


**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS**

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**Recommendation**


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Authorize the General Manager to execute all necessary documents to amend Agreement UT-1527 with Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC, of Jackson, MS, for the furnishing and delivery of Mueller products, to increase the contract amount by \$350,000 on a one-time basis, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

**Executive Summary**


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On December 19, 2024, the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners approved an agreement with Stuart C. Irby Company, LLC, of Jackson, MS (Irby), for the purchase of natural gas control fittings and equipment. These specialized, proprietary components are essential to Gas Operations for safely regulating the flow of natural gas and maintaining the City's distribution system. Mueller fittings are specifically designed to integrate with existing Mueller infrastructure currently in use by Long Beach Public Utilities Department (LBPUD), and LBPUD personnel have received exclusive training on their proper use.

We are requesting an increase to the contract amount for Irby to support the Department's evolving operational and fieldwork needs. When additional funding was previously requested in 2024, a new agreement was established, and the associated funds did not carry over from the prior contract. As a result, subsequent invoices were processed in the new fiscal year under the current agreement. As in-house Gas Construction activities continue to expand, there is an increased reliance on Irby to provide specialized materials and equipment in a timely and consistent manner. Additionally, the rising cost of essential items—such as fittings, valves, and tools—has significantly reduced the Department's purchasing power within the existing contract authority. To maintain operational flexibility, meet current field demands, and ensure adequate preparedness for unplanned or emergency response efforts, it is necessary to increase the contract amount in alignment with both current cost trends and anticipated procurement needs.

**Fiscal Impact**


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The cost to the Gas Fund will be incurred in FY 25-26, with the total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. These costs are included in the Gas Fund FY 25-26 Budget and financial projections.

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Stefanie Clavery  
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B. Anatole Falagán  
General Manager