



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 2, 2026

Re: Authorizing a Second Amendment to the power purchase agreement with the Curators of the University of Missouri for the sale of wind energy from Crystal Lake III

Impacted Ward: Citywide

### Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a second Addendum to the Agreement with the University of Missouri for the sale of wind energy from the City's Contracts with Crystal Lake III. This is an annually renewing agreement with a 30-day termination provision. This second Addendum will allow the rates of the Original Agreement to be adjusted to an updated blended rate to more accurately reflect the City's rate costs and to promote and strengthen the Parties' continued relationship in shared costs for Wind Energy from the City's Crystal Lake III power purchase agreements.

### Discussion

The City of Columbia Purchasing Department sent out an RFP for renewable energy, on behalf of Columbia Water & Light, in 2016. The most favorable proposal came from NextEra Energy Resources. In December of 2016 Council approved a Power Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Wind Energy from Crystal Lake III. This agreement represents an extension of Columbia's involvement with the Crystal Lake III Wind Energy Facility located in Northern Iowa. This facility has been operational since April 2009 and City's first contract for power from this facility started in 2012 and has increased over time as detailed below:

1. 21 MW's of wind turbine production, started 2012
2. 48 MW's of wind turbine production, started 2017
3. 66 MW's of wind turbine production, starting 2023

On March 18, 2013 Council approved an agreement authorizing a power purchase agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the sale of wind energy and associated credits produced by Crystal Lake III. With the 2016 Crystal Lake Agreement, and its amendment in 2020, the overall rate cost to the City for delivered energy from the Crystal Lake III Wind Energy Facility has decreased. In keeping with the original intent of the power purchase agreement with the University of Missouri, staff is recommending to amend the rates of the original agreement to a blended rate schedule to accurately reflect the City's rate costs and to promote and strengthen the Parties' continued relationship in shared costs for wind energy from the City's Crystal Lake III agreements.

### Fiscal Impact



Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/06/2012	B19-12 Authorizing a power purchase agreement with Crystal Lake Wind III, LLC
03/18/2013	B63-13 Authorizing a power purchase agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the sale of wind energy and associated credits produced by Crystal Lake III
12/05/2016	B315-16 Authorizing a power purchase agreement with Crystal Lake Wind III, LLC for the purchase of wind energy
3/20/2017	B73-17 Authorizing a first addendum to the power purchase agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the sale of wind energy and associated credits produced by Crystal Lake III
10/5/2020	B259-20 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the power purchase agreements with Crystal Lake Wind III, LLC for the purchase of wind energy

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance.