



November 21, 2023

Dear Community Leaders,

On October 11, Alliant Energy asked the Iowa Utilities Board to approve an electric rate increase to be phased in over two years starting in October 2024 and concluding in October 2025.

The Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) invite your community to oppose the magnitude of Alliant Energy's proposed increase in electric rates.

Alliant's Rising Rates

This is Alliant Energy's sixth request to increase electric rates since 2004. If approved as proposed, the proposed rate increase will be the largest in the company's history and result in another \$284 million being transferred out of the local economies of Alliant communities in Iowa.

Alliant estimates the electric bills of residential customers will increase by an average of 13.4%, small businesses and municipalities by 20%, and large general service customers by 17.4% - 20%. These higher costs, however, are not simply the result of "across-the-board" increases. Alliant is proposing significant changes to their tariff structures that could push the bill increase for some customers well above the average Alliant projects for each rate class.

According to CEDI's analysis of utility data furnished to the Iowa Utilities Board, Alliant's average annual cost per kWh for residential customers in 2022 was once again almost the highest in the state. Alliant's residential rates are higher than all but six of Iowa's 181 electric utilities—including every one of Iowa's 43 rural electric cooperatives.

The same data reveals that Alliant's electric costs are also very high when compared with the other large investor-owned electric utility in Iowa. Compared to MidAmerican Energy Company, Alliant's costs are 61.3% higher for residential customers, 48.9% higher for small businesses, and 31.6% higher for industrial customers.

In fact, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Alliant Energy has the third-highest residential rates among 31 investor-owned utilities with at least 100,000 customers in the Midwest.

The Impact on Alliant Communities

Alliant's high and rising rates are causing serious hardship for the 101,997 low-income households that the company acknowledges constitute 25 percent of their 411,277 residential customers. These ratepayers are some of Iowa's most disadvantaged citizens because, in many cases, they

spend over 20 percent of their household income to heat, cool, and power their homes.

Alliant's high and rising rates are also posing serious financial challenges for moderate-income households, fixed-income households, small businesses, industries, nonprofit institutions, educational institutions, school districts, and municipal governments.

Alliant's rates are also a hindrance to economic development for nearly all communities in Alliant's monopoly service territory. The vast majority of population growth and economic development in Iowa is taking place in MidAmerican Energy's service territory due, at least in part, to their low rates.

This is certainly true for large tech companies like Amazon (Davenport), Apple (Des Moines), Google (Council Bluffs), Meta/Facebook (Altoona), and Microsoft (West Des Moines), which have all opened large facilities in MidAmerican's service territory to benefit from the company's cheaper and cleaner power.

The Impact of Alliant's Proposed Rate Increase on Your Municipality's Budget and Your Citizens

Alliant Energy's relentless rate increases are also having a significant impact on the budgets of municipalities. While every community is different and has facilities with meters in different rate classes, based on Alliant's projections, it is likely that your municipality's current costs to purchase electricity will increase 15-20% over the next two years.

Thus, a municipality that paid Alliant Energy \$100,000 for electricity in FY24 should expect to pay an additional \$15,000 - \$20,000 in FY26. Given the proposed two-year phase-in of the rate increase, municipalities should consider adding approximately 10% for electricity costs to FY25 budgets, and increase it again for FY26 budgets.

Of course, the residents and business owners in your community will also experience an estimated 13.4% - 20% cost increase. Many of the hundreds of comments in Docket No. RPU-2023-0002 have been submitted by small business owners and low-income households that are barely scraping by given the recent high rate of inflation. Many comments are from senior citizens who are comparing Alliant's estimated 13.4% increase to the 3.2% cost of living increase they are getting from Social Security this year.

Please Join CEDI's Coalition to Oppose Alliant's Electric Rate Increase

The Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) invite your community to join a coalition to oppose the magnitude of Alliant Energy's proposal to increase electric rates. CEDI wants to help your community's voice be heard as the Iowa Utilities Board reviews Alliant's proposal to increase its electric rates.

