



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1287, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

3/28/2019

Posting Language

Approve ratification of a contract amendment with ABB Inc., to replace obsolete equipment at Fiesta Substation, for an increase in the amount of \$26,120, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$792,240.

(Note: This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$26,120 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

Prior Council Action:

June 15, 2017 - Council approved the original contract, item 37, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission by the on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Funkhouser absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The ratification amendment is necessary to complete the final phase of an upgrade project for the Fiesta Substation. In 2015, Austin Energy System Operations lost supervisory control of the substation's gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) breakers. To regain safe and reliable control of substation operations, Austin Energy and ABB Inc. engineers made temporary corrections. In 2017, Council approved the contract with the contractor to upgrade the GIS control system. After the contract was executed, Austin Energy discovered that additional engineering analysis of the relays was needed, and additional funding was needed for the project. Because the amount exceeds City Manager's authority, Council approval is required.

Austin Energy is using internal engineering and technical labor; however, the contractor is needed to provide proprietary knowledge of the interface and equipment. ABB Inc. is the sole manufacturer and provider of these services and equipment. The work is scheduled to be completed in April 2019.