

MEMO

Date: August 28, 2015
To: **Baxter City Council**
From: Aric Welch
Cc: Trevor Walter
Gordon Heitke
Project Name: College Road and Cypress Drive Turn Lane Improvements
Project No.: 0102B0274.000
Subject: **Crow Wing Power Utility Relocation**



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Crow Wing Power has provided a rough estimated cost of \$20,000 to relocate existing electric facilities for the addition of the right turn lane. The existing electric facilities are currently located on private property in a private utility easement. Since the facilities are located on private property and not in a public right-of-way, Crow Wing Power is requesting reimbursement for the relocation costs based on their relocation policy (see attached emails and line moving policy).

The existing facilities are located in the proposed trail alignment and the project cannot be completed without relocation of the existing facilities. An easement has been obtained along the south side of College Road to accommodate the relocation.

This issue was discussed at a previous work session with the major points of the discussion being:

1. Does Crow Wing Power have the right to charge for the relocation costs?
2. How accurate is the estimate?

The City Attorney should be consulted on the validity of the Crow Wings Power's reimbursement request. WSN has requested a detailed "worse case" cost estimate from Crow Wing Power which should be available for review at the September 1st work session.

Aric Welch

From: Eric Quale CWP Chief Operating Officer <quale@cwpower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Aric Welch
Cc: Trevor Walter
Subject: College Rd. Turn Lane

Crow Wing has estimated \$20,000 to replace facilities to accommodate the turn lane construction from College Road to Cypress Dr.

Thank you.

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Aric Welch

From: Trevor Walter <TWalter@baxtermn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:25 PM
To: Aric Welch
Subject: FW: College & Cypress Drive Power Line Move
Attachments: Line Move Policy.pdf

From: Jeff Wohlert CWP Customer Service [mailto:WOHLERT@CWpower.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Trevor Walter
Subject: College & Cypress Drive Power Line Move

Trevor,

You have asked about the City paying to relocate Crow Wing Power's facilities to accommodate the new turn lane at College and Cypress Drive.

It has been a long standing practice that when CWP facilities are outside of a road right-of-way and the Township, City, County, State or whomever acquires additional right-of-way to expand the roadway, they do pay Crow Wing Power to relocate its facilities. The power line was originally installed onto private property with permission.

Crow Wing Power's construction preference is to be located just outside of the Road Right-of-way and within an easement granted by the land owner. This helps protect our membership from the financial burdens of moving facilities that maybe installed within the Road Right-of-way.

I have attached an excerpt from our policy that states this case.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Minnesota 56 – Crow Wing

TITLE: **LINE MOVES AND CONVERSIONS OR SERVICE UPGRADES**

OBJECTIVE: To assure that line moves, conversions and upgrades are processed in a uniform manner.

To assure existing members that the economic capabilities of the Cooperative are not unduly strained by performing these services.

CONTENT:

A. Line Moves

1. Requests to move Cooperative facilities will be performed on an actual cost basis; system improvements will be a consideration.
2. Facilities required to be relocated within existing public road right-of-ways shall be relocated at the Cooperative's expense.