



January 23, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Measurement Control Systems, to provide gas regulators and meters manufactured by Elster American Meters (Elster American) in the amount of \$150,000. The term of the agreement 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 Measurement Control Systems for the purchase of gas regulators and meters manufactured by Elster American. In order to uphold current standards maintained by the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO), the Department has standardized its District regulators and Residential Meters. LBGO currently has parts, working knowledge of and ability to train personnel on the Elster American regulators for the purpose of the Department of Transportation (DOT) required annual service and maintenance. Switching to an alternate regulator would cost the City a sizable amount for the training and parts required to maintain the equipment.

In order for LBGO to maintain its committed service to its customer base, LBGO must purchase 6,000 residential meters over the next three years to replenish used stock of like meters. Due to LBGO's working knowledge of installation, repair and maintenance of Elster American regulators and meters, and the Department's desire to prevent unnecessary costs for training and parts, LBGO is requesting the purchase of Elster American regulators and meters from Measurement Control Systems without advertising for bids. Measurement Control Systems currently acts as the sole representative, to municipalities, for Elster American in Southern California.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on January 3, 2007 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on January 10, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council approval is requested on January 23, 2007 to authorize the purchase of necessary Elster American regulators and meters. The term of the agreement will be for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.

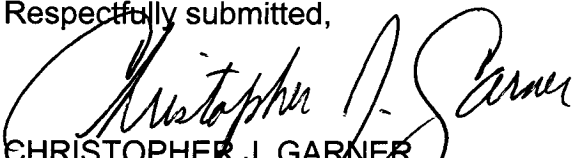
FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of this agreement, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000, 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 regulators and meters used to provide connectivity to the City's gas supply system.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER
DIRECTOR OF LONG BEACH GAS AND OIL

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Attachment

APPROVED:


GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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
6 MEASUREMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS WITHOUT
7 ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING ELSTER
8 AMERICAN GAS REGULATORS AND METERS
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10 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department ("LBGO") requires to
11 purchase natural gas flow regulators and meters in order to uphold current customer
12 service and safety standards maintained by LBGO; and

13 WHEREAS, LBGO currently uses flow regulators and meters manufactured
14 by Elster American Meters ("Elster American"); and

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

18 WHEREAS, Measurement Control Systems is the only dealer authorized to
19 sell Elster American flow regulators and meters to municipalities located in southern
20 California; and

21 WHEREAS, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids for
22 Elster American flow regulators and meters and to do so would constitute an idle and
23 useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of public funds;

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

26 Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
27 herein.
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Sec. 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year agreement with Measurement Control Systems for the purchase of Elster American flow regulators and meters in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and such agreement shall be extended for two additional one-year periods at the option of the City Manager.

Sec 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 _____, 2007, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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