City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2476, **Agenda Item #:** 12. 11/19/2026

Posting Language
Authorize an amendment to the contract for the Brackenridge Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Substation REISSUE with Jingoli Power, LLC, to increase the amount by $26,000,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed $59,947,201. Funding: $26,000,000 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Lead Department
Austin Financial Services.

Managing Department
Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note
Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Procurement Language:
Contract Amendment.

MBE / WBE:
This contract was awarded in compliance with the City Code 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 4.25% MBE and 1.69% WBE.

Prior Council Action:
April 13, 2023 - Council approved a design-build contract with Jingoli Power, LLC for the Brackenridge Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation.

December 5, 2019 - Council approved the use of Design-Builder alternative delivery procurement method for the Brackenridge Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation.

For More Information:
Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:
November 9, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:
As a core component of the “Repowering Downtown” initiative, Austin Energy is upgrading the Brackenridge Substation to modern gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) to replace aging 1970s equipment and support rapidly growing electrical demand in downtown Austin. This project is a complex and multi-year effort that involves de-energizing the existing substation, rerouting power to an adjacent facility, demolishing the open-air substation, and rebuilding it as a new GIS substation.

Due to high costs of project equipment already purchased, additional authorization is needed to purchase the remaining equipment, materials, supplies, and cover cost of demolition and site preparation. With an estimated construction start of June 2027, the Design Builder will bid the work and provide a cost for construction. The project team will return to council for any additional authorization needed to complete the project.

This project is confined to city property. The public may experience short term traffic control impacts on the south access road of Interstate Highway 35 due to project site deliveries.

This project is located within zip code 78701 (District 9).