## MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION AFTER APPROVAL OF STATE AGENCIES FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE APPROVED WELL MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT TO USCI, INC. PURSUANT TO Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act, N.J.S.A 58:26-19 et. Seq.

WHEREAS, the MERCHANTVILLE-PENNSAUKEN WATER COMMISSION ("MPWC" or "Commission") is a governmental regional municipal water authority created in 1926 by the agreement and respective ordinances of each of the municipalities named therein in accordance with NJSA 40:62-108; and 98% of its potable water is supplied by deep wells into native aquifers; and

**WHEREAS,** the MPWC undertook a RFQ/RFP competitive procurement process pursuant to N.J.S.A 58:26-19 et seq., (New Jersey Water Supply Public-Private Contracting Act referred herein as the "Act"), to obtain proposals from qualified firms to provide proactive well, pump and motor maintenance services for its Systems; and

WHEREAS, after public advertising commencing on August 19, 2016 and on August 23, 2016, the MPWC received Proposals on October 8, 2016 and the MPWC received a proposal from the from USCI, Inc/Suez timely and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the MPWC evaluation committee following a review of the proposal, and the application of the pre-proposal evaluation criteria, recommended selection of USCI, Inc/Suez for the negotiation of a new contract operator services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Team and the MPWC Chief Operating Officer and USCI, Inc had additional meetings, negotiations and interviews with the respondents; and in the meantime, advertised and made available by website and for public inspection the draft agreements such as it was at each stage; and

WHEREAS, the MPWC advertised the RFP, the responsive Proposal, as well as the criteria applied, and the memoranda regarding the selection of USCI, and as they became available the negotiated draft contracts; and

WHEREAS the MPWC advertised a Public Hearing on the agreement for December 8, 2016, again for January 12, 2017, and the last time on March 9, 2017; and at no time did any member of the public appear or comment; and the only one who sought documents were current contractors who did not submit proposals, but did seek contract drafts; and

WHEREAS the MPWC successfully completed negotiations on the changes and amendments to the agreement (the "Services Agreement") and advertised timely in advance of and for the Public Hearing on same for March 9, 2017 at 4pm; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the MPWC made the current form of Services Agreement available for inspection via website on February 21, 2017 and physically made hard copies executed by USCI available the four days preceding the conduct of the public hearing concerning the Well Maintenance Services Agreement on March 9, 2017; and no member of the public commented or appeared at any Hearing; and the MPWC received no public during the comment period following the hearing during which time the public hearing record was held open; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Acts, the MPWC resolved at its regular meeting of April 13,2017 for both a preliminary approval of the proposed contract and authorized submission of the Well Maintenance Services Agreement to the Local Finance Board of the DLGS ("Division"), and to the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") for approval and to the Board Rate Counsel, and to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for review; and

WHEREAS, the Application of the MPWC was approved by the LFB on May 10, 2017, and The Board Rate Counsel issued its letter opinion on June 8, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board requested an extension of time from the MPWC to complete its review and to entertain the application at its June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to which the MPWC agreed, and the Board entertained and approved the application at that meeting and issued its Order Approving the Contract on June 30, 2017 effective July 10, 2017; and

## **BE IT THEREFORE HEREBY RESOLVED AND ENACTED,** by the COMMISSION THAT:

- 1. The Chief Operating Officer of the Commission, Michael Saraceni is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Well and Pump Maintenance Services Agreement with USCI, Inc., in its final form as approved by the State Agencies in accordance with the Act; and
  - 2. In light of the need to accommodate the BPU extension request, the commencement date of the contract is amended so as to be August 1, 2017.

By Resolution and Unanimous Roll call vote of Commissioners present on July 13, 2017.

I hereby certify that the above and the attached is a True and Accurate Copy of the Resolution approved in duly advertised and legally conducted public session as stated on the date listed above.

Date: 7/13/17

Ronald S. Johnson Commissioner

& Asst. Secretary to the Commission

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Joyce Peirce Financial Services Director

## CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Joyce Peirce, Financial Services Director for the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, hereby certify that the funds for the Contract Well Maintenance are available. The contract will be awarded to Utility Services Company Inc., in the amount of \$197,340.00. This is a multi-year contract.

2017 Budgeted Amount

\$200,000.00

Expense Acct. #

01-5320-020

Maintenance of Wells

Michael A. Saracehi, COO

Date

1-7-2017

Joyce Peirce, Financial Services Director

Date