To: Chairman Milde and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: January 17, 2014

Re: Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Repair and Overhaul Services for Locomotive Rotating Electrical Equipment

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for repair and overhaul services for locomotive rotating electrical equipment.

Background:

In 2011, VRE received twenty new MP36PH-3C diesel-electric locomotives equipped with rotating electrical equipment such as main generators, companion alternators, auxiliary generators, traction motors, main engine cooling and dynamic brake grid fans and head end power (HEP) alternators. During the first two years this equipment was covered under the locomotive warranty provided for by the locomotive supplier. As such, all locomotive warranties expired at the end of 2013.

The scope of services for this contract will be to repair all rotating electrical components due to individual component failure and perform overhaul services as established by the life cycle maintenance program for this equipment.
The contract terms for this solicitation are for a base year plus two one year options, with the CEO exercising the option years at his discretion. VRE Staff will return to the Operations Board with a recommendation to award a contract.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding is provided for in the current FY 2014 budget for locomotive maintenance. Funding for future fiscal years will be included in the proposed annual budget.
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WHEREAS, VRE received twenty new locomotives in 2011, and the new locomotives were delivered with a two year warranty; and,

WHEREAS, all locomotive warranties expired at the end of 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the new locomotives are equipped with various rotating electrical equipment; and,

WHEREAS, VRE must send rotating electrical equipment off-site for repair as a result of individual component failure or scheduled life cycle maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the repair and overhaul services will be provided by a qualified supplier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The VRE Operations Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for repair and overhaul services for locomotive rotating electrical equipment.

Approved this 17th day of January 2014

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Paul Milde
Chairman

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Gary Skinner
Secretary