

RESOLUTION NO. 17PUC-007

**RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE V SECTION 5
SUBSECTION (b) OF THE BYLAWS CLARIFYING
HEARING REQUIREMENTS.**

RESOLVED by the Duluth Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") that Section 5 Subsection (b) of Article V of the Bylaws of the Commission is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5:


Subsection (b) Public Education: When a utility rate increase is deemed necessary by the DPUC, Commissioners will endeavor to educate the general public regarding the need therefore and the benefits to be derived therefrom, including but not limited to at least one public hearing, held after not less than ten (10) days published notice prior to approval of any such utility rate increase, with special consideration in targeting particularly vulnerable customers. This will include a detailed description of the capital projects that are in accordance with a comprehensive utilities plan and easily understood accounting numbers, including debt service.

Approved by the DPUC:

Sept. 19, 2017

(date)

ATTEST:



Director
Public Works and Utilities
City of Duluth

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the Bylaws of the Commission to clarify that this subsection is intended to address increases in the rates charged for the utilities provided by the Department such as water rates, natural gas rates, and sanitary sewer rates and not to the fees charged by the Department for various services described in Section 2-186 (c) of the City Code such as furnace repair and water hydrant usage.