

## Committee Report

*Business Item No. 2015-13*

### Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 28, 2015

**Subject:** Authorization to Amend Contract 09I038 with the City of New Germany

#### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize is Regional Administrator to amend Contract 09I038 with the City of New Germany to delays the acquisition of the City's wastewater treatment plant.

#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Discussion occurred regarding financial implications. The implication of the acquisition agreement is that the Council will be responsible for building and operating a new wastewater treatment plant when additional capacity is needed to serve growth. The City has recovered some reserve capacity in its treatment plant by rehabilitating its sewer system. This amendment defers Council acquisition of the City's treatment plant until it needs additional capacity, which could be 10 years or longer. A committee member inquired about the long-term wastewater service plan. Staff responded that the plan is a treatment plant for the City, rather than interceptor extension (the City is 10 miles from the Council's nearest facilities).

**Motion to approve the proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.**

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 4, Gary Van Eyll

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.511 and 473.517

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Jason Peterson, 651-602-1614; Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091

**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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### Background

The Metropolitan Council approved the City of New Germany's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update and Comprehensive Sewer Plan in May, 2008. The Council authorized acquisition of the City's wastewater treatment plant in June, 2009. In September, 2010 the Council approved the acquisition agreement with the City, with an acquisition date of June 30, 2015. The growth in the City is still slow. The City's recent sewer rehabilitation project has reduced inflow and infiltration in to its sewer system, enabling the City's current wastewater plant to maintain operation within permit parameters.

This amendment would extend the contract time to an unspecified future date. The new closing date will be set as one year from the date written notice is received from the City requesting the Metropolitan Council to proceed with the wastewater plant acquisition.

### Rationale

The proposed action requires Council authorization.

### Funding

Not applicable.

### Known Support / Opposition

The City of New Germany supports this amendment.