



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS

La Junta, Colorado

January 14, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Board Members P/A

Supervisors

Others

Ayala
Berg
Bourget
Cranson
Velasquez

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Chairman)

Regular Meeting December 10, 2024

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY *(5-minute time limit per person)*

REPORTS

- A. ARPA Board (Gary Cranson)
- B. Water & Wastewater Treatment (Tom Seaba)
- C. Electric Department (Bill Jackson/Chris Arguello)
- D. Sanitation (Martin Montoya)

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Announcement of Resignation of Chairman Creating an Officer Vacancy (Chairman)
- B. Election of Officers for 2025 (Vice-Chairman) (Action)
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Vice-Chairman
- C. Clean Valley Recycling – Dee Hostetler (Information) (Possible Action)
- D. La Junta Solar Land Lease (Bill Jackson) (Action)
- E. Interim City Manager Comments
- F. Governing Body Comments

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BOARD OF UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS – December 10, 2024

CITY OF LA JUNTA)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
STATE OF COLORADO)

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Chairman Gary Cranson on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Roll was called and the following Board Members were present:

Present: Joe Ayala, Mayor
 Patrick Berg, Commissioner
 Mike Bourget, Commissioner
 Gary Cranson, Chairman
 Paul Velasquez, Council Member/Vice-Chair

Absent: none

Also present: Brad Davidson, Interim City Manager
 Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 Erin Harris, City Attorney
 Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 Tom Seaba, Director of Water/WW
 Chris Arguello, Electric Superintendent
 Martin Montoya, Director of Engineering
 Aliza Libby, Director of Finance
 Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
 Bob Houston, La Junta



Subject to approval at the
January 14, 2025
Utilities Board Meeting



MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Cranson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024. Commissioner Bourget had one correction. Hearing no further corrections or additions, he declared the minutes approved as amended.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

A. ARPA Board (Gary Cranson): Gary Cranson submitted the following report:

- 1. Summary of October 2024 Financial and Operating Statements:** In October, revenue from power sales was \$36,897 (1.8%) better than budget. Cost of goods sold was \$49,291 over budget. Net operating revenue for October was \$497,937.
- 2. Year to Date Income Statement:** Revenue from power sales was better than budget by \$371,147 (1.6%). Total revenues were better than budget by \$836,857. Total cost of goods sold was less than budget by \$71,044 (0.5%). Total A & G expenses are under budget by \$271,255 (4.8%). YTD Net Revenue is \$4,013,479. Average of 119 days cash on hand. Debt service coverage year to date is 1.44 X.
- 3. October Operating Report:** Member Energy sales were 1.2% better than budget in October and just a bit less than they were in 2023. Member energy sales YTD are about 1.3% better than budget and about 4.2% better than sales in 2023. Member demands of 44 mW was about 2.3% lower than October 2023. All in cost to members YTD is \$0.10026 per kWh which is 2.1% lower

than 2020 when ARPA last changed its rates. The avoided cost rate for September will be \$54.62 per mWh.

4. **General Update:** Final 2025 budget will be approved at the December 5th meeting. This includes the proposed rate reduction beginning January 5, 2025 that decreases ARPA wholesale rates by approximately 8.6% from a composite rate of \$0.1023/kWh to \$0.09348/kWh.
5. **Next Regular Meeting:** December 5, 2024 10:00 AM at Otero College in La Junta.

