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MPU Reviewing Proposals for Automated Metering Infrastructure

Manitowoc Public Utilities is presently reviewing proposals from qualified vendors for Automated Meter Reading Infrastructure (AMI). The system will initially replace all electric meters in the city of Manitowoc, and target water meters in a later phase.

AMI uses state-of-the-art metering and communication technology to permit secure two-way remote communication with utility meters located at businesses and residences in the city. The two way communication will be used to collect daily kilowatt-hour meter readings for billing, monitor system voltages, and provide power outage notifications. Overall, AMI will provide proactive customer service, improve system reliability, provide for power outage notification and management, and permit more efficient delivery of utility services.

Long term, AMI can be used for electric distribution system automation, load management, and dynamic energy pricing.

A tariff request with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has also been filed to allow customers who do not wish to have a two-way communication meter installed on their premise to opt-out by paying an additional monthly fee to cover the cost of manual reads.

Requests for proposals were released to qualified vendors on March 28, with bid opening taking place May 16, 2018. Vendor proposal reviews are ongoing, with a final recommendation expected in mid-July.

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