



## Memo

**To: David Plyman**

**From: Jason Bird**

**Date: 8/8/2016**

**Re: S&C equipment (Coordination)**

Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) is in the process of improving the coordination on several distribution feeders. Improving the coordination on the distribution feeders will reduce the outage time greatly for these feeders. Feeder 32 is the feeder that the improvements will be made to first based the fact that this is the feeder has the most opportunity for improvement. This project was discussed with the Utility Board at the July 20th meeting. The Utility Board is in favor with this project.

As part of the coordination, RMU will need to purchase four (4) S&C IntelliRupters. Universal Utility Supply Co. (UUSCO) is the local vendor for S&C and has provided the attached quote for a total of \$198,380.00. Based on the fact that the installation of these IntelliRupters will greatly improve the reliability of Feeder 32 and other feeders in the future, it is my recommendation to purchase the four (4) IntelliRupters.

Unfortunately the equipment we need is only manufacture by S&C and S&C local vendor is Universal Utility Supply Co. (UUSCO). Therefore competitive bidding on this equipment is nearly impossible to do. My recommendation is for the council to pass by 2/3 vote to waive the bidding process.