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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT WITH
MIDAMERICAN
ENERGY - 5TH/6TH
STREET CONDUIT
SYSTEM

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) is installing a conduit system from the new Martin Luther King Substation at SW 7th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, north on 5th and 6th Streets to Grand Avenue. City staff has requested that MEC also install a conduit for City traffic signal and communication purposes, and has negotiated an agreement for the installation and maintenance of this conduit.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The City will reimburse MEC \$24,454.76 for the installation cost of the additional conduit.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

In conjunction with their new Martin Luther King Substation at SW 7th and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, MEC is constructing an underground duct bank system along the 5th and 6th Street corridors from Cherry Street north to Grand Avenue. The City's Traffic and Transportation staff desires to have a separate conduit placed within this same corridor in order to provide interconnection between downtown traffic signals, as well as to serve other public communications needs. There is a considerable savings to the City by having this conduit installed as part of the MEC duct bank system.

Staff has negotiated an agreement with MEC to have the utility company install a separate three-inch conduit for City purposes at the same time as their conduit is being installed. This separate conduit would then be owned and maintained by the City.

MEC has indicated that the cost to install the separate three-inch conduit is \$24,454.76. This amount would be reimbursed to MEC by the City. Funds are available in the current Capital Improvements Program.
