Procedural Framework for the Purchase of Streetlights (1/18/24)

Here are some guidelines related to submitting a formal request to your local utility for the purchase of street lights. You can submit a request to upgrade a portion of the system, or the entire streetlight system.

*Please note, a municipality may request a purchase price proposal from the utility only once every 12-month period.**

- Municipality's formal request may be in the form of a letter or email, including the date when the request is made. Municipality should state desire to receive a proposal for the entire street light system or include a description of the portion of the system the municipality is interested in purchasing, such as number of streetlights, geographic region, etc.
- Utility company has up to 90 days to provide proposed purchase price to municipality.*
- Utility Purchase proposals must*:
  - Separately itemize each cost element of the proposed purchase price including the book value, original cost, depreciation, etc.
  - Include an explanation of how each cost is developed
  - Resolve any confidentiality concerns, the utilities may require execution of a non- disclosure agreement, as deemed necessary
- Municipality has up to 180 days from the receipt of the purchase price proposal to review and respond to utility their intent to move forward with the purchase.*
- Within the 180 days, or after, if communication was sent to utility about intent to move forward, municipality and utility may negotiate and establish purchase price for the streetlight system.[1]
- Once a purchase price is agreed to, the utility has up to 60 days to file the final sale price for the Public Service Commission approval.
- Upon the Public Service Commission's approval, the municipality and utility may move forward with the streetlight sale.[2]

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* Case 15-E-0745, 0746, 0747, 0748, 0749, Order Approving Tariff Amendments with Modifications, New York State Public Service Commission (issued October 14, 2016).

[1] Purchase price per streetlight may range from $150 – to upwards of $400. The price variance is primarily due to the depreciation of installed equipment.

[2] If financing the purchase of the streetlights through NYPA, NYPA would issue a check to the municipality and they would then pay the utility.