B. Water & Wastewater Treatment (Tom Seaba):

1. R.O. Plant
 - Routine maintenance: Flushed chlorine lines and pressure transducers, replaced batteries in exit and safety signs, replaced chlorine room lights, sampled RO's.
 - Rebuilt valve for chlorine lines.
 - Brown's Hill Engineering onsite working on remote radio's and troubleshooting punch list.
 - Snow and tree debris removal.
 - Meter Reading, additional facilities maintenance.
2. Distribution
 - Replaced water service in 300 block of Lewis Avenue.
 - Seeded thirty additional acres at the farms.
 - Winterized farm equipment.
 - Assisted with snow/tree limb removal.
 - Ramp and trailer fabrication/repair for heavy truck transportation.
 - Meter Reading and utility billing office generated work orders, equipment maintenance.
3. November 2024 Water Fund Financials. The 2024 budget is \$4,129,100 less \$3,057,811.83 in expenses and \$150,530.95 in encumbrances leaving a remaining budget of \$920,757.22. Revenues exceed expenses by \$137,575.86.
4. Wastewater
 - Treated 25.636 million gallons. Removed 16ft³ of screenings and 34ft³ of grit.
 - RO concentrate discharge to plant was 10.289 million gallons.
 - Jetted 5,725 feet of line for eleven emergency calls and forty-three manhole locate requests.
 - Routine maintenance: RAS pump change from #1 to #2, RAS pump #1 oil changed and cleaned. Blower 1 and 3 oil changed, grit and headworks buildings heater screens and coils cleaned.
 - Worked on north clarifier to include sanding, grinding, and painting on arms and flanges; trough cleaned and RAS pump 3 serviced. North clarifier was brought online on November 5th and is functioning normally.
 - Troubleshooting issues with pump 3 bypass with assistance from SBT and Browns Hill's assistance.
 - Additional plant, collection system, and grounds maintenance.
5. November 2024 Wastewater Fund Financials. The 2024 budget is \$3,810,300 less \$3,318,113.46 in expenses and \$160,317.89 in encumbrances leaving a remaining budget of \$331,868.65. Expenses exceed revenue by \$697,594.19.
6. Other Notables:
 - Continue Lead and Copper surveys. Unknown lines notice to be submitted to CDPHE before November 15th.
 - Completing CDPHE grant for assistance with I&I and flow studies in sewer collection system.

- Interviewed several candidates for open RO Plant and Distribution openings.
- Working with Purchasing Department to quote water and wastewater testing services for 2025.

C. Electric Department (Chris Arguello/Bill Jackson):

1. Line Crew
 - Daily reads, disconnects and maintenance.
 - The crew finished hanging Christmas decorations.
 - Had multiple service calls from the November snowstorm.
 - A broken guy wire was replaced on a primary riser pole at 12th Street and Garfield Avenue.
 - A pole enforcer was added to a broken power pole in the backyard of 12 Mountview Drive.
 - Performed routine maintenance on digger trucks, bucket trucks, and chainsaws. Maintenance was also completed on several street lights.
 - The crew responded to sixty-eight underground 811 locates in November.
2. SOLAR Accounts
 - The total kWh returned to the system was 8,410 from 40 customers. A total of \$454.14 was rebated at the avoided cost. There are currently 38 residential and 2 commercial solar customers.
3. System Update
 - Continue to work with ARPA and Sandhills Energy on solar installation at the Industrial Park.
 - Assembling information and costs for breakers for the LP-Sub.
 - Evaluating total system for infrastructure improvements.
4. Bill received a letter from JK Energy Consulting explaining that since ARPA's wholesale rate to us is going down in 2025 that we will not need to do the rate increase that was suggested in the study. He now recommends that we leave our rates as they are and when the time comes, maybe a couple of years, see how things are.
5. The Christmas Lighting contest will begin on December 16th and judged on the 19th.
6. November 2024 Electric Fund Financials. The 2024 budget is \$12,352,800 less \$10,687,264.44 in expenses and \$137,682.32 in encumbrances leaving a remaining budget of \$1,527,853.24. Revenue exceeds expenses by \$655,115.61.

D. Sanitation (Martin Montoya):

1. Customer Information (November)

CUSTOMERS	2024	2023	DIFF.	CHANGE
Residential	2,784	2,793	(9)	-0.32%
Commercial	436	432	4	0.92%
Industrial	11	10	1	9.09%
Municipal	29	28	1	3.45%
Total	3,260	3,263	(3)	13.14%

2. Landfill

TONS	2024 October	2024 YTD	2023 October	2023 YTD	DIFF.	CHANGE
Otero County Landfill	403.63	5766.7	568.85	6152.84	(165.22)	
Southeast Recycling	5.56	187.44	10.68	193.32	(5.12)	-92.09%
Clean Valley - Curbside	4.53	38.55	4.38	41.19	0.15	3.31%
Clean Valley - Trailer	1.34	28.08	2.15	30.04	(0.81)	-60.45%
Total	415.06	6020.77	586.06	6417.39	(171.00)	-149.23%