We invite your community to take the following action steps:

1. Review the attached model resolution objecting to the magnitude of Alliant's proposed electric rate increase, revise it as you see fit, and submit it to the Iowa Utilities Board by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov or by mail to Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue,

Des Moines, IA 50319-0069. Reference Docket RPU-2023-0002 in the subject line of the email or letter.

2. Join the CEDI Coalition by signing the attached Memorandum of Agreement and consider making an optional financial contribution to support CEDI's intervention effort at the Iowa Utilities Board.

CEDI has secured the legal services of the Skinner Law Office for this intervention effort. Cecil Wright will lead our legal efforts. Cecil recently retired from the Iowa Utilities Board where he held multiple positions including acting General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer.

As official intervenors in Docket RPU-2023-0002, CEDI will utilize our skilled legal counsel and expert witnesses to submit testimony that challenges Alliant's persistent rate increases and high rates, highlights the high and rising energy burden on low, middle, and fixed-income households, and illustrates how Alliant's high rates are harming the economic development of communities in Alliant's service territory.

CEDI witnesses will also defend customer and community-owned distributed energy resources, such as energy efficiency, solar power, geothermal energy, and battery storage. Finally, CEDI witnesses will emphasize the need for cost-efficient investments, distribution grid resiliency, clean energy, and reinvestment that yield ratepayer savings and substantial community benefits in coal plant communities like Lansing, Iowa.

While there is no cost to join the CEDI Coalition, we do hope those communities who are able to do so will consider financially supporting CEDI's intervention efforts. The rate case will take approximately ten months to complete. We estimate the cost will be \$50,000 - \$80,000. All funds received will be used by CEDI exclusively for docket intervention costs, including legal fees and expert witness compensation. We have raised \$33,000 thus far.

We respectfully request your community consider a coalition contribution representing 5% percent of your expected cost increase. Given the example above, a 5% contribution would be \$750 - \$1,000 based on an expected cost increase of \$15,000-\$20,000 per \$100,000 of current Alliant Energy electricity purchase expenses. Any unutilized funds will be returned to communities on a proportional basis.

About the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa

The Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) is an Iowa non-profit corporation and an association of clean energy districts in Iowa. There are currently twelve legally incorporated energy districts located in Allamakee, Cerro Gordo, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Howard, Jackson, Johnson, Linn, Muscatine, Polk, and Winneshiek County. Additional counties are in the planning stages. Clean Energy Districts provide local leadership to energy customers and communities during the clean energy transition.

CEDI and its member energy districts have considerable experience at the Iowa Utilities Board. In 2019-2020, the Winneshiek Energy District led the Decorah Area Group, which was an official

intervenor in Alliant Energy's last rate case and helped secure a significant 38% reduction in the rate increase. The company had originally proposed a \$204 million revenue requirement but was only awarded \$127 million by the Board.

More recently, the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa was an official intervenor in Black Hills Energy's rate case and joined in a settlement agreement with the Office of the Consumer Advocate that secured a 44% reduction in BHE's proposed increase. The company had originally proposed a \$10,544,007 increase to base rates but was only awarded \$5,906,519 by the Board.

CEDI is also currently an official intervenor and has submitted multiple rounds of testimony in the dockets at the Iowa Utilities Board regarding the five-year energy efficiency plans submitted by Alliant Energy, MidAmerican Energy Company, and Black Hills Energy.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the attached information. CEDI has a history of success intervening in rate cases, but we need your help to do it again.

While we expect the Board to render its final decision and order in the fall of 2024, the first round of testimony will be due in early March, which means we need to line up our expert witnesses soon and initiate various discovery requests. Thus, a **prompt response to this form** would be deeply appreciated.

Please contact us with any concerns or questions you may have.

