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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discuss and Consider Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services Power Marketing LLC for Thermal Generation Consulting Services

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## **BACKGROUND**

In 2024, NBU completed an Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”). One of the key recommendations of the IRP was to issue a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for up to 240 megawatts of natural gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engine (“RICE”) and combustion turbine (“CT”) generation by 2028, or as soon as practicable. This initiative is intended to efficiently manage anticipated load growth and secure cost-effective, dispatchable power. The IRP also recommended conducting a detailed evaluation of alternative resource options and associated natural gas delivery infrastructure to ensure the most cost-effective and reliable solution is selected. NBU anticipates the project will require approximately 14 months to complete. However, the proposed contract term is 24 months to provide additional flexibility for contract negotiations and evaluation of options.

NBU proposes engaging Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services (“ACES”) to provide technical and analytical support for developing the RFP and evaluating proposals. ACES brings specialized expertise in resource planning, generation procurement, and infrastructure assessment, enhancing the rigor, transparency, and defensibility of the selection process.

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The total financial impact of the agreement is approximately \$245,500.00. The fixed costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 are \$171,275.00. The estimated cost for Phase 3 is \$74,225.00. These funds are currently budgeted within NBU’s Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Operations and Maintenance Budget.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**Customers and Community**

**Infrastructure and Technology**

**Financial Excellence**

**Stewardship**

## **EXHIBITS**

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1. Professional Services Agreement between ACES and New Braunfels Utilities