds
    - iii. Commercial Paper
    - iv. Certificate of Deposits and Checking Accounts (Limited to \$250,000 less the anticipated interest per FDIC insured financial institution)
  - b. Fixed Income Securities
    - i. US Government and Agency Securities
    - ii. Corporate Notes and Bonds
    - iii. Private and Agency residential mortgage-backed securities, including both pass-

through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations

- iv. Private and agency commercial mortgage-backed securities
- v. Asset-backed securities
- vi. Taxable municipal securities
- c. Equity Securities
  - i. Common Stocks
  - ii. Convertible Notes and Bonds
  - iii. American Depository Receipts (ADR's)
- d. Mutual Funds\*
  - i. Equity
  - ii. Fixed Income
  - iii. Exchange Traded Funds
  - \* Investment Limitations shall not apply to Mutual Funds. However, Mutual Funds selected by the Investment Advisor shall comply with all SEC requirements, statements contained in their prospectus and give notice of any significant changes in personnel, style or objectives. The Investment Advisor shall manage compliance.
- e. Other Securities
  - i. Securities not listed above with the specific prior approval of the Insurance and Pension Committee.
- 2. Prohibited Investments
  - a. Private placements and letter stock
  - b. Options
  - c. Commodities
  - d. Asset backed money market funds
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Unless expressly authorized by the Committee, the Portfolio and its investment funds are prohibited from:

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- b. Pledging or hypothecating securities, except for loans of securities that are fully collateralized.
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Diversification across and within asset classes is the primary means by which the Committee expects the Portfolio to avoid undue risk of large losses over long time periods. To protect the Portfolio against unfavorable outcomes within an asset class due to the assumption of large risks, the Committee will take reasonable precautions to avoid excessive investment concentrations. Specifically, the following guidelines will be in place:

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	U.S. Aggregate Bonds	11%	
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# **Investment Policy Statement Other Post-Employment Benefits**

## Appendix A

November 7, 2019 May 7, 2025

Expected 30-year Investment Horizon Returns\*

Target Asset Class Allocation		Target Asset Sub-Class Allocation		Expected  Median  Returns
Equity	<del>67%</del> 75%	U.S. Equity	4 <del>0%</del> 42%	<del>6.8</del> 8.2%
		Non-U.S. Equity	<del>27%</del> 29%	<del>8.9</del> 8.7%
Real Estate	<del>8%</del>	REITS	<del>8%</del> 4%	<del>5.9</del> 9.5%
Fixed Income	25%	U.S. Aggregate Bonds Non-U.S. Bonds (Hedged) Intermediate-Term Credit Intermediate-Term TIPS Short-Term Credit	11% 3% 9% <del>0%</del> 2%	2.53.7% 2.84.7% 4.04.1% 2.8% 3.83.9%
		Portfolio Median – Expected 30-year Return		<del>7.02<u>6.32</u>7.28</del> %
		Investment Expense (Minus) Portfolio Net Expected Return		<u>.0904%</u> 6.93 <u>287.24</u> %

<sup>\*\</sup>forall Anguard Institutional Advisory ServicesPNC Institutional Asset Management Expectations-Updated October 23, 2019April 17, 2025

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#### **METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT**

Inter-Departmental Communication

May 1, 2025

Subject: REVISION TO SCHEDULE F - FIXED RATE GAS SERVICE

**To:** Committee on Accounts, Expenditures, Finance and Rates

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle, Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger,

Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

**From:** Geneva Patterson, Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Rate Schedule F - Fixed Rate Gas Service has been available since July 1, 1999. This rate schedule allows commercial and industrial customers to purchase fixed quantities of natural gas at a fixed price for up to a 48-month period. We propose incorporating additional language to clarify Customer expectations during periods of curtailment and to clarify penalties under Rate Schedule F - Fixed Rate Gas Service.

Curtailment refers to the District temporarily reducing or stopping the supply of gas to customers under our Schedule 3 Interruptible rate schedule. This measure is typically taken during periods of high demand or limited supply to maintain system stability and reliability. For Schedule 3 Interruptible customers with a Schedule F fixed rate agreement, the new language clarifies that the Schedule F agreement does not exempt Schedule 3 Interruptible customers from the requirement to shut down or switch to standby facilities during curtailment periods. Additionally, interruptible customers will be responsible for pipeline penalty charges if gas is curtailed, and they do not switch to alternate fuel or refrain from use.

