

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: January 22, 2019 Re: Supplemental Memo – Public Hearing for Truman Solar Electric Feeder Extensions

Executive Summary

A Public Hearing (PH49-18) for the two electrical feeder circuits to connect the proposed ten (10) MW Truman Solar Facility was held at the December 17, 2018 City Council meeting. At this meeting, it was noted that as a result of an error in the notification process for the interested parties meeting conducted on November 6, 2018, six affected property owners were not included in the initial notification letter. Due to this error, City Council tabled the Public Hearing until the January 22, 2018 Council meeting and directed staff to conduct another interested parties meeting. The second interested parties meeting for this project was held on January 10, 2019 at City Hall.

Discussion

In preparation for the Public Hearing on the proposed extension of two 13.8 kilovolt electrical feeder circuits from the Rebel Hill Substation to the proposed ten (10) MW Truman Solar Facility located east of Burnside Drive, staff held an initial Interested Parties meeting on November 6, 2018 to make details of this project available to the affected property owners and residents. At the Public Hearing conducted at the December 17, 2018 City Council meeting it was noted that as a result of an error in the notification process for the initial interested parties meeting conducted on November 6, 2018, six affected property owners were not directly notified of the meeting. At the direction of Council, the Public Hearing was tabled and staff was directed to conduct second interested parties meeting for this project. This second interested partied meeting was held on January 10, 2019 at City Hall.

Notification letters for the second interested parties meeting included all residents and property owners adjacent to the proposed electric line extensions in addition to the six (6) property owners that were not notified of the initial meeting. The meeting was conducted in an open house format with staff available to address individual's comments and questions. Approximately 25 – 30 people were in attendance at the meeting, none of which expressed substantial opposition to the proposed project.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$1,300,000, with approximately \$96,000 in work and materials required for the interconnection facilities on the solar site. Payment for this project is planned to be made from funds appropriated under Capital Improvement Project No. E0205 for Truman Solar Feeder Extension Project.



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Short-Term Impact: \$1,300,000 appropriated in Capital Project E0205. Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
2/5/2018	B31-18 Authorizing a solar project power purchase agreement with Truman Solar LLC.
2/5/2018	B32-18 Authorizing a small generator interconnection agreement with Truman Solar, LLC.
10/1/2018	B231-18 Rezoning property located on the south side of I-70 Drive SE, approximately 2,000 feet east of St. Charles Road, from District A (Agriculture District) to District PD (Planned District); approving the statement of intent; approving the "Truman Solar" PD Plan; granting a design adjustment relating to landscaping and screening (Case No. 18-115).

Suggested Council Action

Direct staff to move forward with developing plans and specifications to be finalized by City staff for construction of Truman Solar Feeder Extension Project.