TONNAGE	
Open Top	13.43
Compactor	10.13
Residential	200.68
Commercial	111.01
Roll Offs	66.93
	402.18

3. Other Income

ITEM	Nov.2024	Nov.2023	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	DIFF.	CHANGE
Special Pick-Up	1	8	37	67	-30	-81.08%
40-YD Boxes	11	17	249	269	-20	-8.03%
20-YD Boxes	8	7	237	180	57	24.05%
Overages	4	3	120	134	-14	-11.67%
Compactor	4	6	53	50	3	5.66%
Trx Station (Open Box)	13.43	21.18	420.7	429.47	-8.77	-2.08%
Trx Station (Compactor)	10.13	13.73	122.25	180.59	-58	-47.72%
Tote Replacement	3	7	161	54	104	66.46%

4. The changing of the employees work hours also affected the trash routes. Flyers went to everybody affected but not everybody received them in time. They are still being handed out.
5. We were informed that the information being supplied by Southeast Recycling as far as what they were providing and how they were looking at it vs how we were looking at it, was not the same. Originally, they were giving us totals in cubic yardage and we were reporting it as tons. We've gone back and changed it throughout the last two years.
7. November 2024 Sanitation Fund Financials. The 2024 budget is \$1,683,800 less \$1,523,868.07 in expenses and \$2,321.16 in encumbrances leaving a remaining budget of \$157,609.77. Expenses exceed revenues by \$293,081.65.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution Recommending that the City Council Approve a Loan from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to the City of La Junta (Acting by and through its Water Enterprise) in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$300,000.00 for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Water Facilities.** Director of Water/Wastewater, Tom Seaba, explained that this is not a debt. It's the way the State Revolving Fund issues these particular grants. They operate utilizing the term grants but they're issued as principal forgiveness loans. As long as we meet the scope of work that is laid out in the agreement for this grant or principal forgiveness loan, 100% of it is repaid or is exhausted from our books. We get complete reimbursement. It's a reimburse as we go. What this design and engineering grant is for is to prepare us to have all of our plans signed and stamped from an engineer to be able to then move forward towards a SRF loan. Those are the low interest loans that we can get from the state to handle large capital projects. It's a progression that we qualify for as a disadvantaged community. Resolution No. RUB-8-2024 was presented for the Boards consideration.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-8-2024: Berg

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

B. Interim City Manager Comments.

1. The Street Department is in the process of cleaning up the area around 3rd Street and Adams where the tree limb drop off was.
2. We are back to normal operations at the tree dump (hours and fees.)
3. Appreciate everybody in the community for the help in cleaning up after the storm.
4. Hats off to the guys in the Street, Water and Electric Departments that took care of doing all the tree trimming and picking up the limbs in the parks.

C. Governing Body's Comments.

1. Chairman Cranson:
 - Would like to continue to receive the Disconnect Report.
 - Will look over the Utility Board Policy and propose any changes needed along with the reason for the change and then will present it to the board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Gary Cranson, Chairman

A. ARPA Board. Gary Cranson submitted the following report:

1) **Summary of November 2024 Financial and Operating Statements:**

In November, revenue from power sales was \$ 61,624 (3.1%) better than budget.

Cost of goods sold was \$92,531 over budget.

Net operating revenue for November was \$ 374,841

2) **Year to Date Income Statement:**

Revenue from power sales was better than budget by \$432,772 (1.7%)

Total revenues were better than budget \$900,223

Total cost of goods sold was greater than budget by \$21,487 (0.1%)

Total A & G expenses are under budget by \$252,707 (4.1%)

YTD Net Revenue is \$4,216,432

Average of 121 days cash on hand.

Debt service coverage year to date is 1.41X.

3) **November Operating Report:**

Member Energy sales were 3.9% better than budget in November and 3.9% more than they were in 2023.

Member energy sales YTD are 1.5% better than budget and 4.2% better than sales in 2023.

Member demand of 40 mW was about 3.3% higher than November 2023.

All in cost to members YTD is \$0.10017 per kWh which is 2.1% lower than 2020 when ARPA last changed its rates.

The avoided cost rate for December is \$52.91 per MWh.