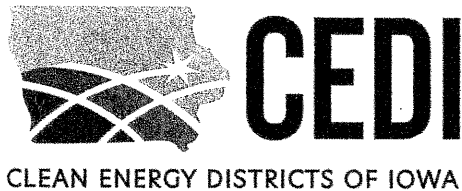
Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew Johnson

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Clean Energy Districts of Iowa
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Decorah, IA 52101
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RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK
TO ENTER INTO A 28E AGREEMENT WITH
CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT OF IOWA**

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco and the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa will jointly coordinate efforts to oppose the magnitude of the proposed Alliant Energy rate increases and to advocate for the best interests of residents, businesses, and institutions in Cresco; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Clean Energy Districts of Iowa will determine and oversee the policies and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco shall provide one-time payment not to exceed \$1,050.00 to Clean Energy Districts of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the written 28E Agreement with Clean Energy Districts of Iowa to oppose the magnitude of the proposed rate increase by Alliant Energy and to intervene in Docket no RPU-2023-002.

Council Person _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a 28E Agreement with Clean Energy Districts of Iowa. Council Person _____ seconded said motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Mayor and said roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and announced that the agreement dated January 22, 2024, between the City of Cresco and Clean Energy Districts of Iowa is approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Cresco.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

BY: _____
Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Nicole Hill

**28E AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FOR SERVICES BETWEEN
CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICTS OF IOWA AND THE CITY OF CRESCO, IOWA**

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, to be effective on the date herein provided, by and between Cresco, Iowa organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa (hereinafter "City") and Clean Energy Districts of Iowa, an Iowa non-profit organization (hereinafter "Agency") (collectively referred to herein as the "Parties"). This Agreement shall not create a separate entity.

WHEREAS the Agency is a private agency as defined in Iowa Code Section 28E.2, and is a nonprofit organization duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa and Agency is dedicated to reducing energy burdens and promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, and the reduction of greenhouse emissions in Iowa, and advocates for the interests of consumers, communities, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS the City is a political subdivision duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa and is a public agency as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 28E; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code Chapter 28E authorizes public agencies to enter into agreements for joint or cooperative action with public or private entities; and

WHEREAS Agency and the City have determined it to be in the best interest of the respective Parties to enter into a 28E Agreement to intervene in Docket No. RPU-2023-0002 and advocate for energy affordability and environmental responsibility; and,

WHEREAS the Parties believe it is in their best interest to enter into a written agreement setting forth their respective rights and obligations with regard to this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements hereincontained, and upon the following terms and conditions, Agency and the City agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement shall be to support Agency's intention to intervene in Docket No. RPU-2023-0002 in connection with achieving the goals of reducing energy burdens and advocate for the interests of residents, businesses, and institutions in Cresco, Iowa pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.
2. **Administration.** No separate legal or administrative entity or joint board will be established by this Agreement. The Cresco City Clerk and the Director of the Agency will be designated as the administrators of the Agreement for the purpose of Iowa Code Section 28E.6. No joint budget will be established or maintained for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Agreement.
3. **Duration.** This Agreement shall be for a term with an effective commencement date of January 22, 2024 and shall remain in effect for only the duration of this Rate Case (RPU-2023-0002), estimated to be a 10-month intervention process, unless otherwise terminated as set forth below in Paragraph 7.
4. **Goals Of Funding.** The goal of this joint action between the City and Agency shall be to

oppose the magnitude of the proposed rate increase by Alliant Energy and to intervene in Docket No RPU-2023-0002.

5. Funding. The Agency shall, in consideration of receiving a payment from City in an amount determined by City, pledge that all funds will be used exclusively for docket interventions costs, including legal fees and expert witness compensation.

Expenditures will be tracked and be reported to City at its request. Agency will reimburse City for any funds paid to Agency that the Agency cannot document as having been used for the purposes described in this Agreement.

