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**DATE:** May 11, 2026

**TO:** Alderman Frost, Chair  
Finance and Personnel Committee

**FROM:** Anne Wilkerson, Central Services Manager

**RE:** Resolution to Execute Natural Gas Supply Contract

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The City of Rockford has used an energy consultant, Rock River Energy, to assist with the purchase of natural gas and electricity for City purposes for several years. Our existing natural gas supply contract for our smaller accounts is currently with Symmetry Energy at a fixed rate of \$0.455 per therm and expires in September. The existing natural gas supply contract for the largest consumer, the City Yards facility, is currently with NRG at a fixed rate of \$0.4079 per therm and expires in July.

Rock River Energy has solicited quotes for new supply contracts. The options are outlined in the attached spreadsheet. The energy markets are expected to rise in 2026 as the demand for electricity goes up, so will natural gas as gas is the number one source of electricity.

Staff requests that Council authorize the Central Services Manager to execute supply contracts with Symmetry Energy for the smaller accounts and Constellation for the City Yards facility, both at three year terms, at rates refreshed on Tuesday, May 19. Should refreshed pricing change the analysis, staff will execute a contract with the lowest overall cost supplier at a term not to exceed three (3) years in length and will report to City Council the terms of the contracts once completed.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD**  
**AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF**  
**NATURAL GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT**

*WHEREAS*, Symmetry Energy and Constellation both currently supply the City of Rockford with natural gas for City facilities; and,

*WHEREAS*, the current contract with Symmetry Energy expires in July, 2026; and Constellation expires in September, 2026; and,

*WHEREAS*, the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois has determined that it is desirable to investigate and to negotiate wholesale natural gas supply rates from other sources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Rockford that the Central Services Manager is authorized and directed, with the assistance of Rock River Energy Services, to negotiate and enter into a wholesale natural gas supply contract for the City on terms as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the City. Said Contract shall not exceed three years in length. The Central Services Manager will report to the City Council the terms of the contract and anticipated cost savings once the contract terms are agreed upon.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

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**Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor**

**ATTESTED:**

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**Angela Hammer, Legal Director**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:**

Council Members:

The Committee on Finance and Personnel having received a request hereby begs leave to report recommending approval of the Resolution to Execute the Natural Gas Supply Contract with Symmetry Energy for the smaller accounts and Constellation for the City Yards facility, at rates refreshed on Tuesday, May 19. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

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Kevin Frost (Chair)

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Jonathan Logemann (Vice chair)

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Frank Beach

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Dawn Granath

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Chad Tuneberg

Committee Action Taken:

Frost:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Logemann:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Beach:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Granath:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Tuneberg:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___



**Rock River Energy Services Company**  
**2047 S. IL Route 2**  
**Oregon, IL 61061**

2/26/2026

City of Rockford

Supplier: Symmetry Energy  
Current Rate: Fixed \$.455

Sept 2026 start

Usage: 217896 therms

<u>Supplier</u>		<u>Fixed Price</u>	<u>Budget Annual Increase</u>
<b>Symmetry</b>			
	12 months	\$0.4640	\$1,961.06
	24 months	\$0.4690	\$3,050.54
	33 months	\$0.4750	\$4,357.92
<b>Constellation</b>			
	12 months	\$0.50990	\$11,962.49
	24 months	\$0.51710	\$13,531.34
	36 months	\$0.51780	\$13,683.87
<b>Santanna Energy</b>			
	12 months	\$0.4978	\$9,325.95
	24 months	\$0.5012	\$10,066.80
	36 months	\$0.5005	\$9,914.27
<b>Mansfield Energy</b>			
	12 months	\$0.5060	\$11,112.70
	24 months	\$0.5120	\$12,420.07
	36 months	\$0.5140	\$12,855.86



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One Rate 74 account (504 Independence)

Supplier: NRG

Current Rate: Fixed \$.4079

Aug 1, 2026 start

Usage: 173418 therms

<u>Supplier</u>		<u>Fixed Price</u>	<u>Budget Annual Increase</u>
<b>Constellation</b>			
	12 months	\$0.41514	\$1,255.55
	24 months	\$0.42239	\$2,512.83
	36 months	\$0.42415	\$2,818.04
<b>NRG - Dual billing</b>			
	12 months	\$0.4392	\$5,427.98
	24 months	\$0.4488	\$7,092.80
	36 months	\$0.4518	\$7,613.05
<b>Mansfield Energy</b>			
	12 months	\$0.5010	\$16,145.22
	24 months	\$0.5090	\$17,532.56
	36 months	\$0.5120	\$18,052.81