


-COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE-
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 25, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Esch, Director of Operations, 
Department of Administrative Services

**SUBJECT: American Transmission Company: Western Milwaukee
County Electric Reliability Transmission Line Project
Permanent Access Easement Request**

REQUEST

The Department of Administrative Services is requesting approval of the American Transmission Company's (ATC) purchase of a permanent access easement (attached) for the maintenance of the Western Milwaukee County Electric Reliability Transmission Line Project. The access easement being requested is for northerly and southwesterly portions (Exhibit A) of Milwaukee County's Children's Adolescent Treatment Center (CATC) parking lot. The easement will provide ATC with access to their transmission lines and high tension poles for maintenance purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Western Milwaukee County Electric Reliability Project (WMCERP) consists of the construction of two new electric transmission lines to support a new electrical substation located at the WE Energies power plant on the County Grounds. The American Transmission Company in the process of installing the new lines that will interconnect into the new substation. The WMCERP was approved in early 2013 by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Staff from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Facilities Management Division performed a site review with representatives from ATC. Based on the review and consent of both parties, the permanent access easement and easement exhibit was developed as depicted in Exhibit A. Corporation Counsel reviewed and approved the easement language to ensure its consistency with the previous easements granted to ATC for the WMCERP. The negotiated permanent access easement price is \$15,107.00.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approve the permanent access easement and the negotiated price of \$15,107 for the easement. It is further recommended that the proceeds be placed in the Appropriations for Contingencies account.

Attachments

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive
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