We propose adding penalty language for any Schedule F customer requesting early termination of their agreement. The penalty will be \$1.50 per dekatherm (Dth) of Contracted Gas being terminated, plus any additional charge equal to the contract Unit Cost of Gas (UCOG) minus the system Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) per decatherm. Furthermore, the customer will be barred from entering into any future fixed rate agreements for a minimum of five years. These additions ensure that the District and other customers are not adversely affected if a customer backs out of a fixed agreement, leaving the District with excess gas and associated penalties for not meeting the agreed terms.

Management is requesting approval of the proposed revisions to Schedule F – Fixed Rate Gas Service contained in the attached document to be effective June 2, 2025.

This matter will appear on the May 7, 2025 Committee Agenda, and subject to Committee review, the May 7, 2025 Board agenda for consideration.

Geneva Patterson

Geneva Patterson Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs (402) 504-7120 Docusign Envelope ID: CF7CD696-789B-46EE-BA8C-5AD55C34965E Approved:

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# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

# SCHEDULE F FIXED RATE GAS SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY-JUNE 2, 2025

(Supersedes Schedule F effective January 2, 2025)

#### **AVAILABILITY**

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<ul> <li>Basic administrative charge (one delivery point)</li> </ul>	\$98.00
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Over 250 Dth	\$1.5040	\$0.6520

#### Schedule C:

•	Basic administrative charge (one delivery point)	\$98.00
•	_Additional administrative charge per eachadditional delivery point	\$49.00

 Schedule C Commodity Charge to be added to the contract UCOG
 \$0.5872/Dth

(Note: Firm rates are subject to adjustment for changes in pipeline/marketer reservation/surcharges.)

#### Schedule 3:

•	Basic administrative charge (one delivery point)	\$98.00
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• Schedule 3 Service Charge – per meter \$1,078.00

Non gas component of Schedule 3 commodity charge to be added to the contract UCOG:

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First 5,000 Dth per month \$ 0.7152 Over 5,000 Dth per month \$ 0.5872

#### Schedule CS - 1:

Basic administrative charge (one delivery point)
 Additional administrative charge per each additional delivery
 point
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#### **ADDITIONAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES**

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- The contract\_UCOG of the Contract Gas is greater than the <u>District's</u> system WACOG for the month, an additional charge equal to the contract Gas UCOG minus the system WACOG per decatherm will apply to the variance of actual volumes from contract Gas volumes.
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- If a variance is caused by District curtailment, no additional charges will apply.
- If actual volumes used are greater than <u>eC</u>ontract<u>Gas</u> volumes for the billing month, actual volumes in excess of <u>eC</u>ontract<u>Gas</u> volumes will be billed at the customer's applicable underlying rate schedule, i.e., rate schedule B, C, No. 3, or CS-1.

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#### STATUTORY PAYMENT TO CITIES

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2025 Infrastructure Replacement Program Update



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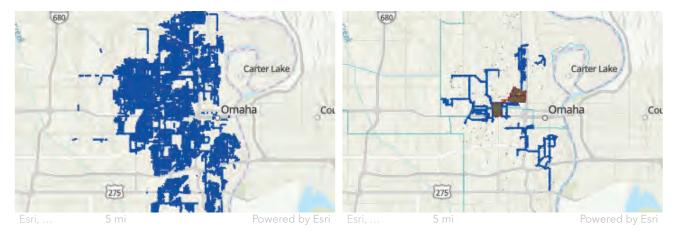
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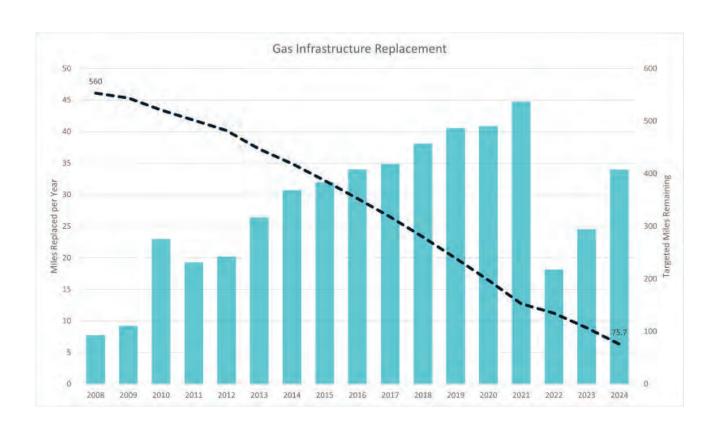
## Gas IR Project Updates

## Natural Gas Distribution System

- Over 560 miles of targeted gas mains in 2008.
- 76 miles remaining.
- The Gas IR Program is managed by the Gas Design group within the Engineering department.



