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Consulting Engineer's Contract for Service (NB)

Within Section 708 of the Utilities System Revenue Bond Resolution (the Resolution), the City pledges to retain, under continuing engagement, an independent Consulting Engineer for the purpose of providing information; rendering reports or opinions; and, providing necessary certifications as required under the Resolution. Since 1994, these services for the combined utility system have been capably provided by Black & Veatch, an internationally renown engineering firm.

The original contract with Black & Veatch provides for a 5-year extension when the initial 5-year term expires in February, 1999. Staff are completely satisfied with the way Black & Veatch has supported the System over the past five years while fulfilling the obligations of the Resolution. Staff also believes that it is unlikely that a more capable and compatible Consulting Engineer could be engaged. For this reason, staff recommends amending the current contract with Black & Veatch and extending the term for an additional five years (through February, 2004).

Concurrent with the term extension amendment, Black & Veatch desires to clarify limitations of its liability consistent with prevailing law. Staff supports this clarification.

The City Commission authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute Amendment Number 1 to the General Services Agreement with Black & Veatch, substantially in the form of that which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Funds for the expenditures associated with this contract are available within the System's approved O & M and capital budgets.

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