Subject: Crisler Arena
Replace Underground Steam and Condensate Piping

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The existing underground steam and condensate piping located between Crisler Arena and the Plant Building is over forty years old and is in poor condition. This project will replace the steam and condensate piping. The new pipe will be sized to accommodate anticipated future loads and will be installed in direct buried casement pipe which inhibits corrosion. Although there will be a temporary loss of some parking spaces in the Kipke lot during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $980,000. Funding will be provided from Utility resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. DiClemente Siegel Design, Inc. will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Crisler Arena – Replace Underground Steam and Condensate Piping project as described and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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