6. Supervision. It is agreed that the policies and activities of the Agency shall be determined and overseen by the Board of Directors of the Agency.
7. Termination. This Agreement shall remain in effect for only the duration of this Rate Case (RPU-2023-0002) unless the terms are modified in writing by the joint action of the parties or by written notice of termination provided by one party to the other thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term. This Agreement may also be terminated by either party upon the breach of any provision of this Agreement by the other party. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the end of the specified term or until terminated or cancelled pursuant to this Agreement.
8. Compliance. Each party agrees that it will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement.
9. Status of the parties. It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties that nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed to create a partnership, association or other affiliation or like relationship between the parties, being specifically agreed that their relation is and will remain that of independent parties to a cooperative contractual relationship. In no event will either party be liable for the debts or obligations of the other party.
10. Notices. All notices and other communications to be given under this Agreement will be deemed given when either personally delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, with proper address to the following addresses until otherwise notified:

To the Agency:

Andrew Johnson
Executive Director
Clean Energy Districts of Iowa
PO Box 14
Decorah, IA 52101

To the City:

City of Cresco
Attn: City Clerk
130 N Park Pl
Cresco, IA 52136

11. Construction. This Agreement shall be construed so as to comply with the requirements of the laws of the State of Iowa. The provisions of this Agreement and all paragraphs and sections under it are to be construed with a view to affect its objects and to promote the intent of the parties who have fixed their signatures herein.
12. Forum/Law. The Parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Iowa District Court in and for City of Cresco for all matters relating to this Agreement and agree that this Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa.
13. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held illegal or invalid, the illegality or invalidity of such provision will not affect any of the remaining provisions and this Agreement will be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.
14. Waiver. The failure of either of the parties to enforce any right or provision under this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of such right or provision unless acknowledged and agreed to by such party in writing. In addition, no waiver of a party's right or remedy will affect the other provisions of this Agreement.
15. Force Majeure. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, neither party will be liable to the other for failure to comply with any obligation under this Agreement if such party is prevented from doing so by reason of events beyond the reasonable control of the party.
16. Assignment. Neither party may assign any right or obligation under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. This Agreement will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assignees.
17. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is entered into by and between the parties hereto for their benefit. There is no intent by any party to create, imply, or establish a third-party beneficiary or status or rights in any person except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, and no such third party will have any right to enforce any benefit created or established under this Agreement.
18. Method Of Approval. The parties hereto shall approve this Agreement by resolution, which respective resolutions shall authorize the representative of the Agency Board of Directors and the Cresco City Council to execute this Agreement.
19. Entire Agreement. With the exception of any prior 28E agreement for services, this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, amendments, arrangements, and understandings between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.
20. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended by a written instrument approved and executed by the Agency and the City and filed with the Iowa Secretary of State in accordance with Iowa Code Section 28E.8.
21. Agreement - Filing. When this Agreement has been approved by the parties hereto, it

shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code Section 28E.8.

22. Agreement - Effective Date. This Agreement shall be effective from, on and after the date which this Agreement is recorded and filed as herein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been approved by appropriate action and duly executed by the parties on the dates written below.

DATED by Agency this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICTS OF IOWA

Andrew Johnson, Executive Director

DATED by City this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF CRESCO

David J. Brenno, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Hill, City Clerk

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRESCO, IOWA ("City")
AND
CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICTS OF IOWA ("CEDI")

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") is entered into on this ____ day of _____, 2024 by and between the City of Cresco, Iowa ("City"), and the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa ("CEDI").

WHEREAS, the City is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa, with the authority to represent its residents' public interests in matters related to utility rates, energy affordability, and service reliability;

WHEREAS, Interstate Power and Light Company (dba Alliant Energy) is a regulated private utility operating within the State of Iowa, subject to the jurisdiction of the Iowa Utilities Board ("IUB"), and has filed an Application for Revision of Electric and Natural Gas Rates ("Rate Case");

WHEREAS, CEDI is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing energy burdens and promoting clean energy, energy efficiency, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Iowa, and advocates for the interests of consumers, communities, and municipalities;

WHEREAS, CEDI intends to intervene in IUB Docket No. RPU-2023-0002 as an official intervenor representing its member energy districts and is offering also to represent the interests of communities in Alliant's service territory, including Cresco, Iowa;

