



Meeting Date: October 26, 2023 **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

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Submitted by: Gretchen Reuer **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso
Director of Electric Services Interim Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize Interim CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Construction Contract with Power Standard, LLC for Construction of the Comal CO14 and Freiheit FR22 Breaker Additions Project

BACKGROUND

On July 8, 2023, New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) issued a request for bids for the Comal CO14 and Freiheit FR22 Breaker Additions Project. The scope at Comal Substation includes one new feeder bay for a new CO14 breaker, replacing hookstick disconnect switches, and installing feeder exit conduits inside and outside the substation. The scope at Freiheit Substation consists of one new feeder breaker addition, FR22, to an existing feeder bay, replacing hookstick disconnect switches, and constructing three underground feeder exits. The aggregate scope at both Comal and Freiheit Substations is collectively called (the “Project”). The Project will extend from the Comal Substation along Fredericksburg Road to Bell Street. The project also includes work at Freiheit Substation. This Project is necessary because it will provide additional electric distribution capacity to serve existing customers and future growth.

NBU received two (2) bids on August 4, 2023, for the Project during the public bidding process. The project team evaluated the bids and recommends the selecting of Power Standard, LLC (“Power Standard”) for the Project. Power Standard was the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$1,653,270.00.

NBU staff requests that the Board of Trustees approve the Construction Contract Agreement with Power Standard for the Project.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of this contract exceeds \$250,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total construction contract with Power Standard for the Project is \$1,653,270.00. The Project is budgeted within the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2024 NBU Board approved Capital Improvements Projects Budget.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Infrastructure and Technology

EXHIBITS

1. Construction Contract Agreement with Power Standard, LLC
2. Letter of Recommendation from Schneider Engineering, LLC
3. Bid Tab (RFB 23-0012)

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1	Power Standard, LLC	\$1,653,270.00
2	Lambda Construction, Ltd.	\$2,157,112.79