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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Actions Requested: Consider authorizing the following for the **Electrical Distribution Loop System Load-Break Switches – Phase 2** project:

1. Permission to proceed with project planning; and
2. Waiver of Policy Manual 9.10.B.3.a., which requires an institutional committee to select an engineering firm for utility projects over \$1 million.

Executive Summary: The **Electrical Distribution Loop System Load-Break Switches – Phase 2** project would continue the upgrade of the campus electrical distribution system to improve its safety and reliability. The components of the existing system, which range in age from 27 to 41 years, have become obsolete which results in inefficient and hazardous operating conditions. The General Assembly appropriated \$3 million in FY 2007 for the Phase 1 project, which is currently underway. The Phase 2 project would be funded by the Board's FY 2008 capital bonding authorization, which includes \$5.8 million for this project.

The firm of Howard R. Green Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has provided engineering services for the Phase 1 project. Rather than undertake a new engineering selection process for the Phase 2 project, which the University believes would likely result in the selection of Howard R. Green, the University requests a waiver of the Policy Manual requirement, and Executive Director approval (in accordance with Board procedures) of the selection of Howard R. Green for the Phase 2 project. The University reports that Howard R. Green has provided excellent service on the Phase 1 project, and is very familiar with the project and the interrelationship of the work in the two phases.

Details of Project:

Electrical Distribution Loop System Load-Break Switches – Phase 2

Project Summary

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
Permission to Proceed		June 2007	Requested
Waiver of Board Policy for Engineer Selection		June 2007	Requested
Engineer Selection (Howard R. Green, Cedar Rapids, IA)			Not Required*

* To be submitted for Executive Director approval in accordance with Board procedures.
