



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

**Meeting Date:** December 3, 2024

**Title:** Authorize a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for Eagle Pass Road and Needles Highway

**Background:** The NPUA currently has active Joint Pole Agreements with Frontier Communications and Route 66 broadband to connect to electric power poles throughout the city. 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.

Currently, the other power poles within the city cannot handle additional weight from communications lines and the NPUA will limit the use of these two locations only. The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's Telecommunications Inc. has requested approval to utilize NPUA power poles to cross two areas to increase their service. 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.

The recommended action is to authorize the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. to a Joint Pole Agreement for only the two proposed locations. The agreement also only permits the applicant to apply for the power poles by an anchor and does not authorize drilling into the poles which may impact the integrity of the pole.

**Fiscal Impact:** Slight increase of electric revenue increased annually by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Authorize a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for Eagle Pass Road and Needles Highway

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

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

**Date:** 11/25/2024

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

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

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

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