Agenda Item 8-H
Action Item

To: Chairman Skinner and the VRE Operations Board

From: Doug Allen

Date: April 15, 2016

Re: Authorization to Execute an Amendment to the Sole Source Agreement for Electric Service at L’Enfant Storage Track

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the sole source agreement with Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) for the provision of electric service to the new L’Enfant Storage Track increasing the agreement value by $65,600, plus a 10% contingency of $6,560, for a total amount of $72,160, resulting in an amended total contract amount not to exceed $191,939.

Background:

Midday storage for VRE trains in the District of Columbia is at a premium. VRE has been working in collaboration with CSXT since 2007 to modify the L’Enfant Storage Track, located on the CSX Transportation (CSXT) RF&P Subdivision in the District of Columbia, immediately north of the VRE L’Enfant Station, to accommodate VRE trainsets during the midday or in event of an emergency. A VRE contractor is presently installing wayside power appliances alongside the track to provide layover power to VRE trainsets.

Electrical power is required for the wayside power appliances. Pepco is the sole provider of commercial electric power in the subject area and requires its work forces construct the extension of electric power. On April 17, 2015, the VRE Operations Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute a sole source agreement with Pepco to provide electric
service to L’Enfant Storage Track for a total amount not to exceed $119,779. The original location identified for placement of the electrical cabinets along Virginia Avenue SW would have eliminated three on-street parking spaces during construction and two spaces permanently. The alternative suggested by the contractor relocates the cabinets to Sixth Street SW where on-street parking would not be affected. On March 30, 2016, Pepco provided VRE a cost estimate (see attached letter) indicating the additional work to connect power to the new electrical cabinets will total $174,490 or $65,600 more than the not to exceed value previously authorized by the VRE Operations Board.

Relocating the electrical cabinets to Sixth Street SW is necessary to complete the L’Enfant Storage Track project for VRE midday storage. Pepco’s cost estimate for the additional work was reviewed and determined to be reasonable.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This project is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program and is funded through several federal formula grants (VA-05-0038, VA-05-0041 & 0042, VA-90-X307 and VA-90-X401) with accompanying state and local match.
WHEREAS, midday storage for VRE trains is at a premium in the District of Columbia; and,

WHEREAS, VRE has been working in collaboration with CSXT to modify the L’Enfant Storage Track to accommodate VRE trainsets during the midday or in event of an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, electric service to the L’Enfant Storage Track is needed to provide wayside power to VRE trains during layover; and,

WHEREAS, the Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) is the sole provider of commercial electric power in the subject area and requires its own work force to install the conduit and cabling necessary to provide electric service to the L’Enfant Storage Track; and,

WHEREAS, VRE and Pepco previously entered into a sole source agreement to provide electrical service to L’Enfant Storage Track for a not-to-exceed amount of $119,779; and,

WHEREAS, the original location for Pepco electrical cabinets was determined to be unsuitable, necessitating relocation for an estimate additional cost of $65,600;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the sole source agreement with Pepco for the provision of electric service to the L’Enfant Storage Track to increase the agreement value by $65,600, plus a 10% contingency of $6,560, for a total amount of $72,160, resulting in an amended contract amount not to exceed $191,939.

Approved this 15th day of April 2016

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Gary Skinner
Chairman

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Maureen Caddigan
Secretary