COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING DATE: May 4, 1988

FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS UNDER CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION/UPGRADE OF KILLELEA SUBSTATION FENCE (EUD-88-1)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council accept the fence installation/upgrade and direct the Electric Utility Director to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's office. The final contract price was $15,024.30. The difference (of $967) between the contract and the final contract price is due to Change Order No. 1 that added railing and gate footings. It should be noted that the final contract price of $15,024.30 remains lower than the second lowest bid of $16,750.75.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the Council meeting on March 2, 1988, the City Council awarded the contract for installation/upgrade of the Killelea Substation fence to Economy Fence Co., Stockton, CA, in the amount of $14,057.30.

The original security system at the Killelea Substation (Cherokee Lane and Locust Street) had been repeatedly breached and considerable upgrade of this system was required. Unauthorized entry had included intrusions under and over the chain-link fence surrounding the substation; the padlock was cut and removed leaving the gate open to the general public. Articles had been stolen from the site and various toys had been found on site. This particular substation is the only one which has experienced such intrusions.

While no significant damage has been done to date, the presence of unauthorized persons in an ultra-hazardous area is a serious matter. The exposure to high-voltage equipment should be limited to only those trained in electrical safety. Furthermore, that substation represents the direct link between Lodi and its power supply. Any accident involving the main power bus at that substation affects the entire city.

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