



**ST. CHARLES**  
SINCE 1834

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	Recommendation to award contract for Overhead Reconstruction Projects to PieperLine Line Construction
Presenter:	Tom Bruhl

*Please check appropriate box:*

	Government Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Services 04.22.13
	Planning & Development		City Council
	Public Hearing		

Estimated Cost:	\$126,717	Budgeted:	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

**Executive Summary:**

The City went out for bids for overhead contractors last year. Four bidders submitted pricing. The lowest hourly rate was submitted by PieperLine Line Construction. PieperLine performed work for the City in 2012 and 2013, and we were very satisfied with both their quality and their efficiency.

Rebuilding some of the old overhead systems is a big piece of our strategy to improving electric reliability. Staff has put together a list of overhead areas that need to be completely replaced. PieperLine has offered to hold their pricing, except for a very small increase to cover the IBEW wage increase that occurred since their original bid. Their loaded crew rate increased from \$388.98 to \$395.99. With the small additional cost, their price is still low bid.

**Attachments:** *(please list)*

Bid Tabulation  
Contract Extension Letter

**Recommendation / Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

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*For office use only:*

*Agenda Item Number: 4.g*

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Estimated Hours</b>	<b>Cost per Hour</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Total</b>
PieperLine	320	\$ 395.99	\$ 126,716.80	\$ 127,112.79
Intren	320	\$ 420.08	\$ 134,425.60	\$ 134,845.68
MJ Electric	320	\$ 446.70	\$ 142,944.00	\$ 143,390.70
Michels	320	\$ 516.20	\$ 165,184.00	\$ 165,700.20



**PIEPERLINE** (a D/B/A of MP Systems, Inc.)

March 22, 2013

Tom Bruhl  
City of St. Charles  
Two East Main Street  
St. Charles, IL

RE: T&E crew

Dear Tom,

PieperLine is pleased to provide an hourly crew rate of **\$395.99** for the period of March 4, 2013 to March 3, 2014. This rate reflects only a slight increase from our 2012-2013 rate to account for a union increase which took effect March 4, 2013. PieperLine is excited to resume work with St. Charles in May 2013. We will have the same team available to construct this project as the previous projects. Our team understands that we are not successful until the customer is satisfied. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

The T&E rate includes the standard equipment of a bucket, digger and a pickup and a Foreman, Journeyman and Apprentice.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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