

STAFF REPORT
March 26, 2009

No. 09RZ013 - Rezoning from No Use District to General Commercial District **ITEM 19**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT/AGENT	City of Rapid City
PROPERTY OWNER	Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co.
REQUEST	No. 09RZ013 - Rezoning from No Use District to General Commercial District
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot 1 of Lot D of the SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 0.04 acres
LOCATION	East of South Valley Drive and south of S.D. Highway 44
EXISTING ZONING	No Use District
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	No Use District
South:	No Use District
East:	No Use District
West:	Light Industrial District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Rapid Valley Sanitary District
DATE OF APPLICATION	2/27/2009
REVIEWED BY	Karen Bulman / Ted Johnson

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Rezoning from No Use District to General Commercial District be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS: This property contains approximately 0.04 acres and is located east of South Valley Drive and south of S.D. Highway 44. The property was annexed into the City limits (#08AN007) effective July 29, 2008 and subsequently zoned No Use District. Land located north, south and east of the property is zoned No Use District. Land located west of the property is zoned Light Industrial District.

The Southeast Connector Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan identifies the future use of the property as appropriate for General Commercial land uses. Currently, a natural gas substation is located on the property.

STAFF REVIEW: Staff has reviewed this proposed rezoning for conformance with the four criteria for review of zoning map amendments established in Section 17.54.040(D)(1). A

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summary of Staff findings are outlined below:

1. The proposed amendments shall be necessary because of substantially changed or changing conditions of the area and districts affected or in the City in general.

The property has been annexed into the City limits (#08AN007) and temporarily placed in a No Use Zoning District. All annexed lands are temporarily designated as a No Use Zoning District. The annexation of the property constitutes the changing condition requiring rezoning of the property.

2. The proposed zoning is consistent with the intent and purposes of this ordinance.

The General Commercial Zoning District is intended to provide areas for personal and business services and the general retail business of the city. Prior to annexation, the property was zoned General Commercial District by Pennington County. Currently, a natural gas substation is located on the property. Utility substations are a permitted use in the General Commercial Zoning District. South Valley Drive is located adjacent to the property with access to S.D. Highway 44, located north of the property. Properties used for General Commercial purposes are located south and east of the property. As such, General Commercial District appears to be an appropriate zoning district for this property.

3. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect any other part of the City, nor shall any direct or indirect adverse effects result from such an amendment.

Access to the property will be from South Valley Drive, a collector street on the City's Major Street Plan. The property is located adjacent to general commercial land uses. The property is located within the Rapid Valley Sanitary District. No significant adverse impacts that will result from the requested rezoning have been identified.

4. The proposed amendments shall be consistent with and not conflict with the Development Plan of Rapid City including any of its elements, Major Street Plan, Land Use Plan, and Community Facilities Plan.

The property is located adjacent to South Valley Drive, a collector street on the City's Major Street Plan. The Adopted Southeast Connector Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan indicates that this area is appropriate for General Commercial land uses. Rezoning the subject property from No Use District to General Commercial District is consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

As of this writing, the required sign has been posted on the property but the receipts from the certified mailing have not been returned. Staff will notify the Planning Commission at the March 26, 2009 Planning Commission meeting if these requirements have not been met. Staff has received no inquiries or objections regarding the proposed request at the time of this writing.

The property owner has been contacted and concurs with the General Commercial Zoning

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District designation of their property. Staff recommends that the rezoning from No Use District to General Commercial District be approved.