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APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH M. G. BECK ELECTRIC COMPANY, COLUMBUS, FOR ELECTRIC WIRING, FOUR COTTAGES, INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED, ORIENT, AT A COST OF \$11,904—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY GLOBE INDEMNITY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 16, 1922.

Hon. Leon C. Herrick, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—You have submitted to me for approval four contracts (5 copies each) between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and Merrill G. Beck and Frank L. Beck, partners doing business as M. G. Beck Electric Co., Columbus, Ohio. The documents submitted are as noted in your letter of September 9, 1922; to which has been added by delivery at this office the letter of September 12, 1922, directed by the Department of Public Welfare to Mr. Robert S. Harsh, State Architect and Engineer, authorizing the entering into of the proposed contracts. The contracts in question cover the electric wiring on four cottages at the Institution for Feeble Minded, Orient, Ohio, and at contract prices as follows:

Cottage 1-X	 \$2,976.00
3-Z	 2,976.00
4-X	 2,976.00
5-W	 2,976.00

Said M. G. Beck Electric Co. was the lowest bidder for the electric wiring for said four cottages at the prices above indicated. The bids were accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$17,264 to insure faithful performance, executed by Globe Indemnity Co. as surety. The amount of the bond was fixed by the fact that it covered bids on the wiring of other cottages in addition to those above indicated.

I have before me the four separate certificates of the Director of Finance in the respective sums above noted under the head of "Contract Price" that there is an unencumbered balance legally appropriated sufficient to cover the obligations of each of said four contracts.

Finding said four contracts and said bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same to you herewith, together with all other data submitted to me in this connection.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

Attorney-General.