**Target Gas Mains** 



## Progress to Date

- 2025 goals and beyond.
- Final mileage is the most difficult.
- The focus is on getting to zero miles cost-effectively.
  - Funded with PHMSA grant dollars.
  - Constructed by M.U.D crews.



## Gas IR 2.0

- The goal is to reduce the number of inside meter sets on the high-pressure system.
- Upgrading our system concurrently with cast iron main replacement by contracted crews.

## In 2025

- About 2000 inside meters.
- 20 miles of steel mains.



## Less Cast Iron Gas Leaks

- Efforts today have led to a more reliable system.
- Less unplanned maintenance is required.

## Water IR Program Updates

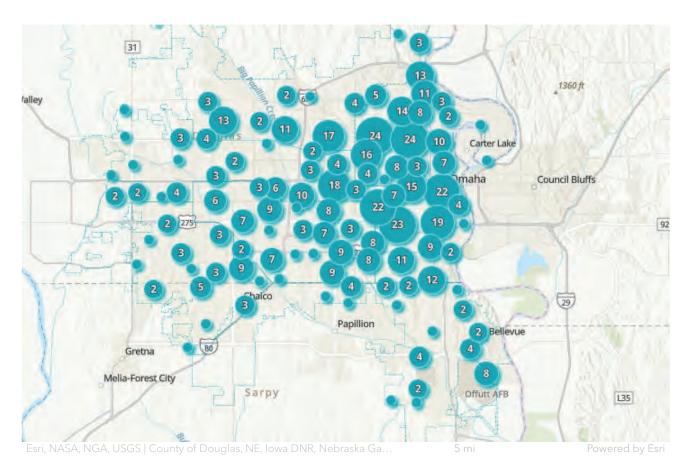
♦ Water Main Breaks

#### Annual Water Main Breaks



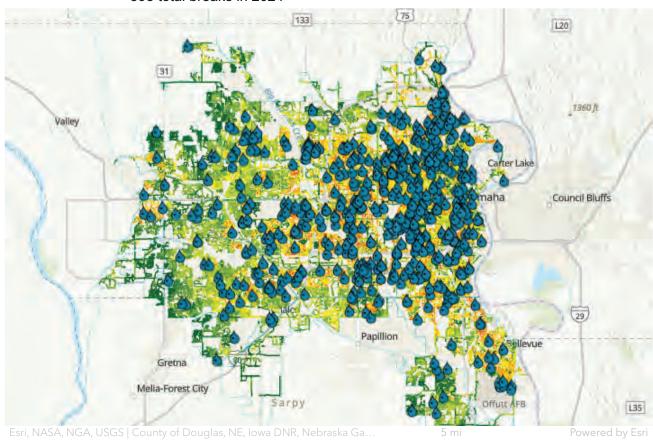
## **Historical Trends**

• Analysis of historical water main break.



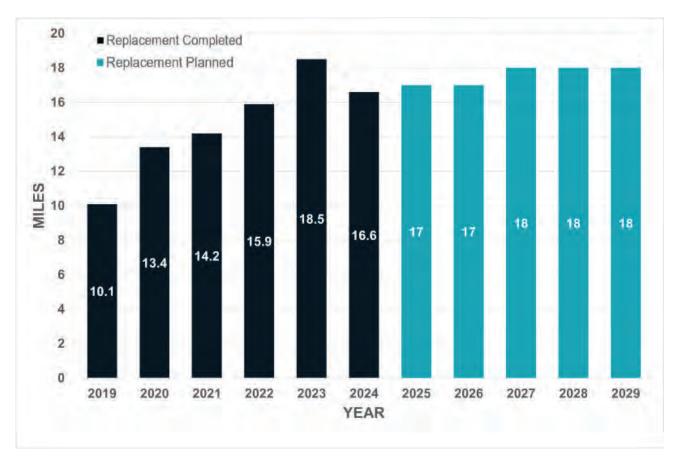
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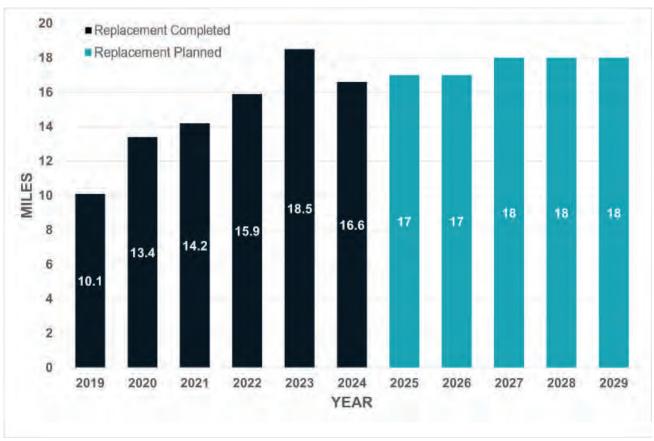
• 598 total breaks in 2024