4) **General Update:** ARPA rate reduction begins January 5, 2025. The ARPA wholesale rate is reduced by approximately 8.6% from a composite rate of \$ 0.1023/kWh to \$ 0.09348/kWh.

5) **Next Regular Meeting:** February 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Otero College in La Junta.

Utility Board Meeting

01/14/2025

Departmental Goings-On

R.O. Plant

- Routine maintenance: changed oil in chemical pumps, clearwell inspection, PM on modulating valves, facility safety checks.
- Monitoring leak in transmission line from well field.
- Tightened packing on well #7.
- Begin gathering data for annual CCR and backflow prevention reports for CDPHE.
- Meter Reading, additional facilities maintenance.

Distribution

- Repair leaks in meter pits.
- Inventory and reduction of unused parts stored in warehouse.
- Discussion on farms and begin planning for 2025.
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- Meter Reading and utility billing office generated work orders, equipment maintenance.

Wastewater

- Treated 25.066 million gallons. Removed 18ft³ of screenings and 24ft³ of grit.
- RO concentrate discharge to plant was 8.72 million gallons.
- Jetted 7597' of line for 9 emergency calls and 30 manhole locate requests.
- Routine maintenance: PM on RAS pumps 1 & 2.
- Clarifier troughs scrubbed and UV channel jetted.
- Begin data collection for annual industrial pretreatment report for EPA. Report due in March.+
- Additional plant, collection system, and grounds maintenance.

Other Notables:

- Continue Lead and Copper surveys. Unknown lines notice to be submitted to CDPHE before November 15th.
- Sewer line and manhole repair/installation on 6th St.
- Jetter/Vac truck in Denver for refurbishment/repairs.
- Water storage level on December 31st was 4158.95af.
- RO plant tour to discuss design, functionality, and possible expansion and renovation concerning emerging contaminants and reducing concentrate outflow.
- Planning sessions with CDMSmith Engineering in preparation for being awarded D&E grant. This grant will fund design and engineering costs to plan for water main replacement, lead line replacement, water meter replacement, and water storage tank rehabilitation/replacement.
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum is in Pueblo in 2025. Local Leaders Dinner and Reception is on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5 pm, with the forum running March 5th & 6th at the Pueblo Convention Center.

**CITY OF LA JUNTA
TREATED WATER PUMPING REPORT**

2024 DECEMBER	DAILY TOTALS	RUNNING TOTAL	RUNNING AVERAGE
1	779,580	779,580	2,700,918
2	1,065,531	1,845,111	922,556
3	936,810	2,781,921	927,307
4	987,680	3,769,601	942,400
5	816,456	4,586,057	917,211
6	985,215	5,571,272	928,545
7	841,975	6,413,247	916,178
8	954,780	7,368,027	921,003
9	957,744	8,325,771	925,086
10	1,039,809	9,365,580	936,558
11	836,617	10,202,197	927,472
12	924,242	11,126,439	927,203
13	888,014	12,014,453	924,189
14	863,800	12,878,253	919,875
15	847,609	13,725,862	915,057
16	939,084	14,664,946	916,559
17	936,140	15,601,086	917,711
18	833,260	16,434,346	913,019
19	1,101,601	17,535,947	922,945
20	685,652	18,221,599	911,080
21	1,146,677	19,368,276	922,299
22	655,649	20,023,925	910,178
23	1,072,451	21,096,376	917,234
24	622,375	21,718,751	904,948
25	935,664	22,654,415	906,177
26	592,501	23,246,916	894,112
27	1,025,161	24,272,077	898,966
28	695,792	24,967,869	891,710
29	944,062	25,911,931	893,515
30	832,190	26,744,121	891,471
31	881,906	27,626,027	891,162

