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WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power, at its meeting on April 24, 2018, approved ceasing operations of the Sims Power Plant on June 1, 2020 and to begin further plant closure planning efforts as may be necessary and prudent.

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Mayor and City Council dated April 26, 2018, the Board notified Council of its action to approve ceasing operations of Sims, and requested Council's review and approval of this decision.

WHEREAS, the Board of Light and Power and City Council have worked cooperatively together to gain additional information on the potential closure of Sims, assess the impacts, review future power supply options, and gain further public input.

WHEREAS, City Council, at its meeting on November 19, 2018 unanimously passed a resolution of its own to authorize the decommissioning of the Sims Power Plant, effective June of 2020 conditioned on receiving commitments from the Board of Light and Power "that by June of 2023, Grand Haven will have the capacity to generate a majority of the local electricity within the service area and that future facilities will include capacity to partner in the support of the snowmelt system."

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Light and Power hereby is providing City Council a commitment to place in operation by June of 2023 future facilities within the service area that will have a capacity to generate a majority of the electrical needs of the system and that these facilities will include capacity to continue to partner in the support of the snowmelt system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in providing these commitments, the Board deems the conditions associated with Council's resolution to authorize the decommissioning of the Sims Power Plant effective June of 2020 to be satisfied.