

## Agenda Report

To:

City Council

Date: May 24, 1999

From:

City Manager

Subject:

Authorization To Enter Into Contract With The Okonite Company

For Furnishing and Delivering Power Cable For The Water and

Power Department

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council (i) accept the bid dated April 26, 1999 submitted by the Okonite Company; (ii) reject all other bids, and (iii) authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed \$124,239.04.

## BACKGROUND

The cable is 35kV 750 kcmil triplexed ethylene propylene rubber insulated conductor to replace an existing lead cable transmission line designated as 34-8 line, that experienced a failure on January 6, 1999. This transmission line connects the Receiving Station D and Oak Knoll Distribution Substation. This line, together with the other 35kV lead cable transmission lines, has been in service since the early 1960s and has surpassed the predicted useful life of thirty-five years. In conjunction with the general plan to replace all lead cable transmission lines to retain the reliability of the distribution system, the Pasadena Water and Power Department proposes to replace the entire 34-8 line instead of replacing only that portion of cable that caused the failure.

In response to the Notice Inviting Bids, three (3) companies received the Specifications. The bid opening date was April 26, 1999. Bids were received from three companies with prices listed below.

| <u>Bidder</u>                         | Bid Price                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The Okonite Company<br>Pirelli Cables | \$124,239.04<br>\$125,635.94 |
| Southwest Power                       | \$140,799.04                 |

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It is recommended that the City Council authorize a contract with the Okonite Company on the basis of being the lowest bidder complying with the Specifications.

The Okonite Company has submitted the required affirmative action forms. The proposed contract is in compliance with the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance P.M.C. 4.09, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the cable are available from the 1999 Fiscal Year Electrical Systems Capital Improvement Budget for the Power Division under account number 3137, Lead Cable Replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

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