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To: Commissioners Court

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Re: Request exemption to competitive bidding procedures for utility services

Numerous times during any given year, requisitions are submitted for utility services such as waste collection or the relocation of water lines, electric lines, telephone lines, gas lines, etc. These requests may at times exceed the \$50,000 bid limit.

Such services are proprietary to the particular utility company involved and, therefore, qualifies as an exemption under Local Government Code 262.024 (a) (7) (A and C) which states “A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption: (7) an item that can be obtained from only one source, including: (A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies; (C) electric power, gas, water and other utility services”.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 262.024 (a)(7)(A and C), we are requesting consideration and approval from the Court for an exemption for such services in order that purchase orders may be processed in a timely manner so as not to create a stoppage in utility services.

This agenda item will rescind the prior Court Order No. 2003-466-06-24.

Please contact me at extension 4142 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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