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**GEUS PREPARES FOR SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS
TO ADDRESS UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH**



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Greenville, TX July 29, 2024-The GEUS Board is set to consider significant expansion and improvements to Greenville's electric transmission and distribution grid and generation portfolio. This plan aims to address the city's unprecedented growth and ensure reliable, efficient electric service for the future. "Reliability is GEUS' core mission in providing electric service to the community. These projects will strengthen our reliability and enable us to continue to serve our growing community with competitively priced power.", said GEUS General Manager Alicia Hooks.

These upgrades will encompass the expansion and enhancement of Greenville's substation network, the addition of 105 MW of new generation capacity, and the modernization of the system's transmission lines. The improvement costs are expected to be funded through long-term bonds that will be issued over the next three fiscal years: FY24 \$109.8 million, FY25 \$68.6 million, and FY26 \$82.9 million.

A presentation providing more details on the projects will be provided on August 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the GEUS Special Board Meeting, held at 6000 Joe Ramsey Boulevard. The Board is expected to vote on issuing the first bonds to fund these projects at the August 15, 2024, Board meeting.

Key to these improvements is the addition of a new dispatchable, fast-start, natural gas-fired generation facility. Since 2019, GEUS has been researching energy options aided by energy consultants to determine the best options for providing the lowest-cost energy to the community. Studies resulted in a recommendation to add new local generation. This locally built facility would become GEUS' primary source of generation, eliminating reliance on GEUS' aging 50–60-year-old steam units, reducing the need for power agreements with external generating companies, and increasing local energy independence. The revenue generated by the new generation plant, combined with the reduction of external energy costs, is anticipated to lower GEUS customers' Fuel Adjustment Charge (FAC)—the cost per kilowatt-hour for GEUS to produce or purchase electricity. "Owning and operating local generation protects against ever-increasing financial volatility associated with operating in the ERCOT market.", Hooks added.

In late 2023, GEUS sought proposals from various vendors for new local generation. The response was robust, with several vendors submitting bids representing different technologies. The recommended finalist was selected based on criteria representing the best ownership value for the community's electric generation needs.

These system improvements are projected to benefit Greenville citizens for the next 30 to 40 years, ensuring reliable electric service to support the community's growth and development.

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In 1891, GEUS became the first municipally owned electric utility in Texas. More than a century later, in 2001, it also became the first municipally owned cable television and high-speed Internet operation in the state. GEUS provides these services to over 30,000 consumer-owners in the Greenville, Texas, area, about 50 miles east of Dallas. One of the unique aspects of GEUS is that it is governed by an autonomous board of trustees appointed by the Greenville City Council. This structure was made possible by the Texas Legislature in 1989. To learn more about GEUS' 130+ years of public power history or the services it offers, please visit its website at www.geus.org.