

## New Side-by-Side Program

Commercial Paper and Revolving Credit Agreement



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# **Objective for Side-by-Side Discussion**

- Explain why the new Side-by-Side Program supports the District's strategic directives and provides significant flexibility
- Review the documents the Board is being asked to take action on this month

The affordability and flexibility provided by the Side-by-Side program will provide foundational support for financing the new generation assets

## Details on the Side-by-Side Program

- The Side-by-Side program is:
  - A short-term variable rate program
  - Subordinate to NPPD's Revenue Bonds
  - A \$500M program (see note) with a 3-year term
- The Side-by-Side program is comprised of two "sides":
  - Side 1: Commercial Paper (CP) Program (initially \$400M)
  - Side 2: Revolving Credit Agreement (RCA) (initially \$100M)
  - Each "side" can issue on a Taxable or Tax-Exempt basis
  - Initial allocation based on lower current CP rates

Note: Documents will show total program size of \$544M as there is a \$44M interest component providing investor's security on the face amount of CP plus maximum interest

# Credit & Ratings Support for the Sideby-Side Program

- Credit provided by Bank of America, N.A. (BANA) through bid process
- CP program is supported by a direct pay letter of credit (DPLOC) from Bank of America (BofA)
  - A DPLOC means the principal and interest on CP is paid from the Letter of Credit and not by the District
  - BANA is immediately reimbursed by the District (for interest) and new CP proceeds (for principal)
  - With a DPLOC, the rating agencies and the investors primarily depend on the Letter of Credit Bank and not the District for payment of the CP
  - CP program to be rated by Fitch and S&P (CP rating is on BANA, and not on NPPD)
  - RCA, similar to existing RCAs, does not require a rating

## **CP Logistics**

The CP Dealers sell the Commercial Paper (CP) notes (as directed by NPPD)

If CP Dealers fail to remarket new CP, the holders of the old CP notes will be paid by the draw on the LOC and the District will use its own funds (including a loan under the RCA), to reimburse LOC Bank

When the CP notes comes due, the I&P Agent draws on the LOC to pay the principal and interest due

#### **CP Parties:**

- CP Dealers = BofA and JP Morgan
- Issuing & Paying Agent (1&P) = USBank
- Letter of Credit (LOC) Bank = BANA

CP Dealers pay I&P Agent the proceeds from the CP sale and I&P Agent reimburses the LOC Bank for the principal portion of the draw on the LOC

**Concurrently, the District pays** the I&P Agent the interest on the Notes who pays the LOC Bank

Also concurrently, CP Dealer(s) remarket the CP notes to new investors

# Side 1: Commercial Paper documents requiring Board Consideration and Action

#### **Commercial Paper Note Resolution**

Provides Board authority for management to enter into following agreements:

- 1. Commercial Paper Notes (Tax-Exempt and Taxable)
  - Series A Master Note
  - Series B (Taxable) Master Note
     Form of a CP Note (description of the legal obligation to the investor)
- 2. Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement between the District and U.S. Bank Authorizes US Bank to issue CP Notes, collect proceeds from, and disburse payments to, the CP Dealers and to reimburse Bank of America, N.A. (BANA) for draws under the Letter of Credit
- 3. CP Dealer Agreements

  Agreement with Dealers (BofA and JP Morgan) to sell CP
- 4. CP Offering Memorandum

Provides investors in CP information to support their investment decision

# Side 1: Commercial Paper documents requiring Board Consideration and Action (continued)

Nebraska Public Power District Supplemental Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement Agreement and Related Documents, as follows:

 Reimbursement Agreement between Nebraska Public Power District and BANA, as Lender

Provides the terms and conditions for the issuance of the Letter of Credit and provides for the mechanics of making draws under the Letter of Credit to pay the principal and interest on the CP notes

- 2. Irrevocable Direct Pay Letter of Credit

  \*Issued by BANA in favor of U.S. Bank, as Issuing & Paying Agent\*
- 3. Nebraska Public Power District Bank Note Promissory note to BANA to repay DPLOC
- 4. Bank of America Fee Letter

  \*Reflects the fees of the CP program\*

# Side 2: Revolving Credit Agreement document requiring Board Consideration and Action

### <u>Supplemental Resolution Authorizing Revolving Credit</u> <u>Agreement and Related Documents</u>

Provides Board authorization to enter into the RCA with BANA

 Revolving Credit Agreement (including form of Bank Note and Fee Letter)

Agreement supporting the RCA which includes the "form" of the Bank Note and the letter identifying fees for the RCA

# Variable Rate Financing Flexibility

| Variable Rate Financing Options                                     | Program<br>Size | Lender                              | Rating                               |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Taxable Revolving Credit Agreement                                  | \$300M          | Wells Fargo &<br>Bank of<br>America | N/A                                  |
| Tax-Exempt Revolving Credit Agreement                               | \$150M          | US Bank                             | N/A                                  |
| Side-by-Side Program: Commercial Paper & Revolving Credit Agreement | \$500M          | Bank of<br>America                  | TBD - will be rated by Fitch and S&P |

## Variable Rate debt limits

# FM variable rate debt policy limit: 25% of most recent month end total capitalization (July 2024):

Total Debt

Net Position

Total Capitalization

\$1,199,759,000

\$2,074,797,000

\$3,274,556,000

#### DISTRICT POLICY

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#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD or the District) will demonstrate financial

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- The maximum amount of variable rate debt outstanding cannot exceed 25% of the most recent month-end total capitalization (total capitalization is defined as total outstanding debt plus total Net Position).

- 25% of Total Capitalization = \$818,639,000 (variable rate debt limit)
- Outstanding variable rate debt = \$220,014,000
- Variable rate debt = 6.7%

# What happens next?

- Finalize and execute all Side-by-Side documents
  - Involves Bond Counsel, Bank Counsels, PFM and the NPPD team
- Closing for Side-by-Side Program expected to occur in late October



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# Questions

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