

CITY of REPUBLIC

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Exhibit O

AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: Bill #07-33 an Ordinance Granting the Board of Public Utilities of Springfield, Missouri, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Operate a Gas Distribution system in the City of Republic, Missouri.

Submitted by: Ron Dirickson

Date: May 14, 2007

Issue Statement

The issue before the Council is whether or not to enter into a franchise agreement with City Utilities for gas service.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Negotiations have been ongoing with CU for a franchise agreement for territory either annexed into the City of Republic or which became a part of Republic through consolidation with the Village of Brookline. CU has an established territory based upon the territory previously served by its predecessor. CU is continuing to serve customers within its territory and the granting of the franchise will resolve any question as to use of city right-of-way that became a part of Republic as a result of consolidation. If a franchise is granted, in an effort to synchronize ending dates for franchises, the end date for this franchise would be in 2014 to coincide with other franchise holders.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that Council approve the franchise agreement.