WATER PUMPING REPORT - TOTAL MONTHLY AVERAGE AND ANNUAL DAILY AVERAGE

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
JANUARY	976,015	921,401	982,581	951,866	1,008,129	1,017,718
FEBRUARY	920,841	972,783	899,325	990,441	944,202	990,572
MARCH	1,189,742	1,162,262	1,185,289	1,260,958	1,362,603	1,423,137
APRIL	1,555,048	1,628,607	1,951,903	1,675,183	1,531,140	1,763,265
MAY	2,574,223	2,554,895	1,407,158	2,126,396	1,664,063	2,715,473
JUNE	2,945,785	3,116,761	2,443,088	2,684,200	2,792,473	3,373,343
JULY	3,109,772	2,679,176	2,987,266	3,118,577	2,704,002	3,048,099
AUGUST	2,925,098	2,619,138	2,929,069	3,215,891	2,158,243	2,588,089
SEPTEMBER	2,646,114	2,494,287	2,678,312	2,761,297	2,370,071	2,459,879
OCTOBER	1,887,994	1,816,309	1,786,327	2,053,569	1,440,836	1,339,430
NOVEMBER	1,082,438	1,107,138	1,139,791	1,194,828	1,135,276	1,026,190
DECEMBER	960,383	898,572	919,619	999,685	1,045,058	982,878
Total of Monthly Average	22,773,453	21,971,329	21,309,728	23,032,891	20,156,096	22,728,073
Annual Monthly Average	1,897,788	1,830,944	1,775,811	1,919,408	1,679,675	1,894,006
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	985,506	1,044,009	1,161,771	1,102,644	1,079,783	932,600
FEBRUARY	995,785	1,016,581	1,246,955	1,087,932	1,050,626	895,293
MARCH	1,028,287	1,308,317	1,207,604	1,115,113	1,068,667	1,022,006
APRIL	1,682,223	1,868,792	1,841,144	1,840,332	1,899,967	1,810,903
MAY	2,239,430	2,824,709	1,951,034	2,419,403	2,109,724	2,447,238
JUNE	2,626,847	3,329,929	2,685,689	2,837,504	2,374,146	2,759,970
JULY	2,865,161	2,816,800	3,227,453	2,696,154	2,432,048	2,593,624
AUGUST	3,044,966	3,048,754	3,049,651	2,656,857	2,432,048	2,643,560
SEPTEMBER	2,814,694	2,427,889	2,656,326	2,506,060	2,126,370	2,452,890
OCTOBER	1,546,996	1,920,007	1,811,689	1,872,821	1,637,142	1,907,575
NOVEMBER	1,079,446	1,185,766	1,246,012	1,115,090	970,307	925,572
DECEMBER	1,042,740	1,090,004	1,077,914	1,094,785	858,878	891,162
Total of Monthly Average	21,952,081	23,881,557	23,163,242	22,344,695	20,039,706	21,282,393
Annual Monthly Average	1,829,340	1,990,130	1,930,270	1,862,058	1,669,976	1,773,533

ANNUAL MONTHLY AVERAGE from 1978-2011	
YEAR	
1978	3,417,038
1979	2,359,628
1980	2,340,723
1981	2,204,668
1982	1,981,657
1983	2,202,084
1984	2,077,328
1985	2,041,761
1986	2,448,842
1987	2,392,992
1988	2,617,253
1989	2,452,398
1990	2,274,213
1991	2,600,497
1992	2,468,108
1993	2,706,996
1994	2,772,865
1995	2,599,979
1996	2,718,012
1997	2,778,802
1998	2,764,985
1999	2,686,897
2000	2,870,918
2001	2,613,727
2002	2,545,514
2003	2,294,070
2004	1,936,373
2005	2,050,567
2006	1,907,597
2007	1,819,832
2008	1,825,493
2009	1,742,560
2010	1,834,444
2011	2,014,490
2012	1,679,675



City of La Junta
Electric Department
P.O. Box 489 ~ 601 Colorado Avenue
La Junta, Colorado 81050

December 2024
Report

In addition to daily reads, disconnects, and maintenance, the crew performed these additional tasks:

- The crew added a support guy wire on a leaning pole at the Cemetery.
- HPS lights were retrofitted to LED lights at the call center.
- Broken traffic lights were replaced at 3rd Street and Colorado Avenue.
- Three poles were set at the 2500 block of Raton Avenue and #4 triplex wire was hung for a new home.
- Crew members worked with contractors on the transformer at the new Otero County Jail.
- We worked on staking out a job for Lewis Bolt & Nut (Anchor Plant) for a future build.
- The crew responded to 48 underground locate calls.