- Breaks influence the risk score of water mains.
- Risk is a main driver for replacement.

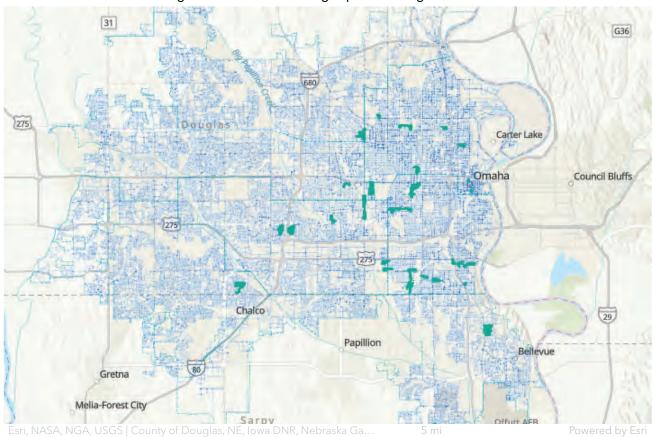
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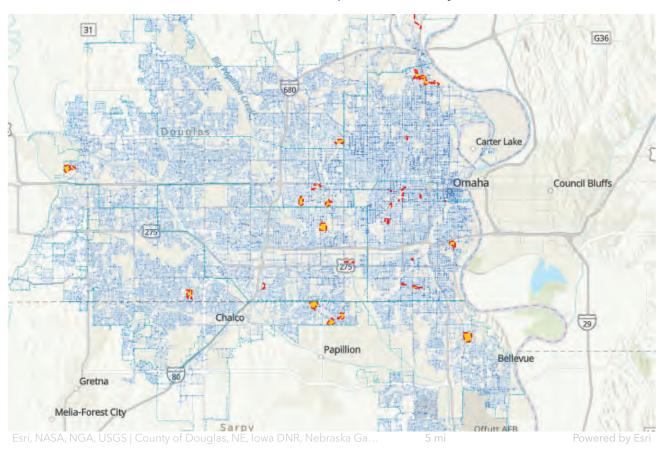


- Continuing to refine our designs and installation methods.
- Focusing our condition assessment on higher-consequence mains.

• Planning to continue increasing replacement goals.



## 2024 Water Main Replacement Projects

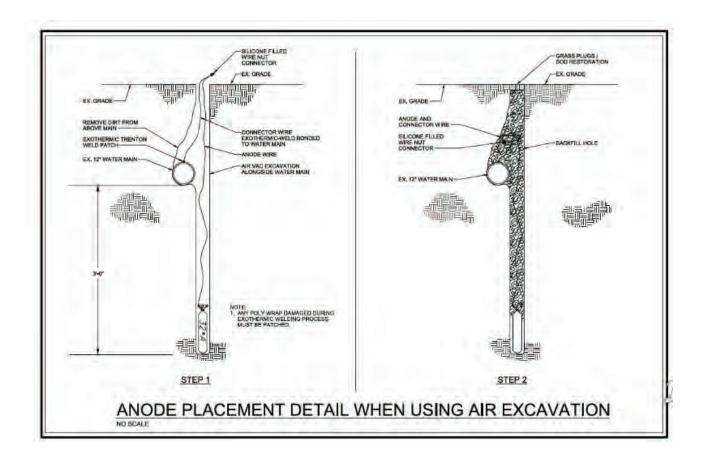


## Corrosion Program Updates



## Leak Causes

- 371 out of 598 total leaks were caused due to corrosion.
- That is 62.0% of all leaks in 2024.



