

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES
BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

POLICY SUBJECT: Charitable Contributions

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

All monies received by the utility, irrespective of source, are public funds held and managed by the Board in trust for the benefit of its rate payers. The Board has no source of funds which can be used for any purpose other than the operation, maintenance and improvement of its utility systems, including contributions in lieu of tax and legally mandated expenditures.

The Board recognizes that many charitable institutions and other local organizations render valuable human services and are deserving of support in their fundraising endeavors. Such institutions, however, may represent a particular segment of the community and may not enjoy the endorsement of the entire population served by the City's utility systems.

POLICY STATEMENT:

In consideration of the Board's trusteeship responsibility for the safeguarding and proper management of public funds, it is the policy of the Board that utility funds shall not be used for contributions to any charitable institution or other organization. Furthermore, the Board itself does not officially endorse any such institution or organization. The Board may, however, permit requests for contributions from employees under closely controlled procedures which do not adversely affect utility operation. The Board does authorize an annual request on behalf of the United Way of Olmsted County and the payroll deduction of employee contributions.

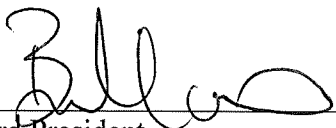
All other requests for employee contributions, or for the use of utility funds to comply with legally mandated expenditures or in furtherance of public purposes consistent with the utility's charter, must be specifically approved in advance by the Board.

RELEVANT LEGAL AUTHORITY: City of Rochester Home Rule Charter Sections 15.05
Board Resolution for Conservation Education Support
(February 24, 2015)

EFFECTIVE DATE OF POLICY: November 26, 1985

DATE OF POLICY REVIEW: June 25, 2019

POLICY APPROVAL: June 25, 2019



Board President

6/25/19

Date