

ITEM #:	<u>33</u>
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## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 69KV TRANSMISSION LINE RECONSTRUCTION FROM TOP O HOLLOW SUBSTATION TO AMES PLANT SUBSTATION PROJECT**

### BACKGROUND:

Electric Services is undergoing a multi-year process to reconstruct portions of its aging 69kV transmission system. This portion of the project will replace approximately two miles of transmission line. This is the second of four reconstruction phases. The first phase, reconstructing lines between Mortensen Road and Vet Med substations, has been completed in the current fiscal year; this second phase will be completed in FY 2026/27.

On April 28, 2026, the City Council approved preliminary plans and specifications for this project setting May 27, 2026, as the bid due date, and June 9, 2026, as the date of Public Hearing. **Due to delays in the interested bidders receiving pricing for the required materials, staff has deemed it would be in the City's best interest to extend the bid due date to allow the interested bidders sufficient time to obtain material pricing in order for them to submit fully comprehensive bids.**

**Staff is proposing that June 10, 2026 be set as the new bid date and June 23, 2026 be set as the new date of Public Hearing.**

### ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requested date change for the 69kV Transmission Line Reconstruction from Top O Hollow Substation to Ames Plant Substation project and set June 10, 2026 as the new bid date and June 23, 2026 as the new date of Public Hearing.
2. Reject the request and leave the dates as currently established.

### CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**Extending this bid due date will increase the probability that the City will obtain the maximum number of competitive bids at the best price.** Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.

### ATTACHMENT(S):

[Map for CAF 69kV Reconstruction.jpeg](#)