Anode Retrofit 2024 Pilot Project

**%** Condition Assessment Program Updates

## 2024 Condition Assessment

- Water system overview.
- Distribution main inspection program.
- Concrete main inspection program.





2024 Distribution Water Main Condition Assessment

- Pica Corp SeeSnake.
- 12-inch cast iron and ductile iron mains.
- 1.5 miles inspected.
- Benefits/Risks.
- MUD crews.



- Mueller EPulse condition assessment.
- 6- and 8-inch cast iron mains.
- 3.2 miles inspected.
- Benefits and risks.

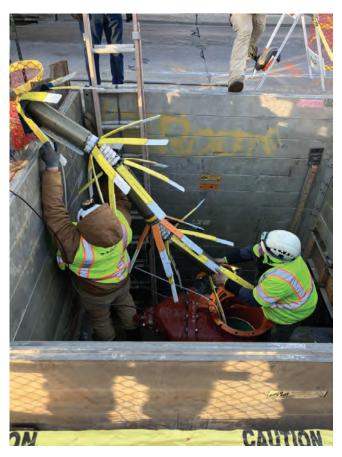


## 2024 Concrete Water Main Inspection

- Pure Technologies PipeDiver.
- 42-inch Prestressed Concrete Cylinder pipe.
- 2.5-mile inspection.



PipeDiver Insertion





#### Concrete Main Inspection (WP1881)



• Direct Replacement estimate: \$60,000,000

• Inspection and repair cost: \$904,701.30

Construction Methods And Material Selection



High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

- Design
- Constructability
- Cost
- Durability / Corrosion resistance



#### Pipe Bursting

- 3.8 miles completed in 2024.
- Efficiency.



# THANKS! Any questions?

## **Information Only**



"Investing in Today. Building for Tomorrow."

President Mark Doyle – May 7, 2025



## **What Guides Us**

## **MISSION**

Enhance quality of life by delivering safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas and water, essential for today and future generations.

## **VISION**

Surpass customer expectations while committing to the growth of a vibrant community.



## **Areas of Focus**















## **CC 1 Renovations**





- Renovation of restrooms and breakroom, and new fitness room completed.
- Complete renovations through early 2027.

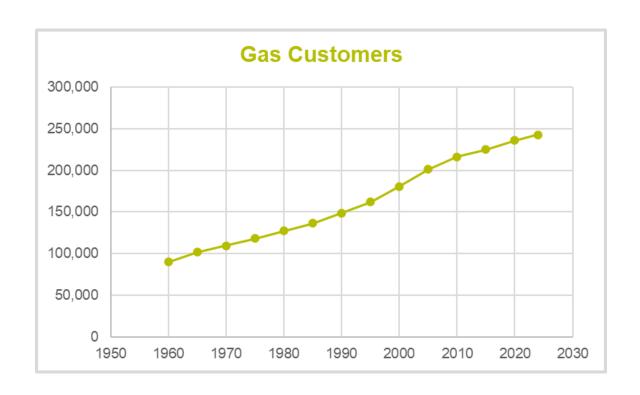
# **CC 2 Progress**

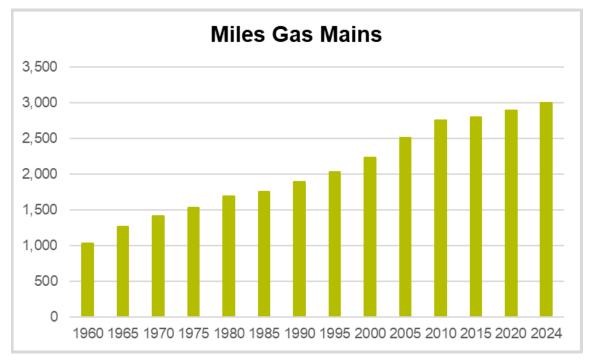
- Site grading completed.
- Right-of-way work along Hwy 133 & Potter & State Street completed.
- Facility construction underway with expected completion in early 2026.





# Gas System Growth Since 1960





Note: We generally add 2,000 gas meters per year to our system.



