STRATEGIC PLAN

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A vision for the future drives the success of any organization. For over 75 years, City Utilities has been searching for ways to better serve the Springfield community. With intention and vision, City Utilities’ strategic plan will put in motion the steps needed to serve our neighbors responsibly and reliably for generations to come.

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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

City Utilities has been connecting our community to the services they need for everyday life since March 26, 1945.

City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri is responsible for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power; the acquisition, transportation, and distribution of natural gas; the acquisition, treatment, and distribution of water; the operation of SpringNet broadband assets and services; and the operation of the community’s bus transportation system.

City Utilities’ service territory covers 320 square miles, which includes the entire city of Springfield, portions of Greene County, and a part of northern Christian County. City Utilities is a publicly-owned utility, governed by an eleven-member Board of Public Utilities.
At the beginning of City Utilities’ strategic planning process, the Strategic Planning Task Force was encouraged to evaluate the utility’s vision and mission statements. New statements were created that better reflect the current organization and its continuing commitment to serving Springfield.

**VISION STATEMENT**
Deliver world-class services and exceptional value to our customers.

**MISSION STATEMENT**
Advance the quality of life in our community through innovation, engagement, and stewardship.
OUR FOUNDATIONAL STRATEGIES
A strong foundation is vital for any organization’s success. A clear strategy, built on solid ground, ensures a reliable utility for our community.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Lead with integrity by ensuring that City Utilities fulfills its professional, ethical, regulatory, environmental, and public safety responsibilities.

2. Maintain affordability by continually seeking opportunities to gain efficiencies and improve utilization of our resources.

3. Ensure a safe and secure work atmosphere.

**DEPENDABILITY**

1. Ensure customer confidence through stability, performance, availability, and communication.

2. Maintain a steadfast focus on infrastructure investment to increase resiliency and ensure the safe and reliable delivery of services to our customers.

3. Secure stable, affordable, and sustainable long-term access to utility supply resources for our community.

**EXCELLENCE**

1. Achieve excellence in every interaction with our customers, community, and coworkers by providing positive experiences and world-class services.

2. Attract, recruit, develop, and retain world-class employees by providing an engaging, professional, and respectful workplace along with a competitive salary and benefits package.

3. Reinforce our position as an industry leader through active evaluation of performance metrics, benchmarking, and a commitment to continuous improvement.
OUR CORE VALUES
City Utilities’ guiding principles support the vision and shape the culture. The core values are the practices we use every day in everything we do while serving our community.

SAFETY
We work and live safely every day.

INTEGRITY
We are honest and trustworthy in everything we do.

CUSTOMER SERVICE
We anticipate, listen, and respond respectfully to our customers’ needs.

INCLUSION
We provide a welcoming environment that allows for equal opportunities and collaboration throughout the organization.

LEADERSHIP
We inspire and empower employees to develop expertise and relationships that benefit our community and our organization.

RESPECT
We treat everyone with dignity, build successful relationships, and practice good stewardship.
OUR TRANSFORMATIONAL STRATEGIES
Moving the utility and our community forward through thoughtful planning ensures the organization will evolve through any transformation, allowing City Utilities to lead well into the future.

**GROW**
1. Seek opportunities to expand services in the region.
2. Utilize resources, relationships, and expertise to serve as a catalyst for the success of the community and regional economy.
3. Increase participation and leadership in distributed energy resources and behind-the-meter resources.
4. Provide additional service offerings and pursue revenue streams to benefit our customers through improved affordability and reliability.

**INNOVATE**
1. Foster a creative working environment.
2. Create new partnerships with organizations to capitalize on their expertise and evaluate the performance of developing technologies, sustainable solutions, and growth opportunities.
3. Proactively respond to customer expectations and industry changes to elevate our role as the community’s trusted service provider.
4. Develop pathways toward net zero carbon while maintaining a diversified energy mix for reliability and affordability.

**DIVERSIFY**
1. Cultivate a diverse workforce that ensures a culture of equity and inclusion where every person is treated with dignity and respect.
2. Intentionally implement diversity and inclusion best practices to improve our performance.
3. Explore diverse resources and delivery options that provide stability and facilitate growth in the community.
4. Intentionally diversify who we are and what we do as leaders in the community.