



**Other Business**

**Special Council Meeting date: November 4, 2009**

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	October 22, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Establish a Reserve Capacity/Service Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force, and Appoint Chair and Members
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	M.S. 473.517 (3); Metropolitan Council Bylaws Article I.4.d and Article III.C
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Peter Bell, Chair
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Bell's recommendation to establish a Reserve Capacity/Service Availability Charge (SAC) task force, appoint Peggy Leppik as the chair of the task force, and appoint the following members:

	<u>Community or Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.	Metropolitan Council	Peggy Leppik	Council Member
2.	Metropolitan Council	Roger Scherer	Council Member
3.	City of Blaine	Joe Huss	Finance Director
4.	City of Bloomington	Karl Keel	Public Works Director
5.	City of Chaska	Noel Graczyk	Administrative Services Director
6.	City of Hugo	Bryan Bear	Community Development Director
7.	City of Maple Grove	Harlan Van Wyhe	Civil Engineer
8.	City of Minneapolis	Lisa Cerney	Director of Surface Water and Sewers
9.	City of Rosemount	Andy Brotzler	Public Works Director
10.	City of Saint Paul	Mike Kassan	Civil Engineer IV
11.	City of Shakopee	Bruce Loney	Public Works Director
12.	Ecolab	Christine Renne	Environmental Health and Safety Analyst
13.	Metro Cities	Patricia Nauman	Executive Director
14.	Metropolitan Airport Commission	Rick Breezee	Building Official
15.	Restaurant Association	Dave Siegel	Executive Vice President

16. Summit Brewing	Mark Stutrud	President and Founder
17. Vision-Ease Lens	George Anderson	Environmental Health and Safety Engineer
18. Westwood Professional Services	Jason McCarty (recommended by Builders Association of the Twin Cities)	Director, Residential Development

## **Background**

The service availability charge (SAC) pays for reserve capacity costs of the wastewater system. It has been levied since 1973 for new connections or other increased demand to the system.

Public meetings were held August 11 and 13 to solicit public comments on proposed changes in: 1) SAC for outdoor spaces and 2) the methodology for computing reserve capacity to be paid through SAC. In both cases some controversy arose and a task force was suggested.

The task force will evaluate 1) current and proposed methods of reserve capacity estimation and recommend a method for Council consideration and 2) Council fees for reserve capacity funding (that is, SAC criteria and discounts) and recommend changes, clarifications, enhancements, and implementation methods. It is hoped that task force recommendations will be available to the Council before the end of 2010.

## **Rationale**

When the Council adopted its 2010 wastewater rates in September, Council members indicated support for a task force to review these issues.

## **Funding**

The administrative costs, including a possible use of consulting, for the task force will be minor and can be paid from within the 2009 and proposed 2010 operating annual budgets of MCES.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

Metro Cities and several customer communities asked for a task force to study these matters at the public meetings. There is no known opposition.