# **Investing in Gas**









## **\$93 million LNG Expansion**

- Substantially increases capacity
- Reliability for 40+ years
- Back up renewables
- \$302 million in customer savings since 2000

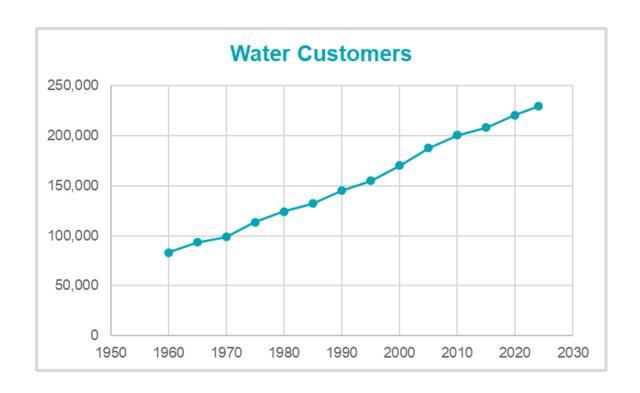
## **Gas Infrastructure Replacement (GIR)**

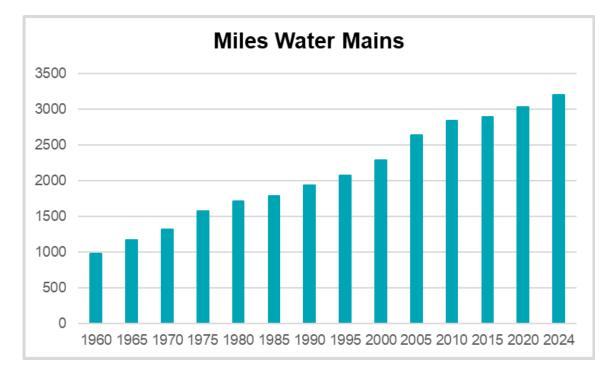
- From 2008-2024, replaced 478 miles of cast iron gas mains and 55,393 gas services
- Awarded 2 federal gas modernization grants for \$35.2 million

Funding Sources: Gas Revenue Bonds, GIR Fees, Federal Grants



# Water System Growth Since 1960





Note: We generally add 2,000 water meters per year to our system.



# **Investing in Water**







#### **3 Water Production Plants**

- Triangle of reliability
- CIPs for regulatory and maintenance



#### **Storage and Pumping**

- West Dodge Pump Station in service
- 2 new reservoirs planned, NW and SW

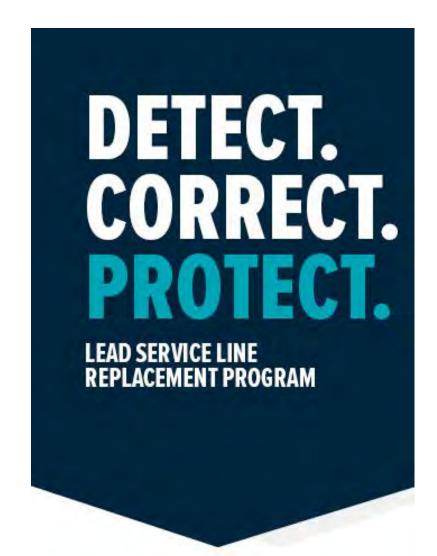


# Water Infrastructure Replacement (WIR)

- From 2008-2024, replaced or assessed nearly 168 miles of high-risk water mains.
- 30 miles completed of conditionassessment follow up.

Funding Sources: Water Revenue Bonds, WIR Fees, Impact Fees





Approximately **11,400** known lead services and an estimated **2,000** services that may be lead or galvanized steel. Primarily east of 72<sup>nd</sup> St., homes built prior to 1940.

Replaced **270** in 2024. Goal to replace **650** this year, approximately **1,000** in 2026, ramping up to around **1,500** a year.

Committed to safeguarding our community to protect our customers from lead in drinking water. Program is expected to take approximately **10 years** (through 2035).

