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Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements and/or Commodity Master Agreement (s) with Direct Energy Business LLC (“Direct Energy”) for the supply of electricity to City buildings and facilities, as well as additional services including those in regards to the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of the members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC). Said services shall be performed in conjunction with guidance provided by City’s energy consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (“Enel X”).

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (“WPEC”), which is comprised of public and private entities who have partnered together in order to optimize savings and maximize their use of renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, WPEC members have agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding to share in the aggregated purchase of electricity in prorated volumetric amounts based upon members’ actual usage thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City along with other WPEC members have previously hired an energy consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (“Enel X”), for services relating to energy procurement strategies including with regard to hiring an electricity supplier/subaccount holder for an agreement to commence in May 2021; and

WHEREAS, each WPEC member has separately entered into an agreement with Enel X for said energy consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the City along with other WPEC members require enhanced services with regard to long term electricity supply in order to meet WPEC goals of reducing emissions and achieving greater financial savings, for example, the establishment and management of an electricity subaccount along with procuring electricity through Power Purchase Agreements; and

WHEREAS, following a Request for Proposals administered by the City on behalf of WPEC for said electricity supply/subaccount holder agreement, Direct Energy Business LLC (“Direct Energy”) was selected by the City and other WPEC members; and

WHEREAS, each WPEC member shall separately authorize and execute its own individual agreement with Direct Energy, whose compensation shall be separately billed to the respective members as determined by prorated volumetric amounts based upon members’ actual respective usage thereof; and

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works are hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements and/or Commodity Master Agreement(s) with Direct Energy Business LLC (“Direct Energy”) for the provision of electricity supply and related services in conjunction with aggregated electricity purchases by members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC), including the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of WPEC members and procuring electricity through Power Purchase Agreements. Said services shall be performed in connection with the guidance provided by WPEC’s energy consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (“Enel X”).

Section 2. Compensation will be paid to Direct Energy chargeable to and payable from the following utility accounts in their respective budget years, and/or any other accounts as may be determined by City’s Office of Management and Budget:

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2022	450000.54.54601.2022
2023	450000.54.54601.2023
2024	450000.54.54601.2024
2025	450000.54.54601.2025

Section 3. Said Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Commodity Master Agreement(s) shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor.