

August 5, 2004

The Honorable Matthew D. Habash  
President  
Columbus City Council  
90 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable Hugh J. Dorrian  
City Auditor  
City Auditor's Office  
90 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear President Habash and City Auditor Dorrian:

The Department of Public Utilities, Division of Electricity, has been actively involved in the University Gateway project by improving and upgrading the infrastructure in the area in order to provide reliable electric power for street lighting and to serve existing and potential customers. South Campus Gateway consists of four buildings and a parking garage currently under construction. The Division of Electricity must purchase four (4) transformers in order to provide electricity to these buildings. The transformers were to be purchased from an existing universal term contract, however, the vendor has failed to fulfill the order.

It is immediately necessary to acquire and install the transformers to avoid a delay in the development of this project. The Purchasing Office has solicited informal bids and Reed City Power Line Supply Company, 1403 Neubrecht Road, Lima, Ohio 45801, has submitted the lowest, responsive quote in the amount of \$47,970.00.

Therefore, whereas Title Three, Article Three, Chapter 329.27, of the City Code provides for emergency purchases, I therefore declared an emergency, and authorize the Director of Public Utilities to order the delivery of four transformers. Legislation will be submitted as soon as possible after City Council reconvenes.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Coleman  
Mayor