

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Natalie Meyer, Sustainability Program Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Interconnection Agreement with NorthWestern Energy for the Bozeman Public Library Solar PV Expansion Project

**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Agreement - Legal

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Interconnection Agreement with NorthWestern Energy for the Bozeman Public Library Solar PV Expansion Project

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 6.3 Climate Action: Reduce community and municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, increase the supply of clean and renewable energy; foster related businesses.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 5, 2025, the City entered into a [Professional Service Agreement](#) to expand the Bozeman Public Library solar photovoltaic array.

In accordance with NorthWestern Energy's Electric Service Tariff, this agreement will authorize a Level 1 Small Generator Facility Interconnection.

This agreement further recognizes that the solar array is connected to NorthWestern's Electric Distribution System, has an aggregate Nameplate Capacity of generation and storage components of not more than 50 kW AC, has storage components that store and discharge only electrical energy produced the the net metering system and do not store or discharge electrical energy received from NorthWestern's Electric Distribution System, and is designed to operate in parallel with the Electric Distribution system, and has equipment labeled and publicly listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory at the time of the Request.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As directed by the City Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

Attachments:

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