

Introduced by McDavid Council Bill No. R 191-14

A RESOLUTION

expressing support for economically feasible renewable energy options to serve City of Columbia customers.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Water and Light Department's (hereinafter "City Water and Light") mission is to deliver reliable, safe and cost effective water and electric service to meet its citizen owners' needs while providing exceptional customer service and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, City Water and Light serves more than 48,000 customers in and around the City of Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia voters passed a Renewable Energy Standard that mandates that the City shall cost-effectively generate or purchase electricity from renewable energy sources, including wind energy, at the following levels: 15% by 2017; 25% by 2022; and 30% by 2028; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, renewable energy comprised 6.97% of City Water and Light's electric portfolio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia's Renewable Energy Standard presents a need for economically feasible renewable energy and City Water and Light is seeking viable options for new renewable energy sources to serve its customers; and

WHEREAS, Grain Belt Express Clean Line is constructing a project which has the potential to provide Missouri consumers with a direct current link to low-cost renewable energy in western Kansas (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project resource area is characterized by high wind speeds and may offer some of the lowest cost wind energy in the United States; and

WHEREAS, greater access to low-cost renewable energy such as that anticipated to be delivered by the Project serves the public interest and may help the City of Columbia fulfill its Renewable Energy Standard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Water and Light Advisory Board has reviewed the Project and submitted its recommendation and request to the City Council to express support for consideration of low cost wind energy produced by the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri hereby expresses its support of economically feasible renewable energy options to serve City customers, and will consider wind power accessed by the Project as an option for new affordable renewable energy to meet the City of Columbia's Renewable Energy Standard.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor