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Mr. John Mathias California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street MS-20 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Mathais:

RE: Energy Storage Compliance Reporting pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 9506

Pursuant to section 2836 (b) (1) of the California Public Utilities Code ("PUCode") the Needles Board of Public Utilities ("BPU"), Needles Public Utility Authority ("NPUA"), and the City of Needles initiated the process of evaluating the viability of energy storage systems and to determine appropriate procurement targets.

On August 5, 2014 the BPU approved Resolution 8-5-14 BPU and on August 13, 2014 the NPUA and City Council adopted Resolution 08-12-2014 -NPUA and 2014-39 which stated that mainly due to the absence clear and present need that energy storage systems were not cost effective at that time and therefore elected not to establish procurement targets.

The City's power supply contract with Western Area Power Administration has been renegotiated to expire in 2029 and therefore the conditions stated in MID's Resolution 2014-39 will continue until 2029 unless other factors come into play.

Since the BPU, NPUA and City Council did not establish energy storage systems procurement targets, the City has not procured or attempted to procure energy storage systems, however, the City will continue to evaluate the feasibility of storage systems and should they become cost effective they will be procured.

Please feel free to contact Rainie Torrance if you have any questions at rtorrance@cityofneedles.com or (760)326-5700 X40.

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