SOLAR Accounts

The total kWh returned to the system was 9735 kWh from 40 customers. A total of \$506.60 was rebated at the avoided cost.

There are currently 38 residential and 2 commercial solar customers.

System Update

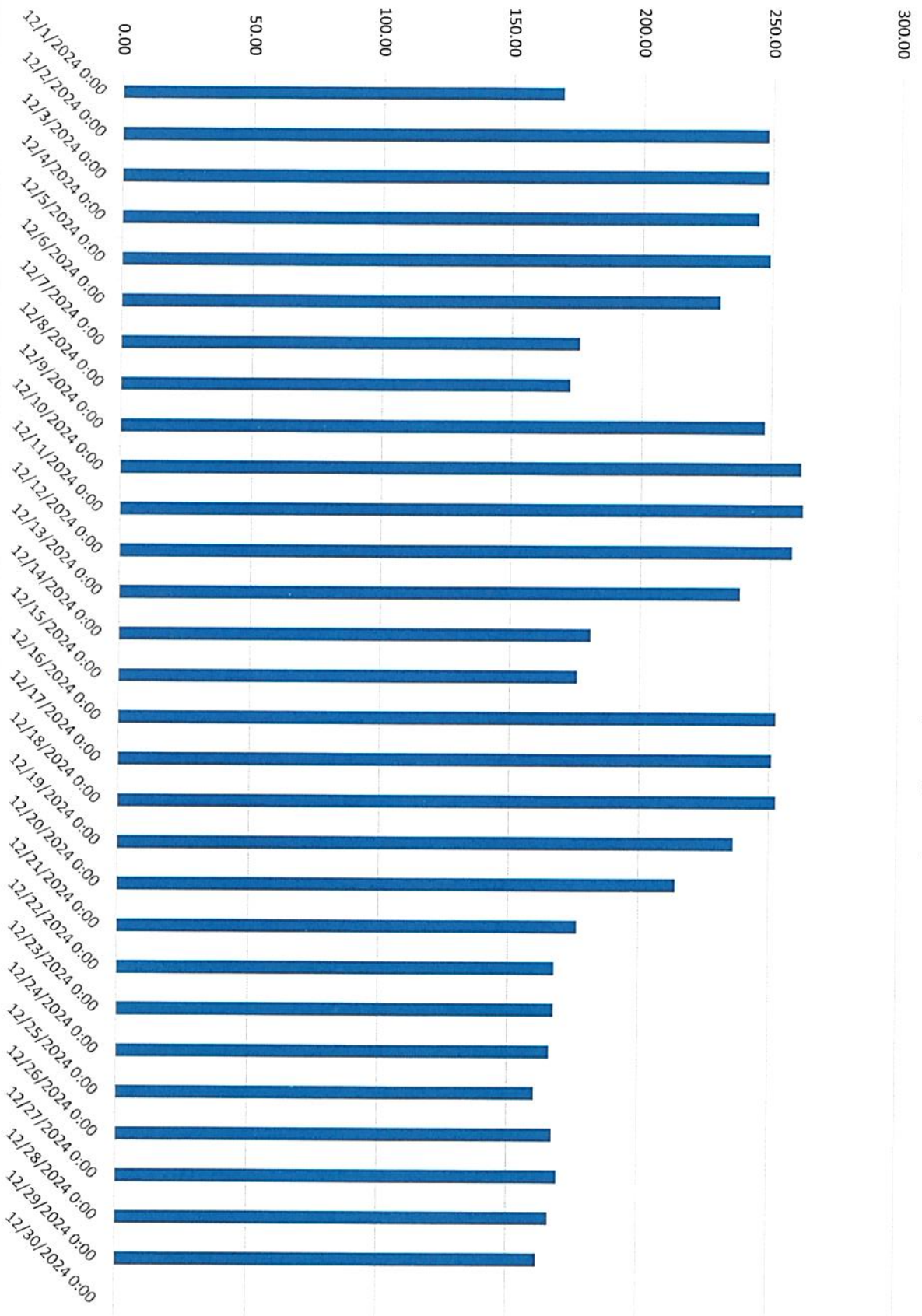
- The PPA with Clay Creek on the Industrial Park Solar is with the ARPA Board.
- Working on systems infrastructure, replacing line and cross arms.
- The Christmas Lighting Contest Winners:

1st Place ~ 3 Sierra Drive
2nd Place ~ 7 Cactus Drive
3rd Place ~ 22 Chaparral Circle

- Christmas Lighting Contest Honorable Mention Awards:
310 San Juan Avenue
1218 San Juan Avenue
1815 Colorado Avenue
2013 Carson Avenue

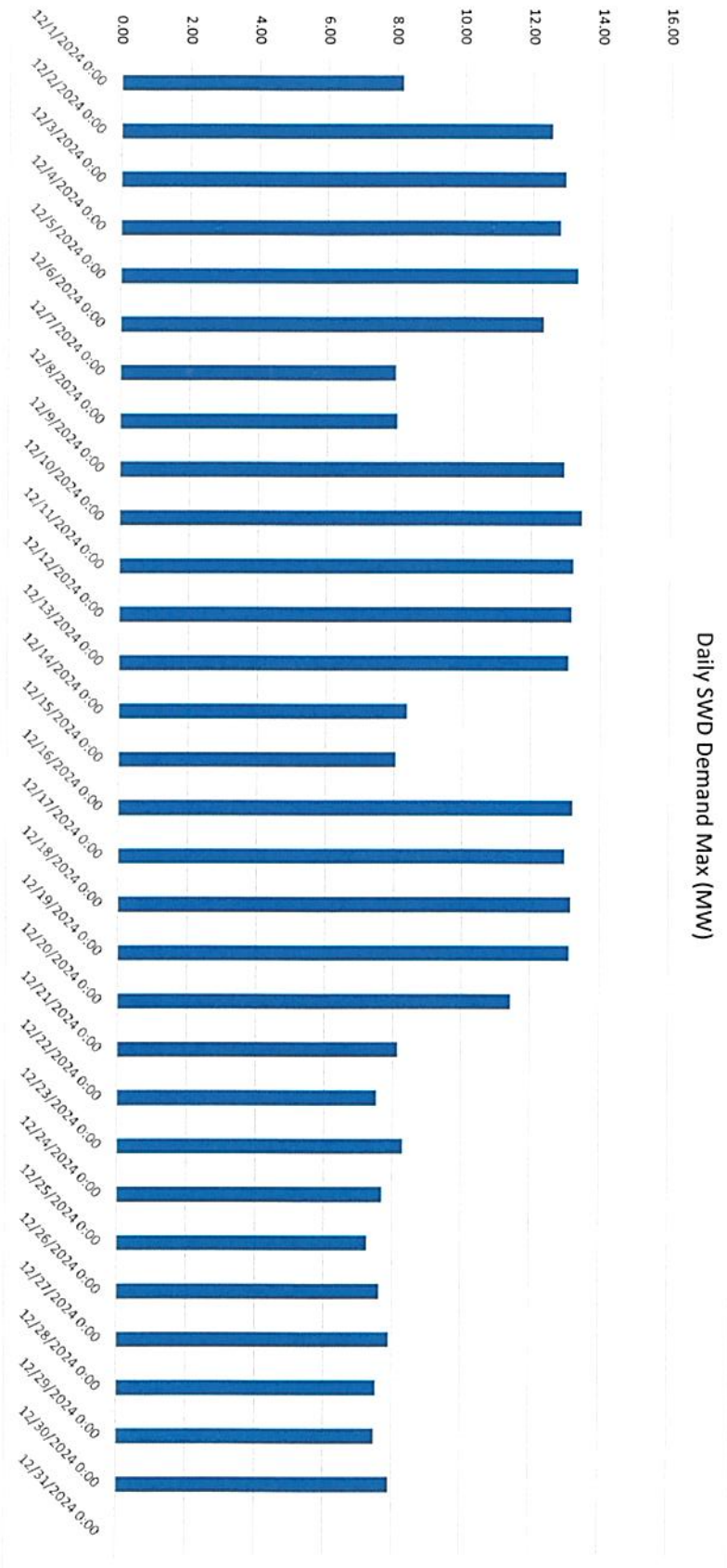
La Junta Energy and Demand Report

Daily Energy Consumption (MWh)

