



City of Columbus
 Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Department of Public Utilities
 Cheryl Roberto, Director

January 20, 2006

The Honorable Michael B. Coleman
 Mayor
 City of Columbus
 90 West Broad Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Declaration of Emergency
 Division of Electricity
 Authorization to Purchase Wire and Cable

Dear Mayor Coleman:

An adequate supply of wire and cable is required at this time for circuit construction and overdue system improvements to maintain distribution system reliability and to serve new electric load in areas connected and contiguous to the new state of the art Italian Village Substation. Without immediate authorization to purchase these commodities the Division will be unable to complete construction work in progress on Italian Village Substation circuits serving the University GateWay, Columbus State Community College, Downtown, and Short North areas and the Morse Road Improvement project.

The process of bidding, evaluating bids, and obtaining legislative authorization in order to establish a UTC, and ordering, would not enable the delivery of wire and cable until July or August 2006. A July or August delivery date would cause construction delays, potentially increase cost, and jeopardize the Division's ability to maintain the integrity of the distribution system.

It is requested that authority be granted to allow the Division of Electricity to immediately purchase wire and cable commodities in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 and to work with the Purchasing Office to ensure a competitive process per the city code.

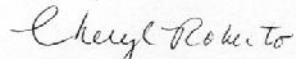
In accordance with Section 329.27(b) of Columbus City Codes, 1959, I hereby declare this situation to be an emergency affecting the public peace, health, property, and safety, and requiring extraordinary measures for its resolution. I urge your concurrence in this Declaration of Emergency.

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Water Division	614/645-7020	FAX: 614/645-8177	TDD: 614/645-7188
Electricity Division	3500 Indianola Avenue 614/645-8371	FAX: 614/645-7630	Columbus, Ohio 43214 TDD: 614/645-6454

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

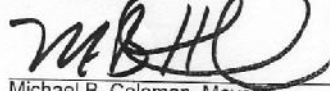
Sincerely,

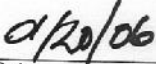

Cheryl Roberto
Director

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cc: The Honorable Matthew D. Habash, President, Columbus City Council
Members of Columbus City Council
The Honorable Hugh J. Dorrian, City Auditor
Joel Taylor, Director, Dept. of Finance
Jeffrey A. Hubbard, Administrator, Division of Electricity

APPROVAL:


Michael B. Coleman, Mayor


Date