

March 15-16, 2023

ITEM 205-2003-R0323

Request for Authorization to Execute a Utility Easement with Northwestern Energy; Montana State University

THAT

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to execute a utility easement with Northwestern Energy to extend Northwestern Energy electric service to the MSU Sports Facilities and University Police Department trailers located at the Bobcat Stadium.

This item is consistent with the Board's authority to manage the Montana University System in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6.

EXPLANATION

1. Montana State University (MSU) is requesting authorization to execute a utility easement with Northwestern Energy to extend Northwestern Energy electric service to the MSU Sports Facilities and University Police Department trailers located at the Bobcat Stadium.
 2. Relocation of two trailers to the south side of the Bobcat Stadium requires new electric service. Existing Northwestern Energy electric infrastructure is in the immediate area.
 3. Serving the MSU Sports Facilities and University Police Department trailers from the Northwestern Energy overhead electric line requires that the service is extended underground to the location of the trailers.
 4. MSU is receiving "fair value" for this easement and will benefit significantly from this electric service extension in terms of reliable electric service for the MSU Sports Facilities and University Police Department trailers. The trailers are used to provide safety and operational activities during football games and other stadium events. This benefit satisfies requirements of BOR Policy 1003.6.
 5. No state funds are requested as part of this easement.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Utility Easement