



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

Title: Western Area Power Administration FY26 Q4 Term Purchase

Background: The City delayed issuing the RFP for the March through June 2026 term purchases until after Midwest storm-related market volatility subsided. The original estimate was \$614,000, and the lowest responsive bidder, Macquarie (MCPI), was awarded at \$554,984, coming in under budget. The offers received reflected a wide range of pricing. The offer sheet is attached for reference.

Pricing is slightly up from 2025 by 11.8% (\$58,499.39), and our percentage to spot was reduced during this term purchase in anticipation of higher temperatures earlier this year. The term purchase for June is lower than 2025, which is the best outcome, as our RFP request 9 MW (24/7) as peak season begins.

Term Purchase Comparison

	2025	2026
March	57,756.50	88,388.00
April	74,797.79	89,140.00
May	106,240.72	141,420.00
June	257,689.60	236,036.00
Total	\$ 496,484.61	\$ 554,984.00

\$ (58,499.39)

Fiscal Impact: The adopted FY26 purchase power budget is \$6,600,000 and the total term purchases for the fiscal year were \$3,153,282.50. The remaining funds will be utilized to purchase Parker Davis Hydro, Aqua Caliente Hydro, and transmission/distribution fees.

Environmental Impact: This action is not a project under CEQA

Recommended Action: Report Only

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 2/25/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): Mark C. DeMay, CGFM

Date: 2/24/2026