WHEREAS, CEDI seeks the support and partnership of the City of Cresco to list the City in opposition to the magnitude of the proposed electric rate increase in IUB Docket No. RPU-2023-0002;

WHEREAS, the City understands that there is no required fee to join the CEDI Coalition;

WHEREAS, the City voluntarily pledges to provide financial support to CEDI to help cover the costs related to the intervention in the Rate Case. The City shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1050.00 for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and CEDI, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, agree as follows:

1. PARTNERSHIP AND INTERVENTION

1.1 The City acknowledges and supports CEDI's intention to intervene in Docket No. RPU-2023-0002, representing the interests of residents, businesses, and institutions in Cresco, Iowa.

1.2 The City agrees to be listed among the coalition of communities and businesses who join CEDI in opposition to the magnitude of the proposed rate increase by Alliant Energy.

2. COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

2.1 The City and CEDI agree to maintain open and timely communication throughout the estimated 10-month intervention process, sharing relevant information and developments related to the Rate Case.

2.2 The City and CEDI shall collaborate to identify and advocate for the best interests of the community, including but not limited to energy affordability, environmental responsibility, and open access to the distribution grid.

3.0 FUNDING

3.1 The City agrees to make a voluntary financial contribution to support CEDI's intervention efforts within 30 days of the signing of this MOA.

3.2 CEDI pledges that all funds will be used exclusively for docket intervention costs, including legal fees and expert witness compensation. Any unutilized funds will be returned to communities on a proportional basis.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

4.1 The City and CEDI shall maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive information or documents related to the Rate Case, as required by applicable laws and regulations.

5. DURATION

5.1 This MOA shall remain in effect only for the duration of this Rate Case (RPU-2023-0002).

6. AMENDMENTS

6.1 Any amendments or modifications to this MOA shall be made in writing and agreed upon by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Cresco, Iowa, and the Clean Energy Districts of Iowa have executed this Memorandum of Agreement as of the date first above written.

CITY OF CRESCO, IOWA

CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICTS OF IOWA

By:

By: /s/ Andrew Johnson

David J Brenno
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Cresco, IA 52136
563-547-3101
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[See next page for Contribution Payment Instructions]

(App-193116)

License Application (LC0047903)

▪ **Applicant**

Name of Legal Entity : CUAUTLA JALISCO II, INC.

Name of Business(DBA) : Cuautla Jalisco II Inc

Address of Premises : 223 North Elm Street

Premises Suite/Apt Number :

City : Cresco

County : Howard

Zip : 52136

Business : (319) 859-4840

Mailing Address: 223 North Elm Street

City : Cresco

State : Iowa

Zip : 52136

▪ **Contact Person**

Name : Elisa Martinez

Phone : (319) 859-4843

Email : elymartinez21@hotmail.com

▪ **License Information**

License Number : LC0047903

License/Permit Type : Class C Retail Alcohol License

Term : 12 Month

Status : Pending Dramshop Review

Tentative Effective Date : 2024-01-25

Tentative Expiration Date : 2025-01-24

Sub-Permits : Class C Retail Alcohol License

Privileges :

Last Day of Business :

▪ **Status of Business**

Business Type : Corporation

■ Ownership

Elisa Martinez

City : New Hampton

State : Iowa

Zip : 50659

Position : President

% of ownership : 50%

U.S. Citizen : Yes

Joaquin Cibrian

City : New Hampton

State : Iowa

Zip : 50659

Position : vice President

% of ownership : 50%

U.S. Citizen : No

- **Insurance Company Information**

Insurance Company : MOUNT VERNON FIRE INS CO

Policy Effective Date :

Policy Expiration :

Bond Effective :

Dram Cancel Date :

Outdoor Service Effective :

Outdoor Service Expiration :

Temp Transfer Effective Date :

Temp Transfer Expiration Date :

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City of Cresco

CREDIT CARD POLICY

I. CARDS ISSUED

See Appendix 1.

II. CREDIT LIMITS

See Appendix 1.

