

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
August 13, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:33 p.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Alondra Cano (Vice Chair), Andrew Johnson, Jacob Frey, and John Quincy

Members Absent: Council Members Elizabeth Glidden (Chair), Barbara Johnson

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Response to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) request for comments on the License Amendment Application for Crown Mill Hydroelectric Project ([15-01002](#))
 - a. Receive and Filing the draft comments in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) request for comments on the License Amendment Application for the Crown Mill Hydroelectric Project.
 - b. Authorizing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department's Executive Director or the Director's designee or the City Attorney to submit comments on behalf of the City on the License Amendment Application for Crown Mill Hydroelectric Project that are generally consistent with the draft comments filed with the City Council.
 - c. Authorizing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department's Executive Director or the Director's designee or the City Attorney to submit a new Motion to Intervene on behalf of the City on the License Amendment Application for Crown Mill Hydroelectric Project if needed.

Staff Presentation by Haila Maze, Office of Sustainability.

On motion by Frey, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

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2. Energy and Climate Policy Positions ([15-01003](#))

Approving the Energy and Climate Policy Positions for government agencies, including Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Staff is seeking formal action, similar to the legislative agenda annually adopted by the City Council, due to the acute arrival of issues arising in these policy areas, especially at the PUC. While unforeseen topics may arise, the following is a list of topics that will likely require review, comment and engagement by the City in 2015 and 2016. These items are listed as policy priorities in the Energy and Climate Policy Positions document.

- a. Building owner, community-based organization and local government access to utility energy usage data and program participation data.
- b. Renewable energy programs including community solar gardens or green tariffs.
- c. The new multi-family energy efficiency program being offered jointly by Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy.
- d. Xcel Energy's 2016-2030 Integrated Resource Plan.
- e. The assignment of externality values (health, greenhouse gas, etc.) for pollution resulting from energy-generating sources.

- f. Exploration of new utility business models that align utility incentives and regulatory frameworks with state and local policy interests of lower energy costs, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, a more energy efficient economy, and more equitable energy services.

Staff Presentation by Brendon Slotterback.

On motion by Cano, carried on voice vote, the matter was approved.

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3. Report on Suspension of Runway Operations at Minneapolis-St.Paul International Airport ([15-00997](#))

Receiving report about the temporary suspension of certain operations on Runway 30-Left and Runway 35 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). The suspension reduces the arrival capacity of the airport when in a northerly flow.

Staff Presentation by Loren Olson

On motion by Cano, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

4. Federal/State/Local Legislative Update:

Receiving and filing verbal report.

Staff Presentation by Gene Ranieri, Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Melissa Lesch.

On motion by Cano, carried on voice vote, the matter was received and filed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Reported by Kelly Geistler, Committee Coordinator