

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Finance and Administration

ITEM: Contract to Provide Natural Gas Service for the University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY N/A

SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

The existing natural gas supply contract with CenterPoint Energy for the UH Power Plant, which supplies natural gas to most of the buildings on the UH campus, will expire in March 2009. The University of Houston, through a Request for Proposal (RFP) bidding procedure, will select the provider offering the most economical and reliable source for natural gas energy. Approval is requested for a Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a three (3) year contract with the selected provider upon agreement of the General Terms and Conditions.




In the event that a new contract cannot be negotiated by March 1, 2009, approval is requested to extend the existing contract to allow additional time to negotiate the best possible three year contract for the UH Power Plant. The other UH System metered locations are not large enough to negotiate their own natural gas contract, and we are not allowed to aggregate our natural gas meters to negotiate a single contract for all of UH System.

FISCAL NOTE: UH Power Plant natural gas expenditures were \$3,654,000 in FY2008.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:**

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

COMPONENT: University of Houston

	Renu Khator	1/29/09
PRESIDENT		DATE
	Carl Carlucci	1/30/09
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR		DATE
	Renu Khator	1/29/09
CHANCELLOR		DATE