



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 1, 2024

Re: MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a new mutual aid agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA). The mutual aid agreement allows Water and Light to help other communities during electrical system emergencies and for them to extend help to Columbia. The agreement is between the City and MPUA.

Discussion

Mutual aid agreements have a long tradition in the electric industry. They provide for utilities to extend help, via personnel and equipment, to one another during natural disasters and other system emergencies. Water & Light has had mutual aid agreements in place to help us respond to electric system emergencies either in Columbia or other municipalities in the State. These agreements are also needed when attempting to recover natural disaster related costs through Federal Emergency Management and State Emergency Management funds.

The MPUA mutual aid program was established to provide a method for municipal utilities in the Missouri that sustain damage from natural or manmade disasters, to obtain emergency assistance, in the form of personnel, equipment and materials, from other municipal utilities.

The City of Columbia has provided mutual aid to many utilities throughout the years and has received aid from others as well. These agreements are an appropriate part of doing utility business.

This agreement shall become effective when it is approved and executed by the City.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There will be no direct fiscal impact to enter into this agreement; however, it will allow us to be reimbursed for any future costs incurred while providing mutual aid assistance to other utilities.

Long-Term Impact: There will be no direct fiscal impact to enter into this agreement; however, it will allow us to be reimbursed for any future costs incurred while providing mutual aid assistance to other utilities.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/08/2008	R223-08 – MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a mutual aid agreement with MPUA.