



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Title: Authorize a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Citizen Utilities Rural Company DBA Frontier Communications

Background: The NPUA currently has active Joint Pole Agreements with (3) communication providers within the City of Needles. The Joint Pole Agreements allow the communications companies access to install communication services above ground rather than directly buried. The Joint Pole agreement is an agreement whereby each party has the right to attach to and occupy space on a power pole.

The original contract for Frontier is dated 1995 and is in the name of CP National Inc, DBA Alltel Inc. Frontier is currently operating under Citizens Utilities Rural Company, DBA Frontier, and a new Joint Pole Agreement is needed under the current name of the company, utilizing the joint pole attachments.

The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on June 2, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: Frontier has approximately 866 attachments at \$15.10 per pole. The annual fee is \$13,076.60 for 2025.

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Authorize a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Citizen Utilities Rural Company DBA Frontier Communications

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 6/3/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____