



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council Members
Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager

From: Chris Lippe, Director
Austin Water Utility

Date: February 13, 2006

Subject: Ratification of Emergency Contract at Davis Water Treatment Plant

This is to inform you that the Austin Water Utility awarded a contract to KST Electric Ltd on January 9, 2006 for emergency replacement of a 5kV electrical supply cable at the Davis Water Treatment Plant (Davis WTP). This cable is one of two 5kV electrical cables that provide power to this primary pump station. The second 5kV cable is over 20 years old.

The cable failure occurred during the weekend of October 8, 2005. Following the cable failure, we assessed the damages to determine the next course of action. Considering the circumstances, we developed contract specifications and bidding documents that were finalized in late November and forwarded to Purchasing. A solicitation was prepared and scheduled to issue in December. AWU determined that following the normal purchasing process would risk the potential shut down of the Davis WTP, should there be any issues with the remaining cable. Therefore, I declared an emergency action was necessary. An emergency solicitation was issued on January 3, 2006, a pre-bid meeting with potential bidders was conducted on January 5, 2006 and the bids were opened, evaluated and an award was made on January 9, 2006.

All old cabling has been removed, the new cabling was delivered to the site and the contractor started pulling new cable on February 8, 2006. A project for electrical improvements at this plant is projected to begin in 2008.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Chris Lippe, P.E., Director
Austin Water Utility

Cc: Joe Canales, Deputy City Manager

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