



## Legislation Text

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### **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) (B)**

GRU staff presented this item at the January 14, 2021 Utility Advisory Board meeting and recommendations were unanimously approved.

Staff then presented the item at the January 21, 2021 City Commission meeting and requested that the Commission approve the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. The Commission asked staff to provide additional information and voted to continue the item to the February 4, 2021 meeting.

Staff returned to present the additional information at the February 4, 2021 City Commission meeting and the following recommendations were unanimously approved.

- Authorize the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a Master Agreement with Itron for a term of 21 years that includes the purchase of the metering assets, network infrastructure, software licenses, professional services to implement the project and the provision of ongoing software as a service for the hosting and ongoing maintenance of the software in a secure cloud. The Master Agreement set of documents includes SaaS, SOW, Order Document and MSA, which are all subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality. (Previously Approved on 2/4/2021)
- Authorize the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Aclara SGS for the installation of Smart Meters for the AMI solution. The agreement and SOW are subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality. (Previously Approved on 2/4/2021)

Subsequent to receiving the requested approval, GRU realized that an additional contract that is necessary to complete the integration work was omitted from the previous recommendations, so staff returns to request that approval. This contract recommendation has no additional financial impact to the project, as it was included in the Cost Benefit Schedule 20210204 under System Integration (Util-Assist).

Util-Assist's professional services team guides electric, water and gas utilities through large-scale projects with end-to-end services and leading-edge technology. Util-Assist was selected as the lead consultant on the project in 2018 to assist with the ITN's and the contract negotiations. They have extensive knowledge into how we conduct business and have worked with GRU on other system implementations. It would be integral to have Util-Assist continue through the project with familiar resources and expertise. With their extensive industry knowledge, both utilities and AMI, coupled with their familiarity with GRU operations, GRU staff, and the intricacies of GRU's agreements with Itron and Aclara, they are uniquely positioned to assist GRU with its AMI implementation.

No additional financial impact, as the costs were included in the fiscal note presented on February 4, 2021.

Authorize the General Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Util-Assist to provide integration and project support for the AMI solution, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to

form and legality.