



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/27/2023

**REQUESTER:** ANDREW BRUEHL, UTILITIES SUPERVISOR

**PRESENTER:** GERI WELLBORN, UTILITIES MANAGER

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2223-67:  
SUBMITTED BY POET ETHANOL PRODUCTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315.00 PER TON FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARBON DIOXIDE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On May 25, 2023, bids were opened for Bid 2223-67 for Carbon Dioxide. Carbon Dioxide is used for Potential Hydrogen (pH) adjustment in the treatment of water. Funds in the amount of \$1,128,219 have been budgeted in the fiscal year 2023-2024 (FYE 2024) Budget, Water Fund - Water Treatment Plant - Operating Chemicals (account 31955234 43108) for purchase of all treatment chemicals.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Specifications for Bid 2223-67 for Carbon Dioxide were sent to nine (9) vendors and one (1) bid was received. No-bids were due to uncertain costs and supply demands. Poet Ethanol Products of Wichita, KS, submitted the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications in the amount of \$315 per ton. This compares to a cost of \$250 per ton last year for an increase of 26 percent (+26%). This increase has occurred due to shipping/transporting costs.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Purchases will be made throughout FYE 2024. Bids have been examined by staff and found to be in order and proper as to form. Based upon the above information, staff recommends acceptance of Carbon Dioxide bid from Poet Ethanol Products at a price \$315 per ton.