Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark S. Gaugh, City Manager

DATE: July 1, 2013

RE: Automated Metering Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

The Council Utilities committee met on Friday, June 21st to review proposals for automated metering infrastructure from three energy service companies (ESCO). Once an ESCO is selected, an intensive meter testing program can be initiated to determine if the project is cost-effective. There will be no charge for this work. If Council approves this testing, a decision can be made, based on the results, if the City wants to pursue an AMI project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utilities Committee recommends that the next step be taken with Ameresco, as long as there is no charge for the work. The letter from Ameresco is attached. Of the three ESCOs interviewed, Ameresco was the favored company to do the next step of meter testing. After the meter testing is completed, the Council can make a decision, based on the results of the testing, whether to enter into an agreement with Ameresco for the procurement of an AMI system. A voice vote is all that is required for this first step.