



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Council Session

## Item G-7

**#2017-86 - Approving Kriz-Davis as the Sole Source Provider of  
AMI Electric Meters**

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# **Council Agenda Memo**

**From:** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Stacy Nonhof, Assistant City Attorney

**Meeting:** March 28, 2017

**Subject:** Consideration of Approving Kriz-Davis as the Sole Source  
Provider of AMI Electric Meters

**Presenter(s):** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## **Background**

Approximately four years ago the Utilities Department began an Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) pilot project. AMI allows the department to obtain metering data remotely typically through a proprietary communications system based upon the metering manufacturer. In addition there are a number of other benefits such as outage notification, meter tampering alarms and remote connection and disconnection. The department obtained proposals from several AMI manufacturers and chose the Landis & Gyr system.

## **Discussion**

The ultimate goal of converting all of the electric meters to AMI meters is many years off. However, the necessary communications infrastructure has been installed to cover all areas of the City. This gives the department flexibility to install an AMI meter anywhere in the City.

The Utilities Department has begun installing AMI meters when power is disconnected due to lack of payment. This enables customers to be re-connected remotely once payment is received without the need of dispatching a crew. Additionally, new developments and new apartment complexes are good locations to install AMI meters due to the density and sometimes transient nature of the accounts. With the number of developments and apartment complexes under construction as well as a relatively steady stream of disconnections, the ability to purchase large quantities of meters is required and additional discounts may be obtained when purchasing larger quantities.

Due to the proprietary nature of the communications system used, Landis & Gyr electric meters are required, and Kriz-Davis is the sole supplier of these meters to Nebraska public power utilities.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve Kriz-Davis as the Sole Source provider of AMI electric meters.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve Kriz-Davis as the Sole Source provider of AMI electric meters.

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March 16, 2017

Tim Luchsinger  
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Dear Tim:

Landis+Gyr Technology Inc, is proud to acknowledge Kriz-Davis Company as the exclusive authorized distributor of Landis+Gyr products for all public power accounts in Nebraska.

For more than 20 years, Kriz-Davis Company has been a long standing partner of Landis+Gyr; offering dedicated sales and service to the municipal and cooperative utilities in the Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Western Iowa. For information about the all Landis+Gyr metering, communication and systems products, contact them at:

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We thank you for your interest in Landis+Gyr products.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Farrell-Smith', is written over a light gray circular background.

Kathleen Farrell-Smith  
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RESOLUTION 2017-86

WHEREAS, about four years ago, the Utilities Department began an Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) pilot project using the Landis & Gyr system which allows for data collection remotely through a proprietary communications system based on the metering manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department has begun installing AMI meters anytime power is disconnected due to lack of payment, and this enables customers to be re-connected remotely once payment is received without the need of dispatching a crew; and

WHEREAS, new developments and apartment complexes are also good locations to install AMI meters due to the density and transient nature of the accounts; and

WHEREAS, with the number of developments and apartment complexes under construction as well as a relatively steady stream of disconnections, the ability to purchase large quantities of meters makes financial sense; and

WHEREAS, additional discounts may be obtained when purchasing larger quantities of meters and Kriz-Davis Company of Grand Island, Nebraska is the sole supplier of Landis & Gyr AMI meters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Kriz-Davis Company is the sole supplier of Landis & Gyr AMI meters for use with the City Utilities Department's metering system.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 28, 2017.

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Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 27, 2017	☐ City Attorney