III. USES

1. Purchases requiring immediate payment when the City is unable to issue a check for the purchase.
2. Meal expenses when on City business (no alcoholic beverage expenses may be included).
Original detailed receipt(s) must be returned to City Hall. See employee handbook for maximum meal allowances.
3. Employee training and/or travel expenses including lodging when applicable.
4. On-line purchases requiring a credit card when no other payment or billing option is available.
(on-line purchases may require prior approval for non-budgeted items.)
5. Emergency vehicle maintenance.

IV. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Only authorized employees of the City of Cresco may use a municipal credit card. The credit card must be signed out by the employee, signing and dating the form, and verified by City Hall staff. The card should be returned immediately after use and verified by City Hall staff.
2. Ensure that the credit card is used in compliance with the City's purchasing policies.
3. Personal use of a "City of Cresco" credit card is strictly **PROHIBITED**.
4. The employee using the credit card must submit all receipts to City Hall **within ten (10) days of purchase**. The receipt should include documentation detailing the goods or services purchased, cost, date of purchase, department or expense item to be charged, and signature of employee making the purchase in order to provide adequate audit trail information. If original detailed receipts are not turned in, the City will not be responsible for those charges on the credit card. **Failure to submit receipts within the required ten days will be reported to the City Council and may result in loss of use of the card.**
5. Above said receipts must be submitted to City Hall to reconcile against the monthly credit card statement. The City will reconcile and make payment per credit card agreements, of all outstanding amounts for the preceding month. Preparation for payment, to be completed in a timely fashion will be done through the City Clerk's office. Each department will be responsible for reviewing the individual receipts and submitting them for payment by the 1st of the month. The total will be paid in full each month. The amount of any item without accompanying receipt shall be reimbursed to the City by the employee.
6. Purchases made by the City are exempt from state and local sales tax. Employee should inform vendor of this when making purchase. Sales tax exemption forms are available from the Deputy Clerk.
7. The employee signing out the card is responsible for its protection and custody and shall immediately notify the Cresco City Hall if the card is lost or stolen.
8. The credit card may not be used for cash advances or any other type of purchase not permitted by the City of Cresco.

9. Misuse of the credit card, failure to secure or failure to report stolen or missing credit card immediately upon discovery, could result in disciplinary action towards employee and possible employment termination. Employees would not be held responsible for any fraudulent charges to the credit card after it has been reported missing or stolen. **In addition, late charges incurred as a result of not turning in receipts in the required time frame will be the responsibility of the employee.**

V. REWARD POINTS

For City issued credit cards that earn reward points, the reward points shall be redeemed by the individual to whom the card is issued for the following purposes:

1. Cash or Credit to be applied to the outstanding card balance.

If cash or credit to be applied to the outstanding balance is not available for credit card reward points, the points may be redeemed for gift cards or merchandise provided that they are used for public purposes.

The City Clerk will be responsible for redeeming credit cards reward points and tracking their use, to be reviewed by the City's auditor annually.

VI. STORE CARDS (i.e. Kwik Star)

Existing operations include the issuance of certain types of credit cards affiliated with a specific retail or wholesale business. Departments that have these cards will be subject to the same standards as for those who hold a bank issued major credit card.

City of Cresco

CREDIT CARD POLICY

APPENDIX 1

CARDS ISSUED & CREDIT LIMITS

The City has four (4) Visa cardholders. Each cardholder listed below will be issued an individual card under the City's business account with TCM Bank, N.A.

- 1 issued to Police Chief Timothy Ruroden – credit limit \$2,000.00
- 1 issued to Public Works Director David Brenno – credit limit \$10,000.00
- 1 issued to Park Manager Leyton Bohr – credit limit \$4,000.00
- 1 issued to Theatre Manager Wendy Lickteig – credit limit \$4,000.00

The City has one (1) Mastercard cardholder. Each cardholder listed below will be issued an individual card under the City's business account with CardMemberServices / CUSB Bank.

