Subject: Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library – North and South Emergency Power Upgrade

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library is classified as a high-rise building, and building codes require that it maintain two independent sources of power for life-safety systems such as emergency egress lighting, fire alarms, fire pumps and the elevators. An on-site emergency generator is the only practical means of obtaining the required second source of power. The generator will be located in the loading dock area, and will be sized to serve the emergency power requirements of the library and the existing and projected loads of the Art Museum expansion project. There will be a permanent loss of three service vehicle parking spots as a result of this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $850,000. Funding will be provided from Utility resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The University of Michigan, Plant Extension – Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2006.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library – North and South Emergency Power Upgrade project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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