



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2017

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to grant a 25-year, 0.53 acre non-exclusive easement the U.S. Department of Energy to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a pumping station, transformer and water main and appurtenances related thereto on District Main Channel Parcel 25.03 in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$10.00.

Dear Sir:

On April 13, 1967, the District granted a twenty-five (25) year easement to the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") on District real estate located west of Route 83, and north of the Main Channel, in Lemont, Illinois, within Main Channel Parcel 25.03, for the construction and operation of a low lift pump station, electric transformer and water main ("Facilities"). The Facilities provide non-contact cooling water to Argonne National Laboratory ("Argonne"), a DOE owned facility. On July 6, 1970 the Easement was extended and amended to include an additional 25 years and added Argonne, as a co-grantee. Argonne installed an 18-inch diameter pipe under the Des Plaines River between Lemont Road and Route 83, for use in conjunction with the existing Facilities and for withdrawing water from the Canal for cooling purposes. The Easement, as extended, expires April 29, 2017. The current Easement fee is \$10.00. The Facilities are located on Main Channel Parcel 25.03, which is under lease to the DuPage County Forest Preserve District ("DuPage") for the Centennial Trail. DuPage's lease provides for the continued use of these Facilities by the DOE.

The DOE has requested a new 25-year easement to continue to operate the Facilities and appurtenances related thereto. The technical departments have reviewed this request and have no objections to DOE's continued access to the land for this purpose. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as the DOE is a governmental entity utilizing the property for a public purpose.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement to the U.S. Department of Energy to continue to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a pumping station, transformer and water main and appurtenances related thereto on District Main Channel Parcel 25.03 in Lemont, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute the easement agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, RMH:STM:nhb

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for March 16, 2017

Attachment