

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-70**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAYNE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT APPLICATION FOR SGIG PROGRAM FUNDS AND TO EXPEND SUCH FUNDS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF A SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, the City of Wayne's 2009 Strategic Plan contains the goal to promote energy use awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City's management believes that the deployment of a nationwide smart grid is essential for the future delivery of "smart" rates and services, such as real-time pricing, automatic outage reporting, demand-side management, and improved electric system efficiency and operation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE) has announced its intent to solicit applications for grants for the Smart Grid Investment Grant Program (SGIG Program) for the purpose of gaining the improvements in cost and performance that it believes will come from the deployment of smart grid technology; and

WHEREAS, the SGIG Program will provide federal assistance in the amounts of \$3.4 billion for "investment" smart grid projects and \$0.6 billion for regional smart grid "demonstration" projects; and

WHEREAS, such federal assistance will be provided to cover up to 50% of investments by electric utilities and other entities for projects that promote the goal of deployment of smart grid technology; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wayne, several rural district wholesale customers, and Nebraska Public Power District have collaborated on the identification of several key smart grid components and how they would support the development of a smart grid over a large expanse of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the District and said wholesale customers have worked closely together to formulate a smart grid strategy and create a joint application for federal funding of the identified projects in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the application rules for federal funding require that the governing bodies of the applicants approve any applications and authorize the expenditure of the necessary matching funds in the event a grant is awarded and accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Wayne hereby is authorized to submit to the DOE a joint application for SGIG Program funds in the amount of **\$600,000** and to expend such funds for the deployment of the smart grid strategy if said joint application is approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2009.

THE CITY OF WAYNE, NEBRASKA,

By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk