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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Vicki L. Fisher, Planning Manager

DATE: June 25, 2009

RE: Request by West River Electric Cooperative to authorize granting utility easements on a portion of the S1/2SE1/4NW1/4 and the SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 9, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the easement documents.

On June 25, 2009, the Planning Commission approved SDCL 11-6-19 Review #09SR024 to allow the installation of a direct buried underground three phase electric line from South Valley Drive to Reservoir Road and to place three switching cabinets and one pad mounted three phase transformer in conjunction with the line. The applicant has indicated that the proposed three phase underground electric line with cabinets will provide a tie line between multiple substations and provide future load growth and load management for West River Electric Cooperative. The Planning Commission also authorized granting a utility easement for that portion of the project located on City property.

Staff has reviewed the proposed location of the electric line on City property and noted that it does not interfere with any master plans for the properties, nor does it interfere with other utilities and or drainage improvements. In addition, granting the easement will secure the location of the underground electric line on City property.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the request that the City authorize granting the utility easements on public property and to authorize the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the easement documents.



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