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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 40 -2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING, WITH AMP TRANSMISSION, LLC FOR THE AMPT 69 kV CONVERSION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (City) is a political subdivision organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the state of Ohio which owns and operates an electric utility system for the sale of electric power and associated energy for the benefit of its citizens and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, AMP Transmission, LLC (AMPT) is a nonprofit transmission owner and affiliate of American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP), that owns and operates transmission facilities in PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM); and

WHEREAS, the City's distribution system is interconnected to and operates in parallel with American Transmission Systems, Incorporated's (ATSI) transmission system; and

WHEREAS, ATSI has determined that in order for ATSI to resolve outage risks associated with ATSI's 138 kV double circuit line feeding Valley substation that could result in a loss of the City's 23 kV network and approximately 80 MWs, ATSI proposed a solution to bring a 138 kV delivery to the City's Substation #5 (Sub #5); and

WHEREAS, to avoid new North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) obligations associated with ownership of 138 kV transmission facilities, the City sold its bulk electric system facilities to ATSI in 2018. The City desires and AMPT agrees that AMPT will undertake the engineering, construction, ownership and operation of a new 138/69/23 kV transformer and 138 kV breaker at the Service Complex area by Sub #5; a new 69 kV transmission path between the Service Complex and Valley Substation; a new 138/69/23 kV transformer and 138 kV breaker (if needed) at the Valley Substation; and possibly convert existing substations to take 69 kV delivery (collectively referred to as the AMPT 69kV Conversion Project), as more fully described herein; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the above-proposed AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project is feasible, AMPT needs to undertake a detailed assessment of three possible routes for a 69 kV transmission line east to west through the City; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to definitively agree on the respective rights and obligations of each Party relating to the AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project by entering into a License Agreement, Lease Agreement and other related agreements as necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit, and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute the License Agreement for the AMP Transmission, LLC (AMPT) 69 kV Conversion Project and is further authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to complete the AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Mayor, Director of Public Service, Director of Finance, Director of Law and any other public officials, individually or collectively as may be appropriate, are authorized to prepare and execute such other documents and do all other things as necessary or incidental to carrying out the intent and/or requirements of the License Agreement and/or the AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project

<u>Section 3.</u> Competitive bidding is not required on the City's license of AMPT to undertake the engineering, replacement work, ownership and operation of the AMPT 69 kV Conversion Project.

<u>Section 4.</u> Any ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 5.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, to the extent applicable, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

<u>Section 6.</u> This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: 6-15-2021

Mayor

5/24/21

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