



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2462, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

8/8/2019

Posting Language

Approve ratification of a contract with NESCO Inc., for the seven month lease of tracked bucket trucks, in the amount of \$284,000.

(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 is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification and Critical Business Need.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Chair Ferchill absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides Austin Energy with two tracked bucket trucks to complete a capital improvement program project to replace old conductor wire along Transmission Circuit 3122 between the Fayette Power Project and Austin Energy's Holman Substation. The work must be completed no later than November 15, 2019 to coincide with the Lower Colorado River Authority's planned outage at the plant. Due to the critical nature of this work and limited equipment availability, the trucks were rented while they were available.

Austin Energy installed new conductor on one-third of the 10-mile long circuit during a planned outage last year. The work was hampered by weather and terrain, and resulted in unsafe conditions for personnel, undue wear and tear on utility equipment and extremely slow work. The tracked bucket trucks travel more easily over rough or muddy terrain with less damage to private land. The specialized vehicles will allow Austin Energy personnel to drive to over 30 transmission structures along the circuit in a fraction of the time it takes to haul the utility's bucket trucks (with no tracks) on sleds or with bulldozers.

