



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

REQUESTER: ANDREW BRUEHL, UTILITIES SUPERVISOR

PRESENTER: MICHAEL PRICE, UTILITIES MANAGER

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2526-49: SUBMITTED BY POET ETHANOL PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600 PER TON FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARBON DIOXIDE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

BACKGROUND:

Bids for the purchase of carbon dioxide were advertised in the newspaper and opened on May 21, 2026. Carbon dioxide is used in the water treatment process for pH adjustment. Funds in the amount of \$1,435,146 have been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FYE 2027) Water Fund budget within Water Treatment Plant - Operating Chemicals (Account No. 31955234 43108) for purchase of water treatment chemicals.

DISCUSSION:

Bid Specifications for Bid 2526-49 for Carbon Dioxide were sent to nine (9) vendors. One (1) bid and two (2) no bid responses were received. The no-bid responses were due to uncertain costs and supply demands.

Poet Ethanol Products of Wichita, Kansas, submitted the lowest and best bid meeting all specifications in the amount of \$600.00 per ton. This compares to the previous contract price of \$315.00 per ton, representing an increase of 90.4 percent. Staff attributes the increase primarily to higher transportation and shipping costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Purchases will be made throughout FYE 2027. Bids have been examined by staff and found to be in order and proper as to form. Based upon the above information, staff recommends awarding Bid 2526-49 to Poet Ethanol Products at a price of \$600.00 per ton.