

January 25, 2012

The Honorable Gregg Harper
Chairman
Joint Committee on Printing
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) to procure a new electrical transformer for GPO's substation #11, which provides power to equipment producing critically important work for Congress.

Substation 11 was installed in the 1990s. It is a 480V transformer that is a key part of GPO's electrical infrastructure, supplying power to the three Group 98 presses on GPO's fourth floor (used for the Record and the Register, and the Budget) and the three Heidelberg presses on the second floor, in addition to some elevators and HVAC equipment. The substation consists of two transformers, with one serving as the backup for the other. We are now using the backup transformer because the principal one is malfunctioning. A failure in the backup transformer would be catastrophic, significantly impairing the production of work supporting Congress and affecting other building functions.

We became aware of operating problems in November with low voltage readings. A contractor was hired to test the transformers last month and the problem was discovered. The delivery time for a new transformer is 3 to 4 months. If the remaining transformer fails, it will take 3 to 4 months to replace. The cost of a new transformer will be \$65,000. We have the funds in the revolving fund for this emergency repair.

Under the provision of the JCP Resolution of April 9, 1987, I respectfully request the Committee's approval to proceed with this procurement. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact GPO's Congressional Relations Officer, Mr. Andrew Sherman, on 202-512-1991, or by email at asherman@gpo.gov.

Sincerely,

Approved: _____

Gregg Harper
Gregg Harper, Chairman

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Date: _____

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