

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

RESOLUTION PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VILLAGE TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICE FOR VARIOUS VILLAGE FACILITIES AND STREET LAMPS RESULTING FROM A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Township of South Orange Village ("Village") has in the past successfully bid out natural gas supply from third party suppliers licensed by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBP") for various municipal facilities and street lamps, resulting in thousands of dollars in cost savings for the Village as compared to the tariff price for basic gas supply service ("BGSS") charged by Public Service Electric and Gas ("PSE&G"); and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to conduct another competitive bid process as soon as practicable for the purposes of obtaining bids for natural gas supply service for various facilities and street lamps and achieving additional cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas market is highly volatile, with natural gas transportation capacity and commodity market prices fluctuating, sometimes significantly, within a single trading day and to an even greater extent over a period of multiple trading days; and

WHEREAS, in light of this market volatility and in order to attract and receive competitive price offers from third party suppliers for the benefit of the Village and its taxpayers, it is therefore necessary that suppliers not be required to hold price proposals for longer than a matter of hours after the receipt of bid prices, and that a contract award be made within several hours of the receipt of bid prices; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate a timely contract award it is therefore necessary for the Village Board of Trustees to pre-authorize a designated representative to award a contract on the Village's behalf for natural gas supply service for the Village's facilities and street lamps as a result of a Request for Bids within several hours of the receipt of price proposals, subject to specific parameters established in advance by the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village hereby approves the issuance of a Request for Bids ("RFB") on behalf of the Village for natural gas supply service from NJBP-licensed third-party suppliers to serve various Village facilities and street lamps, for a contract beginning with July 2019 meter read dates.
2. The date of release of the RFB and the specific schedule for the RFB process, including the date and time of receipt of bid prices, shall be established at the discretion of the

Village Administration, in consultation with the Village's energy agent, and otherwise consistent with the "Local Public Contracts Law," (N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 *et seq.*), "The Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act," P.L. 1999, c. 23, ("EDECA") and the "Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act" (P.L. 2001, c.30), and all applicable regulations and standards promulgated thereunder, in a manner that provides the best opportunity to achieve favorable pricing for the Village and its taxpayers for a contract beginning with July 2019 meter read dates.

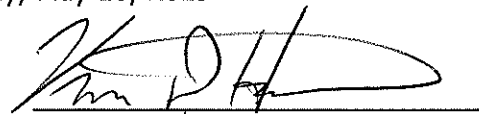
3. The Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue an Award Letter on the Village's behalf to a qualified, NJBPU-licensed third-party natural gas supplier as a result of the bids received in response to the RFB within four (4) hours of receipt of bid prices, and to subsequently execute a contract with a third party supplier for natural gas supply service, provided that the contract award is consistent with the RFB specifications and evaluation criteria therein and, moreover, provided that the awarded contract price is at least 5% lower than the PSE&G BGSS tariff price-to-compare for comparable components of natural gas supply service.

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Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Clarke		X	X			
Davis Ford						X
Hartshorn-Hilton			X			
Rosner	X		X			
Schnall			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin D. Harris, Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2019



Kevin D. Harris
Village Clerk