- 1 issued to Library Director Jordyn Moore – credit limit \$4,000.00

If the employee to whom the card is issued ceases to be an employee of the City or no longer holds the position listed above, the card shall be returned to the City Clerk's office immediately.

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL: _____

BY: _____
Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Nicole Hill

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNERS ON DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco maintains deposit accounts at Cresco Bank and Trust, CUSB Bank, and Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust including, but not limited to, Checking Accounts, Money Market Accounts, and Certificate of Deposits; and

WHEREAS, a change in personnel duties and responsibilities requires a change in authorized signers on all accounts effective January 24, 2024 as follows:

1. Remove Michelle Elton and replace with Amber Yanes, Utility Billing Clerk
2. Remove Anthony Sturm, Deputy Clerk and replace with David Brenno, Public Works Director

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Cresco, Iowa, that the authorized signers be Amber Yanes or David Brenno as employees of the City of Cresco to be authorized to operate and maintain the deposit accounts with Cresco Bank and Trust, CUSB Bank, and Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, the City Clerk will continue to be the Administrator for online banking accounts and will monitor and authorize the User Roles including abilities to view accounts, transfer between accounts, and initiate and review ACH batches.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

Amy Bouska, Mayor Pro - Tem

ATTEST: _____
Nicole Hill, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK
TO APPLY FOR A PLANNING & DESIGN LOAN
WITH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND**

WHEREAS, the State Revolving Fund offers Planning & Design loans to provide affordable assistance for costs incurred in the planning and design phase of SRF-eligible projects and the City of Cresco will be utilizing the State Revolving Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aging Equipment Project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Design Loan is interest-free, has no initiation or servicing fees, and can be rolled into the construction loan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco wishes to apply for a Planning and Design Loan through the State Revolving Loan Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aging Equipment Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is authorized and directed to apply and Planning and Design Loan application with the State Revolving Fund.

Council Person _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution and Council Person _____ seconded said Motion. Following discussion, a roll call vote was requested by Mayor and said roll call resulted as follows:

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Absent: _____

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and announced that the application form for the City of Cresco is approved and that the City Clerk is authorized to sign the application on behalf of the City of Cresco.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

BY: _____
Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Bouska

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Nicole Hill



PLANNING & DESIGN LOANS

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Planning & Design (P&D) Loans provide affordable financial assistance for costs incurred in the planning and design phase of SRF-eligible drinking water or wastewater projects. These loans have 0 percent interest for up to three years and no initiation or servicing fees. In addition, there is no minimum or maximum loan amount. Project planning and design costs must be directly related to the proposed wastewater, stormwater or drinking water project. Eligible costs include engineering fees, archaeological surveys, environmental or geological studies, and other costs related to project plan preparation. P&D Loans will be rolled into a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Construction Loan or can be repaid when other permanent financing is committed.

Planning & Design Loans enable Iowa's communities to take the necessary steps to improve their drinking water and wastewater facilities. Since 2005, P&D Loans have funded 760 projects in Iowa totaling nearly \$300 million.

Process

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Please refer to the IUP Dates and Deadlines. Similar to other municipal debt issues, applicants must engage Bond Counsel to initiate proceedings and draft bond documents.

Eligible Costs

P&D Loans may be used to pay for project planning and design costs directly related to the



Publicly owned treatment works (POTW) and public water systems (PWS) are eligible to apply for a P&D Loan, which may include the following:

- Communities
- Counties
- Conservancy districts and water authorities eligible for water pollution control and drinking water SRF loans
- Private and non-profit entities eligible for drinking water SRF loans
- Regional sewer/water districts

Water Pollution Control Projects

- Construction of treatment plants or improvements to existing facilities
- Sewer line extensions to existing unsewered properties
- Combined sewer overflow corrections
- Storm water projects that have a water quality benefit

Drinking Water Projects

- Construction of treatment plants or improvements to existing facilities
- Water line extensions to existing unserved properties
- Water storage facilities
- Wells

Loan Terms

- No interest (0%) or payments due for up to three years
- No initiation or servicing fees
- No minimum or maximum loan amount