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ITEM 166-1026-R0315

Request for Authorization to Execute Utility Easement between NorthWestern Corporation and the University of Montana – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the University of Montana to execute a utility easement agreement with NorthWestern Corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, to install/relocate underground electrical or gas utilities on University of Montana property.

EXPLANATION

The University of Montana is currently building a Softball Complex on the South Campus. The purpose of the 10' underground utility easement is to bring electrical service to the Softball Complex. Without the easement, the Softball Complex would not have access to electrical services. Regents Policy 1003.6 allows for the Board to approve easements on university system property. Fair value must be received for the easement. Benefit to the campus may be considered when determining fair value. In this case, the 10' underground utility easement, at no cost to the MUS, constitutes fair value for the easement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Utility Easement