



WATER & LIGHT COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

February 18, 2026

8:00 a.m., City Hall Council Chambers

PUBLIC NOTICE – *Interactive Technology Participation*

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.02, Subdivision 4, commissioners may participate in this meeting via interactive technology when necessary.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve minutes from previous meeting – February 4, 2026
3. Bills and payroll
 - a. Authorize distribution of payment for accounts payable invoices and the February 6, 2026 payroll by issuing 48 checks totaling \$1,485,327.85.
4. Comments from the public
5. Reports
 - a. Widseth
 - i. Todd
 - ii. Steve
 - b. City Attorney
6. Old Business
7. Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Annual Filing
8. Water Plant Internship
9. Department Heads
10. Commissioner's reports
11. Adjourn to March 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Water, Light, Power and Building Commission of the City of East Grand Forks, Minnesota held on February 4, 2026, at 8:00 am in the City Council Chambers.
Present: Grinde, Quirk (Interactive Technology), Riopelle
Absent: None

Also present: Ron Galstad, Keith Mykleseth, Brian Johnson, Todd Grabanski, Steve Emery, Todd Forster, Brianna Feil, Jordan Midgarden, Corey Thompson, Tyler Tretter, Karla Anderson

It was moved by Commissioner Quirk supported by Commissioner Riopelle to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Voting Aye: Grinde, Quirk, Riopelle

Voting Nay: None

It was moved by Commissioner Quirk supported by Commissioner Riopelle to authorize the Secretary to issue payment of the recommended bills and payroll in the amount of \$354,029.48.

Voting Aye: Grinde, Quirk, Riopelle

Voting Nay: None

It was moved by Commissioner Quirk supported by Commissioner Riopelle to approve Contract No. 26-UGPR-09 (Letter Agreement) with Western Area Power Administration.

Voting Aye: Grinde, Quirk, Riopelle

Voting Nay: None

It was moved by Commissioner Quirk supported by Commissioner Riopelle to adjourn at 8:17 am to the next regular meeting on February 18, 2026, at 8:00 am to be held in the City Council Chambers.

Voting Aye: Grinde, Quirk, Riopelle

Voting Nay: None

Kristen Shipes
Commission Secretary



**East Grand Forks
Water & Light Department**

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Rebates 2/18/26

Rebate	# of Rebates	Total
Refrigerator	1	\$75.00
Refrigerator - Recycle	1	\$50.00
Dishwasher	1	\$50.00
ECM	4	\$600.00
Commercial Lighting Replacement	1	\$1,200.00
Central AC Unit	1	\$200.00
Total	9	\$2,175.00

Request for Water and Light Commission Action

Date: 2-13-2026
To: Water and Light Commission
From: Jordan Midgarden
RE: Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Annual Filing

Background:

In February of 2018 the Water and Light Commission adopted a Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Policy and Rules. The rules require the Water and Light Department to annually provide average wholesale and retail cost rates, and report any qualifying facilities served or not served under the utility energy rates provided. The information is to be filed at the Water and Light Department Business Office.

The rules also require that the Water and Light Department annually publish the following statement in a newsletter or similar mailing sent to each customer. "The Water and Light Department is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from Co-generators and Small Power Producers."

We have no qualifying facilities to report at this time.

Attached are the Water and Light Department average retail energy rates, Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Distributive Generation Avoided Costs and Average Wholesale Rates.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Water and Light Commission accept the updates as presented, instruct staff to file the Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Booklet at the Water and Light Department Business Office, and publish that the Water and Light Department is obligated to interconnect with and purchase electricity from Co-generators and Small Power Producers

**East Grand Forks Water and Light Department
Distributed Generation Tariff
2026 Average Retail Energy Rates Filing**

Residential - 0.1173

Commercial - 0.0967

Industrial - 0.0887

Prepared by: Keith Mykleseth, General Manager

Date: 02-10-2026

**Minnesota Municipal Power Agency
Avoidable Cost Rate Calculation
2026 Rate Table**

	<u>Energy (\$/kWh)</u>	<u>Capacity (\$/kWh)</u>	<u>REC (\$/kWh)</u>
Summer Months (June-Sept)			
On Peak	0.0614	0	0
Off Peak	0.0338	0	0
All Hours	0.0469	0	0
Winter Months (Oct-May)			
On Peak	0.0482	0	0
Off Peak	0.0342	0	0
All Hours	0.0407	0	0
Annual (January-December)	0.0428	0	0



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To: Keith Mykleseth; Todd Grabanski
From: Minnesota Municipal Power Agency
Date: January 14, 2026
Subject: 2025 Energy & Demand Rates

Good morning,

The state of Minnesota requires municipal electric utilities with their governing bodies to publish rate schedules 1 – 2 in accordance with the Model Cogeneration and Small Power Production tariff.

Schedule 1 is calculated by each member city and is equivalent to the average retail utility energy rates for each utility customer class.

Schedule 2 for the City of East Grand Forks is below:

Wholesale Supply Rates: A “non-generating utility” must list the rates at which it purchases energy and capacity. If the utility has more than one wholesale supplier, the rates listed are of that supplier from which purchases may first be avoided.

Utility purchases energy and capacity from Minnesota Municipal Power Agency. Last year, the average energy rate paid by Utility was \$0.06531 per kilowatt-hour. The average capacity rate paid by Utility was \$0.01972 per kilowatt-hour.

These rates are used to calculate Utility’s “avoided costs” for purposes of calculating compensation to customers whose Qualifying Facilities are not eligible for compensation at Utility’s average retail utility energy rate or who elect compensation at another rate.

Regards,

Nels Hoplin

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Request for Water and Light Commission Action

Date: 2-12-2026
To: EGF Water & Light Commission; GM Keith Mykleseth
From: Brian Johnson
RE: Water Plant Internship

Background:

The Water Treatment Plant would like to offer a summer internship to a local student within our community. Our internship program covers water treatment plant operations and distribution system principles. In addition, they will gain experience with machinery mechanics as well as building and grounds maintenance. The program benefits both the student and the Department. Work would be limited to 100 days for a full time student. This position is budgeted for in 2026. would like to offer \$20 per hour to generate interest and lure the best possible candidates.

Recommendation:

Approval to hire a student to fill Water Plant Internship position.