



January 8, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Actaris Metering Systems to provide heavy-duty residential meters, regulators and various parts and equipment for the City's gas supply system in an amount up to \$200,000. The term of the contract will be for one year with the option for two additional one-year extension periods, which will be executed at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Actaris Metering Systems (Actaris) for the purchase of heavy-duty residential meters, regulators and various parts and equipment to be utilized by the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) for the safe and efficient delivery of natural gas to LBGO customers in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Actaris is the sole distributor of these proprietary meters and regulators, on which LBGO has standardized operations. In order to reduce stock requirements for multiple types of equipment and avoid additional training requirements for staff, LBGO is requesting to purchase these items from Actaris without advertising for bids.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on December 10, 2007 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 11, 2007.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council approval is requested on January 8, 2008 to authorize the purchase of necessary parts and equipment for the repair and maintenance of the City's gas supply system.

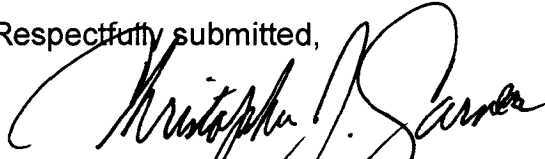
**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of this agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$200,000, is included in the Gas Fund (EF 301) and in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (EN). LBGO customer charges compensate for the cost of equipment used to provide a safe gas supply system.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER  
DIRECTOR OF LONG BEACH GAS AND OIL

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APPROVED:

  
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for PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

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1 RESOLUTION NO.  
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
5 MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTARIS  
6 U.S. GAS, INC. WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR  
7 FURNISHING GAS METERS AND REGULATORS  
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9 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department ("LBGO") requires to  
10 purchase heavy-duty residential meters and regulators for its natural gas supply system  
11 in order to uphold current customer service and safety standards maintained by LBGO;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, LBGO uses heavy-duty residential meters and regulators  
14 manufactured by Actaris U.S. Gas, Inc. ("Actaris"); and

15 WHEREAS, LBGO currently possess an inventory of replacement parts for  
16 such Actaris meters and regulators and LBGO employees are trained to repair and  
17 maintain such meters and regulators; and

18 WHEREAS, Actaris is the only dealer authorized to sell parts and  
19 equipment manufactured by Actaris to municipalities located in southern California; and

20 WHEREAS, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids for  
21 such parts and equipment and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an  
22 unnecessary expenditure of public funds;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
24 follows:

25 Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are  
26 incorporated herein.

27 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year  
28 agreement with Actaris for the purchase of flow regulators and meters in an amount not

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to exceed \$200,000, and such agreement shall be extended for two additional one-year periods at the option of the City Manager.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk