



Source: Water & Light

Agenda Item No: REP 129-12

To: **City Council**

From: **City Manager and Staff**

Council Meeting Date: Aug 20, 2012

Re: Water & Light Advisory Boards' Response to Ameren's Request for Letters of Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Ameren Missouri is partnering with Westinghouse to apply for Department of Energy (DOE) Small Modular Reactors (SMR) investment funding. Ameren has asked for letters of support for its DOE application for SMR investment funding. Support for this project was discussed at the June Water & Light Advisory Board which resulted in a recommendation that the City Council not support Ameren's Small Modular Reactor Application.

DISCUSSION:

Ameren has asked for letters of support for its DOE application for SMR investment funding and Associated Electric Cooperatives (AEC) has signed on as supporters for the application. Ameren has been told letters of support for the application will help their chances of being selected by DOE as a recipient for the funding. The Missouri Public Utility Alliance, which Water and Light is a member of, has provided a letter of support for this project. The request for letters of support for Ameren's application for SMR Investment funding from the DOE was brought before the Water and Light Advisory Board at their regular meeting on June 5th. Following are the motions made during the meeting:

Tad Johnsen stated that Ameren has asked for letters of support for their application for Small Modular Reactor (SMR) investment funding from the Department of Energy. The Missouri Public Utility Alliance, which Water and Light is a member of, has provided a letter of support for this project. Discussion followed. Bob Roper made a motion that the Board urge council to officially support Ameren's Small Modular Reactor Application. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Roper requested that his motion, stating lack of a second, proceed to council for their consideration.

Tom O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Dick Parker, to recommend to council not to support Ameren's Small Modular Reactor Application. Motion passed with a vote of three in favor and two against.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

None

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

This report is informational only. No action is requested.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	No
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	