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PEABODY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2021

A special meeting of the Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission was called to order on Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Peabody Municipal Light Plant, 201 Warren Street Ext., Peabody, Massachusetts at 6:00 p.m.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners William Aylward, Charles Bonfanti, and Thomas Paras; and Manager Charles Orphanos, Assistant Manager Bryan Howcroft, Attorney Philip Durkin and Recording Secretary Barbara Previte.

Vice Chairman Aylward asked if there were any additions to the agenda and Manager Orphanos stated that he would like to add Executive Session.

- Agenda Item A: Approval of Agenda:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PARAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED (3-0):

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

- Agenda Item B: Announcement:

Vice Chairman Aylward acknowledged that this is an open meeting and informed the public that the meeting is being recorded by hand and recorder.

- Agenda Item C: Award of Bids:

WATERS RIVER SUBSTATION – CONSTRUCTION – Manager Orphanos deferred to Associate Electrical Engineer, Brian Abcunas, to talk about the project. Associate Electrical Engineer Brian Abcunas stated he is in front of the Commission to award a contract to a general contractor to remove old equipment, install new circuit breakers, and other associated equipment for improvements at Waters River Substation. The bid is a major component of the planned upgrades at Waters River Substation, which are scheduled to be completed in early 2022. This RFP was developed by PLM as part of their contract with PMLP. The PMLC awarded a bid for the new 25kV vacuum circuit breakers, disconnect switches and other needed outdoor equipment in March 2021. Those materials have been delivered and are ready to be installed. This bid will provide PMLP with generator and construction services to install the above-mentioned items along with modifications. The site construction is scheduled to take just under three months to complete.



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The bid package was sent to 6 specific electrical construction firms in early November as well as advertised in the Salem News, Dodge Reports, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Central Register with a mandatory site visit on November 23, 2021. The bids were opened on December 2, 2021.

Five firms submitted bids in response to the RFP. Listed in ascending order in monetary terms, the bids came in as follows:

1.	Power Line Contractors, Wilmington, MA	\$433,334
2.	ES Boulos Company, Westbrook, ME	\$450,000
3.	State Electric, Bedford, MA	\$496,115
4.	McDonald Electric Corp., Hingham, MA	\$578,647
5.	Haugland Electric, Melville, NY	\$893,850

Power Line was the lowest bidder and stated no exceptions to neither the technical specifications nor PMLP's terms and conditions. Their bid was complete, including a suitable bid bond and all required bid forms. Their construction schedule is agreeable to PMLP.

Power Line has been in the electrical construction business for over 40 years, and has done several substation projects similar to this one. They provided many references, including a number of substation projects at nearby municipal utilities. Each reference we checked gave very positive reviews, and all were very happy with their work practices, attention to detail, and ability to stay on schedule.

We also evaluated the next two lowest bids. The bid from ES Boulos had a number of exceptions on both the Technical Specifications and PMLP's Terms and Conditions that would need to be worked out if we were to consider a contract with them. The bid from State Electric was in full compliance with our specifications and terms, and State Electric is also very qualified to complete this project, with our recent experience with them during the Ipswich River Substation construction project.

PMLP staff, along with Mike Barrett, recommends that Power Line Contractors should be awarded this bid.



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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PARAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY ROLL CALL (3-0):

21--65 MOVE TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF TO AUTHORIZE THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS, WITH POWER LINE CONTRACTORS FOR THE SITE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AT WATERS RIVER SUBSTATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$433,334 WITH A CONTINGENCY BUDGET OF \$44,000.

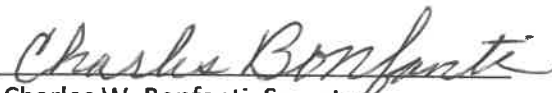
- Agenda Item I, General Business:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PARAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BONFANTI AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY ROLL CALL (3-0):

MOVE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(a) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TO DISCUSS TRADE SECRETS OR COMPETITIVELY SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND NOT TO RETURN.

Vice Chairman Aylward declared the Regular portion of the Special Meeting of December 20, 2021 adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Attest: 
Charles W. Bonfanti, Secretary
Peabody Municipal Lighting Commission