
CITY OF OCALA

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Council Meeting Date: 10/06/15

Subject: Purchase of Electric Meters

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Department: Electric Utility

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready): Approve Agenda Item (ID # 8625) purchase of electric meters from Wesco Distribution, Inc., with an estimated annual expenditure of \$377,568

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS: Fiscally Sustainable, Operational Excellence

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

BACKGROUND:

The purchase of meters is a routine operating expense for the Electric Department to accurately measure electricity sold to residential and commercial customers. Over the past five years, we have purchased an average of 2,124 meters annually to support our operations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

For FY2016, we are estimating a need for approximately 2,484 remote meters based on historical trends in new meter installations and aging meter replacements. As of January 1, 2015, staff negotiated a lower price for remote meters, resulting in an 11.8% reduction in cost per meter. Staff recommends the approval of the annual purchase of meters at an estimated cost of \$377,568 from WESCO Distribution, Inc., who has been determined to be the sole source provider for our Elster meter purchases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are included in the Electric budget for the purchase of meters.
Account # 457-32-233-531-46010/52010

PROCUREMENT REVIEW:

These Elster electric meters are a sole source commodity; the notice for the purchase of these meters was publicly posted per FL Statute 287.057(3)(c).

Additionally, Procurement conducted a cost analysis of various electric AMR (automatic meter reading) systems, and finds the Elster meter system to be priced competitively with other similar systems.

LEGAL REVIEW: N/A. Direct supply purchase.

ALTERNATIVE: Do not approve annual purchase of electric meters.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Wesco-Elster SSP-108 (PDF)

Final Elster_WESCO_Ocala Electric Meter Pricelist 8-5-15(XLSX)