



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: August 5, 2025

Title: Approve the First Amendment to Non-Exclusive License Agreement for Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc., authorizing additional attachments along Erin Drive, Washington Street, and Highland Avenue

Background: In December 2024, the Board of Public Utilities and the City Council authorized a new joint pole agreement with the Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc.

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 agreement allowed two connections. The first location is Eagle Pass Road, where the NPUA has two poles that cross BNSF tracks, and the second is on Needles Highway to cross a San Bernardino County flood control area.

Fort Mojave Telecommunications has requested additional attachments along Erin, Washington and Highland due to the trenching ordinance requirements on newly paved asphalt. Staff have reviewed the locations and have no objections to the additional attachments.

Fiscal Impact: Additional revenues for the Electric Department

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Approve the First Amendment to the Non-Exclusive License Agreement for Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc., authorizing additional attachments along Erin Drive, Washington Street, and Highland Avenue.

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 7/28/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____