

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 26

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, Waiving the Competitive Bid Requirements for the Purchase of Instrumented Rated Electrical Meters for Use Within the Electric Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department.

WHEREAS, the City has a requirement to provide and manage electrical meters for the residential and general service customers within the City, and the City is currently using meters and programming software for these customers that have been supplied by Itron, Inc. that include compatible Encoders, Receivers and Transmitters (ERTs); and

WHEREAS, the City is currently using electrical meters and programming software for these customers that have been manufactured by Itron, Inc., and are only available for purchase through General Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase of electrical meters from one manufacturer enables the City to use its existing software and licenses, without the need to purchase further (duplicative) software and licenses at a greater cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) permits the waiver of bidding and competitive negotiation requirements for the purchase of materials and supplies which are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, hereby declares:

Section 1. The City Council makes the following factual findings:

a. Other similar electrical meters are available; however, they use different programming software and thus would require additional annual fees and personnel programming training, adding additional costs to manage multiple suppliers of these meters.

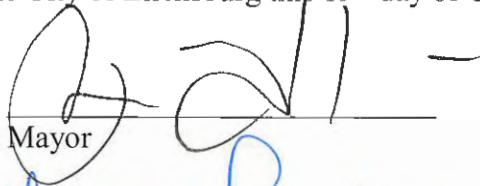
b. Staff has confirmed that Itron's manufacturer's representative and distributor is exclusively General Pacific, and there are no other representatives and distributors available to the City.

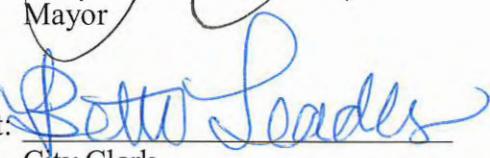
c. Based on the foregoing, the only electrical meters compatible with the City's current software must be manufactured by Itron, Inc. and purchased from their exclusive distributor, General Pacific.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Ellensburg hereby declares electrical meters to be manufactured only by Itron, Inc. and purchased from General Pacific, and therefore waives bidding requirements under the authority of RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) for the purchases of electrical meters for use within Electric Division of The Public Works & Utilities Department.

Section 3. This resolution will be effective through December 31, 2023. City staff will make periodic inquiries of the manufacturers no less than every three years to determine whether sole source purchasing is still required.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ellensburg this 19th day of October, 2020.


Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk