

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, DECLINING
TO ADOPT A RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS
("RPS") PLAN AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL SBX1 2

WHEREAS, the City of Needles ("City") understands the necessity for RPS; and

WHEREAS, City's power portfolio is highly concentrated in inexpensive and renewable hydroelectric power (40%); and

WHEREAS, City's universe of electric ratepayers is very small; and

WHEREAS, City's electric ratepayers are economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, City has in good faith endeavored to procure RPS by signing a Purchase Power Agreement with a solar developer who could not perform; and

Whereas, City commissioned a consultant whose task was the organization and modeling of various solar capabilities and quantifying the cumulative fiscal impact and the results showed that electric rate would be materially increased by any injection of solar into the power portfolio; and

Whereas, City had Chevron Renewables prepare a renewables feasibility study for demand side and utility-owned generation (solar); and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study showed that the annual debt service on the capital costs would trigger higher rates that would be beyond the means of the average ratepayer to absorb; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill SBX1 provides that The California Energy Commission shall *establish a limitation for each electrical corporation on the procurement expenditures for all eligible renewable energy resources used to comply with the renewables portfolio standard* In establishing this limitation, the commission shall rely on the following: ***the limitation is set at a level that prevents disproportionate rate hikes***; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities, at their meeting of December 6, 2011, adopted their Resolution No. 12-6-11-1 BPU declining to adopt a Renewable Portfolio Standards Plan as mandated by Senate Bill SBX1 2 and recommended that the City Council and Needles Public Utility Authority take action to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Needles, California, respectfully declines to establish an RPS Plan because to do so would cause disproportionate increases in electric ratepayers monthly bills.

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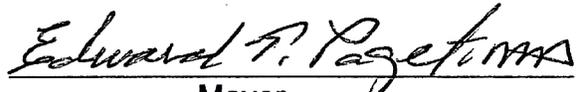
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California held on the 13th day of December, 2011, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS LOPEZ, KIDD, FRAZIER, CAMPBELL, MURCH AND GUDMUNDSON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



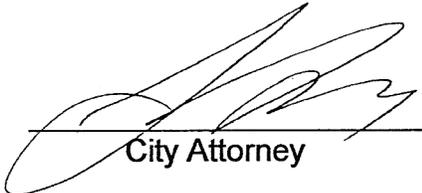
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 12-13-11 NPUA

A RESOLUTION OF THE NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY
DECLINING TO ADOPT A RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS
("RPS") PLAN AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL SBX1 2

WHEREAS, the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) understands the necessity for RPS; and

WHEREAS, NPUA's power portfolio is highly concentrated in inexpensive and renewable hydroelectric power (40%); and

WHEREAS, NPUA's universe of electric ratepayers is very small; and

WHEREAS, NPUA's electric ratepayers are economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, NPUA has in good faith endeavored to procure RPS by signing a Purchase Power Agreement with a solar developer who could not perform; and

Whereas, NPUA commissioned a consultant whose task was the organization and modeling of various solar capabilities and quantifying the cumulative fiscal impact and the results showed that electric rate would be materially increased by any injection of solar into the power portfolio; and

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AYES: COMMISSIONERS LOPEZ, KIDD, FRAZIER, CAMPBELL, MURCH, GUDMUNDSON
AND PAGET

NOES: NONE

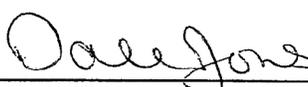
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



President

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Authority Attorney