

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-003**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County (PUD), Washington, Authorizing a Sole Source Purchase of Badger water meters and ITRON Encoder Receiver Transmitters

WHEREAS, the PUD Commissioners have concluded, upon the recommendation of the District staff, that there is an on-going need to install and replace water meter/Encoder Receiver Transmitters (ERT) units now being used by the District to read and bill for water consumption; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of new water meters and ERT's are required for the replacement of failed water meters and/or ERTs, to replace non-PUD standard meters/ERT's, or for new water customers that functions with our current Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) meter reading hardware and software; and

WHEREAS, when the PUD purchased the Tri-Area water system they went through a complete bidding process to select a new AMR metering system, selecting the Badger Meter and ITRON ERT system; and

WHEREAS, Badger Meter and ITRON ERT system use a proprietary meter reading system to transmit and record meter read information which substantially reduces operational costs for the reading, recording, and billing PUD water meter consumption; and

WHEREAS, having a single meter and ERT system reduces the need for additional hardware and software to manage the meter reading requirements and reduces staff operational and training costs by providing a single remote reading water meter system that is standard across the PUD's over 4,500 water meters; and

WHEREAS PUD staff has existing experience in maintenance, installation, and operation of this equipment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The Commissioners hereby approve of the purchase of Badger water meters and Itron ERTs, at prices to be negotiated by the District Manager and staff.

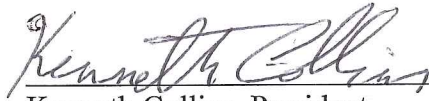
Section 2. The Commissioners have determined that the competitive bidding requirements set forth in RCW 54.04.070 should and shall be waived in these purchases, as authorized by RCW 39.04.280(1)(a), for the reason that this is a purchase which is clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, said determination is based on the following reasons:

(a) As indicated herein, the Commissioners find that the District has already made a substantial investment in the Badger meters and Itron ERTs and has found them to be reliable and economical, thus making it unacceptably expensive and potentially putting the District at risk for operational failures if it were to consider switching to other equipment or mixing other combinations, and

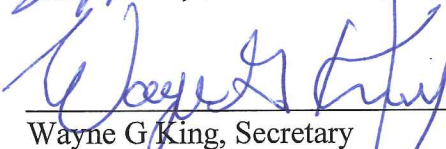
(b) The Badger meter and Itron ERTs are unique and there is only one regional source/vender that provides this equipment. No other Vendor is allowed to sell this specialized equipment to the District.

Therefore, the Commissioners hereby authorize and direct the District General Manager and staff to negotiate the purchase of the Badger Meter and Itron ERT AMR system components and confirm that the competitive bidding requirements of RCW 54.04.070 may be waived.

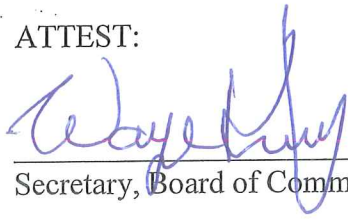
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County held this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017

  
Kenneth Collins, President

  
Jeff Randall, Vice President

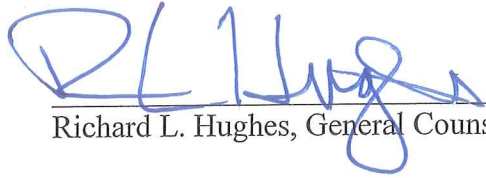
  
Wayne G King, Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richard L. Hughes, General Counsel

