

RESOLUTION NO. RS-06-030

(Award of a contract for natural gas supply services for Washington County facilities from Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. ("WGES") of Timonium, Maryland, under an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing arrangement with Howard County Public School System ("HCPSS"), pursuant to Section 1-106.3 of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland)

RECITALS

The Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland (the "Public Local Laws"), §1-106.3, provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board") "may procure goods and services through a contract entered into by another governmental entity in accordance with the terms of the contract, regardless of whether the county was a party to the original contract."

Subsection (c) of §1-106.3 provides that: "A determination to allow or participate in an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing arrangement under subsection (b) of this section shall be by resolution and shall either indicate that the participation will provide cost benefits to the county or result in administrative efficiencies and savings or provide other justifications for the arrangement."

Acquisition of the natural gas supply services by "piggy-backing" on a bid processed by HCPSS and eliminating the Board's bid process would result in administrative efficiencies for Washington County. Using the HCPSS contract award, the Board will be able to acquire from WGES the natural gas supply services based upon the NYMEX settlement price for the month plus fixed basis of \$0.1930/therm (\$1.9300/deca-therm) to the "Delivery Point" with the possibility of being converted to a fixed price at a future date for the remaining term.

The Board expressly finds that entering into a contract with WGES to purchase the natural gas supply services would be in the best interests of the citizens of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3, a contract is hereby awarded to Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. of Timonium,

Maryland for the purchase of natural gas supply services under an intergovernmental cooperative purchase of services with the Howard County Public School System.


Adopted and effective this 19th day of September 2006.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

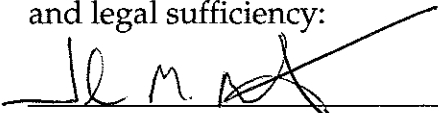


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