



# City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL   
  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES   
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**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2025

**Title:** Western Area Power Administration Term Purchase FY 26 Q3 (January – February 2026)

**Background:** City staff transacted for a partial term purchase for FY 26 Q3 (January and February 2026) for \$387,578.

Pricing was favorable at a blended rate of \$47.33 per MWh. For the 2025 term purchase of the same quarter (January and February 2025) was \$282,553.80, and spot purchases were \$302,993.02, for a total fiscal impact of \$585,546.82. The 2026 term purchase load was increased to reduce the potential need for spot purchases, as well as incorporated a reduction in load of .03 MW to represent the current demand changes from the prior year.

Product: 6*16 on-peak					Product: 6*8,1*24					Product: ALL HOURS				
Monday-Saturday, HE7-22 PPT					Monday-Saturday, HE1-6,23-24 and Sunday/Holiday 1x24 PPT					Monday-Sunday, HE1-24 PPT				
Delivery: MEAD230 Trading Hub					Delivery: MEAD230 Trading Hub					Delivery: MEAD230 Trading Hub				
Delivery Period	MW	Monthly MWh	Offer Price (\$/MWh)	Cost	Delivery Period	MW	Monthly MWh	Offer Price (\$/MWh)	Cost	Delivery Period	MW	Monthly MWh	Offer Price (\$/MWh)	Cost
Jan-26	6	2,496	\$ 55.00	\$ 137,280.00	Jan-26	5	1,640	\$ 60.25	\$ 98,810.00	Jan-26		4,136	\$ 57.08	\$ 236,090.00
Feb-26	5	1,920	\$ 46.50	\$ 89,280.00	Feb-26	4	1,152	\$ 54.00	\$ 62,208.00	Feb-26		3,072	\$ 49.31	\$ 151,488.00
Mar-26			\$ -	\$ -	Mar-26	3	981	\$ -	\$ -	Mar-26		981	\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,416</b>		<b>\$ 226,560.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,773</b>		<b>\$ 161,018.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,189</b>	<b>\$ 47.33</b>	<b>\$ 387,578.00</b>

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY 26 power purchasing account was charged \$281,767.50 for FY26 Q3 (January & February 26). The remainder of the funds was covered by the WAPA spot market fund. The power purchase expense comparison from FY 26 to FY 25 is a **savings to date of \$1,149,806.37**.

	FY26	FY25	
<b>Q3</b>	281,767.50	*455,846.00	*includes March 2024
<b>Q2</b>	724,000.00	702,882.31	
<b>Q1</b>	1,533,515.00	2,530,360.56	
<b>Difference</b>			
<b>\$ (1,149,806.37)</b>	<b>\$ 2,539,282.50</b>	<b>\$ 3,689,088.87</b>	

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Information Only

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 11/13/2025

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_