

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 35

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

WHEREAS, the City has a requirement to provide maintain and install wood electrical utility poles for the distribution of electrical power to customers within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently using butt treated western red cedar electrical utility poles, and are only available for purchase through Stella-Jones Corporation; 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 wood electrical utility poles are available; however, they do not meet the City's specifications for butt treated western red cedar.

b. Staff has confirmed that the only available supplier of butt treated western red cedar is Stella-Jones Corporation, and there are no other suppliers available to the City.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Ellensburg hereby declares electrical wood utility poles to be purchased from Stella-Jones Corporation, and therefore waives bidding requirements under the authority of RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) for the purchases of butt treated western red cedar electrical utility poles 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 7th day of December, 2020.

Beth Pader
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City Clerk