Funding Sources: \$40 million DWSRF loan/grant, \$8 million state appropriation, \$4 million federal appropriation



# **Credit Rating Milestones**

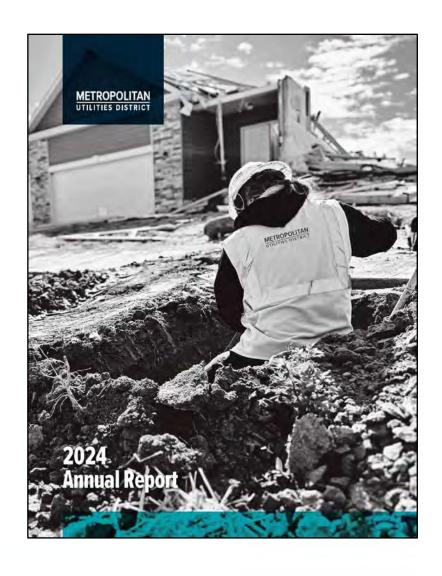
- Water bonds upgraded to AA+
- Gas bonds affirmed at AA+
- Reflects strong planning and rate structure



M.U.D. Gas Revenue Bonds Fitch Ratings (October 2023)

M.U.D. Gas System - S&P Global Ratings (March 2025)

M.U.D. Water Revenue Bonds - S&P Global Ratings (December 2024)







# **Emergency Response**

## **April tornadoes**

- Crews worked to remove debris preventing access to gas valves and District facilities.
- Assisted customers with disconnecting services.
- Provided info at Resource Center.

## **July windstorm**

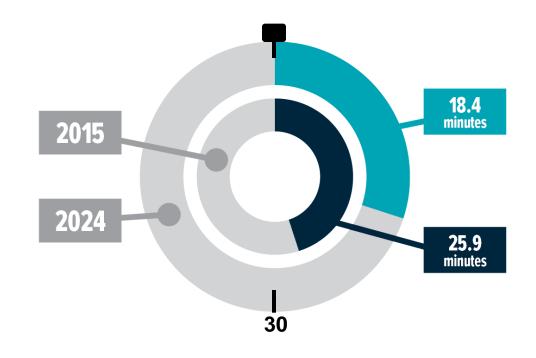
- Disrupted power to District pumps, causing pressure surges that resulted in water main breaks.
- Construction crews repaired water mains and cut off gas services damaged from uprooted trees.



# **Public Safety**



Decrease in gas emergency response time since 2015.













## Renewable Natural Gas

- We procure RNG through State Street Landfill at 126<sup>th</sup> & State. Captured methane is filtered and mixed into our gas distribution system. Approximately 145 Dth/day. Equivalent to 684 homes' annual use.
- Waste Management broke ground on Pheasant Point Landfill, west of Bennington. It will connect to
  M.U.D.'s gas distribution system. Approximately 2,423 Dth/day. Equivalent to 11,454 homes' annual use.



## **Environmental Sustainability of Natural Gas**









- Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
   Fleet Program: Over 3.2 million
   gasoline gallon equivalents
   dispensed in 2024 (equivalent of
   annual gas usage of 5,281
   homes).
- Working with fleet partners to increase vehicles (long-haul semi trucks) with availability of Cummins 15-liter CNG engine.



## **Customer Satisfaction**

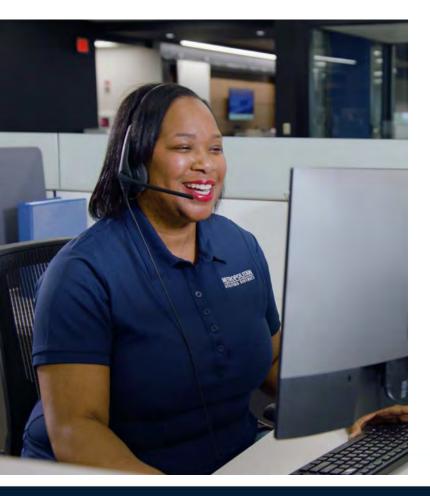
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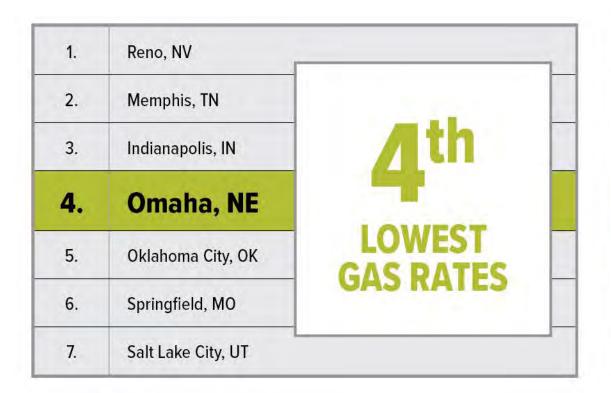
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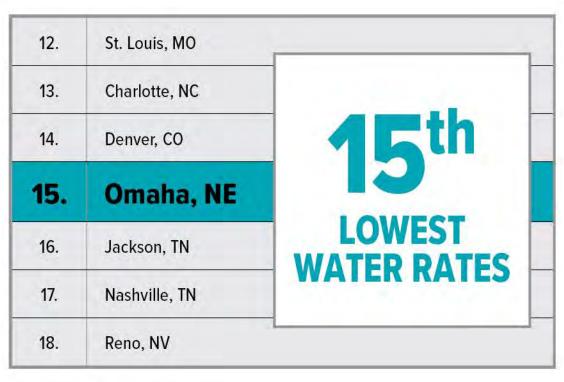


