



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 7/9/2024

**REQUESTER:** Rachel Camp, Water Treatment Plant Manager

**PRESENTER:** Rachel Camp, Water Treatment Plant Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2324-59 SUBMITTED BY AIRGAS USA, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143.70 PER TON FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID OXYGEN FOR THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Liquid Oxygen is used at the Water Treatment Plant to create ozone for removing taste and odor compounds in drinking water. Bids for chemical purchases are either extended each year, or rebid. Funds in the amount of \$1,241,040.90 have been budgeted for FYE 2025 in Water Treatment Plant – Operating Chemicals (Account No. 31955234-43108) for purchase of all treatment chemicals.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Specifications for Bid 2324-59 for Liquid Oxygen were sent to seven (7) vendors and one (1) bid was received on June 6, 2024, submitted by Airgas USA, LLC in the amount of \$143.70. Compared to a cost of \$124.57 per ton from last year, this is an increase of 15.4%.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Purchases will be made throughout FYE 2025. Staff recommends acceptance of Bid 2324-59 from Airgas USA, LLC in the amount of \$143.70 per ton for the purchase of Liquid Oxygen used in the water treatment process.