CONSENT AGENDA CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ITEM NO. 26

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Finance Department

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

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Finance

THROUGH:

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City Attorney: File

SUBJECT:

Extension of Interim License Agreement with Grev Forest Utilities

DATE:

January 30, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

This ordinance authorizes a (4) four month extension from February 1, 2003 through May 31, 2003 of the Interim License Agreement with Grey Forest Utilities (GFU), a gas utility owned by the City of Grey Forest, to allow GFU to use the City rights-of-way to operate a gas distribution system within the interim licensed area and provides that consideration of 3% of gross revenues derived from GFU's system within the interim license area be paid to the City of San Antonio.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1967, the City of Grey Forest established a natural gas utility system to serve the City of Grey Forest and surrounding areas. Grey Forest Utilities (GFU), an agency formed by the City of Grey Forest, operates and manages the natural gas distribution system.

The GFU gas distribution system was originally established outside of the City of San Antonio's corporate City limits, however, as the corporate limits have expanded to the north through annexations, GFU's distribution system was incorporated into the City limits and occupies the City's public rights-of-way. Pursuant to State law and the City Charter, the City has the right to consent to the use of its public rights-of-way and receive compensation for that use. Also, based on State law, GFU is not required to obtain the City's consent to utilize the City's public rights-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain its utility system in an annexed area for a period of ten years from the date of annexation.

As a result of negotiations, an Interim License Agreement was agreed to and approved on May 16, 2002 with the passage of Ordinance No. 95761 by City Council. Following is a summary of the key terms of the agreement:

- Term of the Agreement. The initial term of the interim license agreement was January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002.
- Compensation. The City receives 3% of gross revenues derived within the Interim Licensed Area (ILA). Exclusions to gross revenues include sales to public schools, line extension charges, sales tax and bad debt write off.
- Interim License Area (ILA). Map of ILA included as Exhibit I. License area is subject to change for the final license agreement.
- Construction, Restoration, and Maintenance of Streets. GFU is required to abide by all provisions of the City's Rights-Of-Way Management Ordinance, including the payment of all the required fees and insurance requirements.
- Relocations of Facilities. GFU is required to relocate all its facilities at no cost to the City when reasonable and necessary to accommodate street construction and, widening or any other public improvement projects of the City.

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- Audits. At the City's option, an audit for compliance with any or all of the terms of the Interim
 License Agreement will be performed by a Certified Public Accountant agreed to by both the City
 and GFU. The cost of the audit shall be borne solely by GFU and the scope and timing of the audit
 shall be determined by the City subject to the scope being limited to an audit for compliance with the
 terms of the Interim License Agreement.
- Confidential and Proprietary Information. The City agreed that it would deal with all information marked by GFU as confidential and proprietary in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act and City Policy.

On September 26, 2002, City Council passed and approved Ordinance No. 96466, which authorized a (4) four month extension through January 31, 2003 of the Interim License Agreement with GFU. During this time, City Staff and representatives of GFU continued to negotiate towards a final license agreement. City staff believes that additional progress has been made, and as such, is recommending that the Interim License Agreement be extended under the same terms and conditions through May 31, 2003, an extension of (4) four months.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to State Law and the City Charter, the City is entitled to receive compensation for the use of its public rights-of-way. With the (4) four month extension of the Interim license Agreement, the City will continue to be compensated on GFU revenues derived in the interim license area while the final license agreement is being negotiated. During this extension, staff will continue to work on resolving all outstanding issues and negotiating the terms of the final license agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For the first nine months of calendar year 2002, GFU paid the City \$40,204 under the terms of the Interim License Agreement. The estimated compensation to be received during the (4) four month extension period is \$17,900.

COORDINATION:

This item has been coordinated with the Public Works Department and the City Attorney's Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS:

The required ethics disclosure form has been attached as Exhibit II.