- Response rate increased.
- Number of promotors increased; detractors decreased.
- Customer feedback grew and we identified specific areas of improvement.
- Sewer fees continue to impact customer perception.
- Continue to significantly outpace other utilities/industries.

Our score was 34 compared to 12 for Utilities Industry Standard and 18 across 22 Industries.

# **Affordability Index**





Memphis Gas, Light and Water 2025 Utility Bill Comparison Survey Among 40 U.S. Utilities.











# M.U.D. Serves & Community Giving Drive

## **4 Quarterly Volunteer Events:**

- Heartland Hope Mission Food Pantry
- Fontenelle Forest Cleanup
- United Way of the Midlands Shine Bright Hygiene Kit Assembly
- Keep Omaha Beautiful Park Cleanup

86 Volunteers = 260 Hours

## **Community Giving Drive:**

October 30 - November 30

Home Fund: \$72,988

United Way: \$33,218

 Community Giving Leaders (employees who donated \$1,000 or more): 39

> 359 Total Donors Raised: \$106,216





# **Hydration Station**

16 Events

18 Volunteers

81 Hours

121,100+ Estimated Event Attendees

To request: mudomaha.com/about-us/community-engagement/

# **Supporting Our Community**

	HTS Funds Raised	<b>HTS Participants</b>	<b>Utility Assistance</b>	Households	Avg. Pledge Amount
2025	\$226,000	1,100	TBD	TBD	TBD
2024	\$176,100	1,055	\$350,194	945	\$370
2023	\$142,100	911	\$304,858	862	\$354

















## **Objectives**



MISTROPOLITAN
UTURNING



**Attract Talent** 

Develop and Engage the Workforce

Perform Effectively and with Purpose

# **Industry Recognition**





2024 Business Excellence Award – Philanthropy Greater Omaha Chamber



Voted 2024 & 2025 Best of Omaha

- Customer Service
Omaha Magazine B2B



2024 IDEAL Award - CODE
Conference
Human Resource
Association of the Midlands
Greater Omaha Chamber

## M.U.D. STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2034



#### MISSION

Enhance quality of life by delivering safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas and water, essential for today and future generations.

#### VISION

Surpass customer expectations while committing to the growth of a vibrant community.



# **Thank You and Questions**



## **Hydration Station Events**

#### 2024: 16

- 1. Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth
- 2. Corporate Cup
- 3. Earth Day Omaha
- 4. La Vista Days
- 5. Omaha Freedom Festival Celebration Juneteenth
- 6. Summer Block Party
- 7. Memorial Park Concert
- 8. Heartland Pride Parade
- 9. Centris Federal Credit Union 90th Anniversary Party
- 10. North Omaha Music & Arts
- 11. La Vista Night Out
- 12. Dundee Day
- 13. Habitat for Humanity Brew HaHa
- 14. World O! Water Festival
- 15. Boomstock Concert
- 16. Out of the Darkness Walk (Suicide Prevention)

## 2025: 13 to date

- 1. Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth
- 2. Corporate Cup
- 3. First Grade Vehicle Day (Ralston)
- 4. Earth Day Omaha
- 5. Arksarben TIRC (Cycling Race)
- 6. La Vista Days
- 7. Omaha Freedom Festival Celebration Juneteenth
- 3. Memorial Park Concert
- 9. Heartland Pride Parade
- 10. Skatefest Omaha
- 11. Bobby Byars Foundation Community Safety Day
- 12. Dundee Day Street Festival
- 13. World O! Water Festival



# METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT