

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REPORT OF BIDS AND DELAY AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES' POWER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT – BOONE COUNTY RD. E-26

BACKGROUND:

Boone County is widening a four-mile-long section of County Road E-26 in Boone County. Ames Electric Services owns and maintains power poles along the eastern 1/2-mile of this project. These poles are part of the 161kV tie line between Ames and CIPCO, as well as providing distribution facilities for other utilities. Electric Services has been directed by Boone County to relocate our poles to clear for the road project.

The poles owned by Ames are located on private property in an easement. **Boone County will reimburse Ames for the pole relocation. In addition, Boone County has obtained the new easements to replace the current ones. The award of contract is being delayed pending the successful start-up of Unit No. 7.**

On November 7, 2007, bids were received as shown in the table below.

BIDDERS	TRANSMISSION	DISTRIBUTION	TOTAL
Michels Power Neenah, WI	\$106,800.12	\$48,173.93	\$154,974.05
Aerial Contractors, Inc. Moorhead, MN	\$145,657.07	\$31,670.93	\$177,328.00
Tiedes Line Construction, Inc. Haysville, KS	\$154,974.05	\$177,328.00	\$391,602.00

The consulting engineer from P&E Engineering has evaluated the bids in conjunction with Electric Engineering staff and determined that the lowest bid, submitted by Michels Power, Neenah, WI, is acceptable. The original estimate for this portion of the project was \$145,000.00. The low bid from Michels Power is over the estimated amount, however, based on the amounts of the other bids received, the consulting engineer has determined this to be a fair market price for the work.

This work will be charged to the Overhead Transmission Line Relocation account until being reimbursed by Boone County.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Report bids and delay the award of contract for the Electric Services Department Power Line Relocation Project – Boone County Rd. E-26.
2. Reject all bids and delay the Electric Services Department Power Line Relocation Project – Boone County Rd. E-26

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Relocation of the transmission line will enable Boone County to complete the widening of E-26. It must also be remembered that Boone County has already obtained all necessary easements and will reimburse Ames for the cost of the relocation.

It is important to note, that the award is being delayed to avoid taking the City's tie line with CIPCO out of service at this time. Unit No. 8 has incurred several forced outages due to boiler tube leaks and Unit No. 7 has not come back online as of this writing. It is the judgment of the Electric Services staff that both Units 7 and 8 should be available for base load during this pole relocation. At this time the bids are being reported and the award of contract is being delayed pending the successful start-up of Unit No. 7.



**INVITATION TO BID NO. 2008-053
POWER LINE RELOCATION - BOONE COUNTY RD E-26**

Company Name of Bidder	Michels Corporation, Neenah, WI	Aerial Contractors, Inc. Moorhead, MN	Tiedes Line Construction, Inc. Haysville, KS
Bid Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part 1, Areas 1 & 2	\$ 106,800.12	\$ 145,657.07	\$ 337,018.00
Part 2, Areas 3 & 4	\$ 48,173.93	\$ 31,670.93	\$ 54,584.00
Total Lump Sum Amount	\$ 154,974.05	\$ 177,328.00	\$ 391,602.00
Affirmative Action	Current	Yes	Yes
Subcontractors	None	No	No
Addendum	Yes	Yes	Yes
Site Visit	Yes	No	Yes
License to Collect Sales Tax	Yes	Yes	Yes