



Business Item 2025-95:

Lift Station and ERS Communications Upgrades – Phase 1,
Contract 25P227



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Environmental Services Communications Process



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Project Background



- Current providers of landline internet service for 65 MCES wastewater lift station sites across the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area intend to stop and deregulate service with an increase in fees of up to 200%.
- In the interim, a wireless cellular service is temporarily being utilized for specific sites where the T1 landline internet service has already been disconnected. This is considered temporary as a more reliable and long-term solution is needed.
- New communications technology, fiber optic, is the best option to replace the landline internet service at the lift station sites.

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract 25P227 with Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) for Environmental Services' Lift Stations and ERS Communications Upgrades – Phase 1, for the installation and reoccurring monthly costs of fiber optic services at 65 sites for an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.

Questions

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