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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR UPGRADING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S POWER MONITORING SYSTEM; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock Electric Department ("NLRED") currently uses PRISM 10 system software provided by Advanced Control Systems, Inc. ("ACS") to control and monitor its power distribution grid, and in order to ensure continued performance capability, it is necessary that the current software be upgraded to the PRISM 11 system; and

WHEREAS, the PRISM 11 system is a true 64-bit version and affords many advantages over the existing software, essentially an increased system performance, including the ability to process 10% more database changes/sec than the current system as well as providing enhanced alarm/event functionality and security features (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, since the City is a member of TIPS/TAPS, the North Little Rock Computer Services Department contacted TIPS/TAPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System and Texas-Arkansas Purchasing System), an organization utilized by municipalities, state agencies and schools in the acquisition of this type of equipment (see PRISM System Upgrade, including upgrade description, pricing and general terms and conditions, attached hereto as Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, the current ACS PRISM 10 system has been utilized by NLRED for five years, which is considered beyond the useful life for a system so critical to this type of operation; therefore, it is necessary to upgrade to the ACS PRISM 11 system as outlined in Exhibit "A" at a cost of \$72,488 for the upgrade, *plus* optional costs of \$6,120 for a 5-year warranty on two servers and \$2,500 for a 5-year warranty on five work stations, or an overall total cost of \$81,108 (*not* including applicable taxes and shipping).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with acquiring an upgrade of NLRED's current PRISM 10 System software to the PRISM 11 System (utilized to control and monitor the power distribution grid) from Advanced Control Systems, Inc. of Norcross, Georgia (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto) in the amount of \$81,108.00 plus applicable taxes and shipping costs.

SECTION 2: That the total cost for the herein-described equipment is included in the 2017 Budget for the North Little Rock Electric Department.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 5: The North Little Rock Electric Department is currently utilizing PRISM 10 system software provided by ACS, and upgrading the system software to PRISM 11 will provide increased system performance and functionality in the control and monitoring of its power distribution grid, and it is hereby found and determined that the North Little Rock Electric Department is in need of the system upgrade in order to improve and enhance the functionality of its power distribution control and monitoring needs; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

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Mayor Joe A. Smith

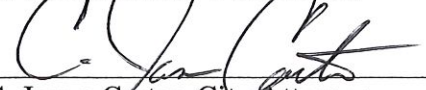
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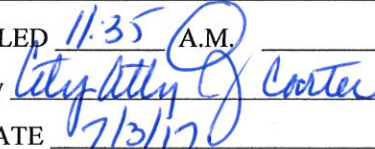
  
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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

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