Ben Gorzell Jr., CPA

Public Utilities Supervisor/

Assistant Director of Finance

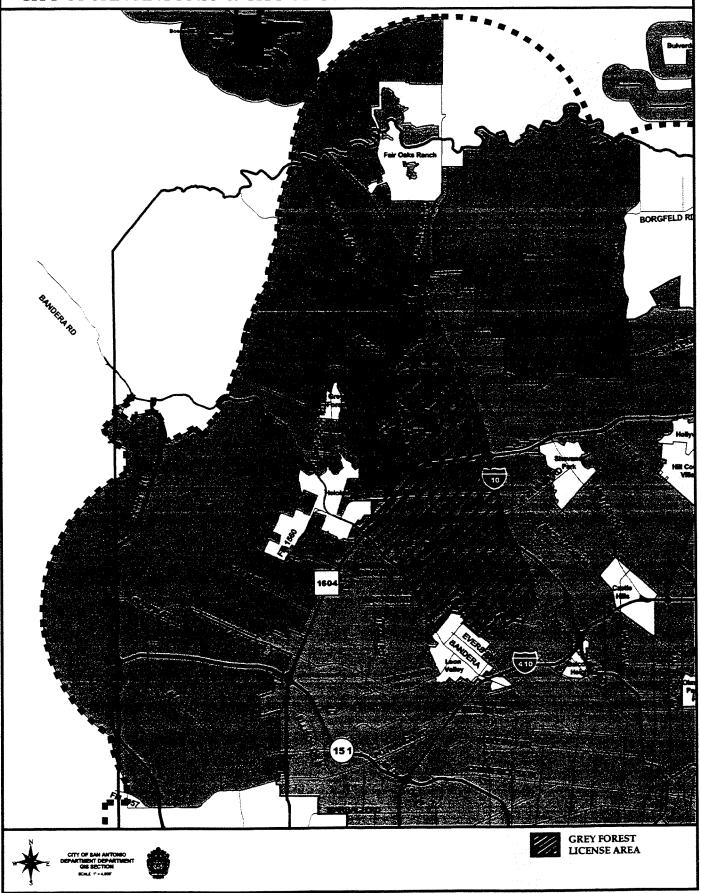
Approved:

Melissa Byrne Vosemer

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MAP OF DESIGNATED AREA SUBJECT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN ANTONIO & CITY OF GREY FOREST & GREY FOREST UTILTIES



City of San Antonio Discretionary Contracts Disclosure*

Exhibit II

For use of this form, see City of San Antonio Ethics Code, Part D, Sections 1&2
Attach additional sheets if space provided is not sufficient.
State 'Not Applicable' for questions that do not apply.

*This form is required to be supplemented in the event there is any change in the information under (1), (2), or (3) below, before the discretionary contract is the subject of council action, and no later than five (5) business days after any change about which information is required to be filed.

Disclosure of Parties, Owners, and Closely Related Persons

For the purpose of assisting the City in the enforcement of provisions contained in the City Charter and the Code of Ethics, an individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract from the City is required to disclose in connection with a proposal for a discretionary contract: (1) the identity of any individual who would be a party to the discretionary contract: James Tipton (2) the identity of any business entity that would be a party to the discretionary contract: Grey Forest Utilities and the name of: (A) any individual or business entity that would be a subcontractor on the discretionary contract; N/A and the name of: (B) any instrictual or business entity that is known to be a partner, or a parent or subsidiary business entity of any individual or business entity who would be a party to the discretionary contract: N/A (3) the identity of any labbylst or public relations firm employed for purposes relating to the discretionary contract being sought by any individual or business entity who would be a party to the discretionary

N/A

¹ A business entity means a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, holding company, joint-stock company, receivership, trust, unincorporated association, or any other entity recognized by law.

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Any individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract from the city must disclose in connection with a proposal for a discretionary contract all political contributions totaling one hundred dollars (\$100) or more within the past twenty-four (24) months made directly or indirectly to any current or former member of City Council, any candidate for City Council, or to any postical action committee that contributes to City Council elections, by any individual or business entity whose identity must be disclosed under (1), (2) or (3) above indirect contributions by an individual include, but are not limited to, constitutions made by the individual's spouse, whether statutory or communities. Indirect contributions by an entity include, but are not limited to, contributions made through the officers, meners, attorneys, or registered lobbyists of the entity.

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Disclosures in Proposals

Any individual or business entity seeking a discretionary contract with the city shall disclose any known facts which, reasonably understood, raise a question? as to whether any city official or employee would violate Section 1 of Part B, improper Economic Benefit, by periocounting in official action relating to the discretionary contract.

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The purposes of this rule, facts are "reasonably understood" to "raise a question" about the appropriateness of official action if a disinterested person would conclude that the facts, if true, require recussi or require careful consideration of whether or not recussi is required.

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