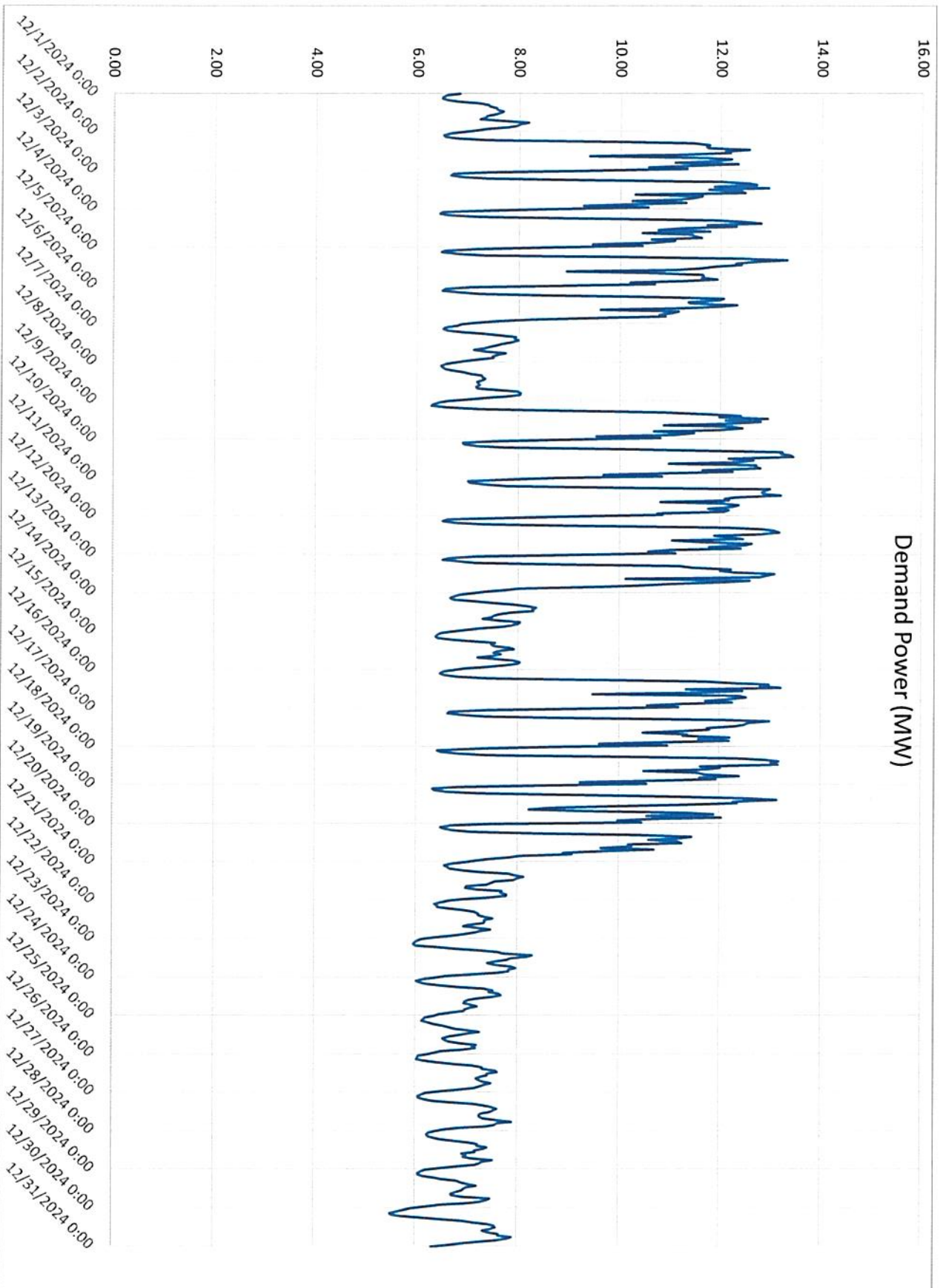


La Junta Monthly Energy and Demand Report
December, 2024

Demand Statistics				
Item Name	Max	Time of Max	Min	Time of Min
ION MW Demand	13.45	12/10/2024 11:30	5.52	12/30/2024 3:30



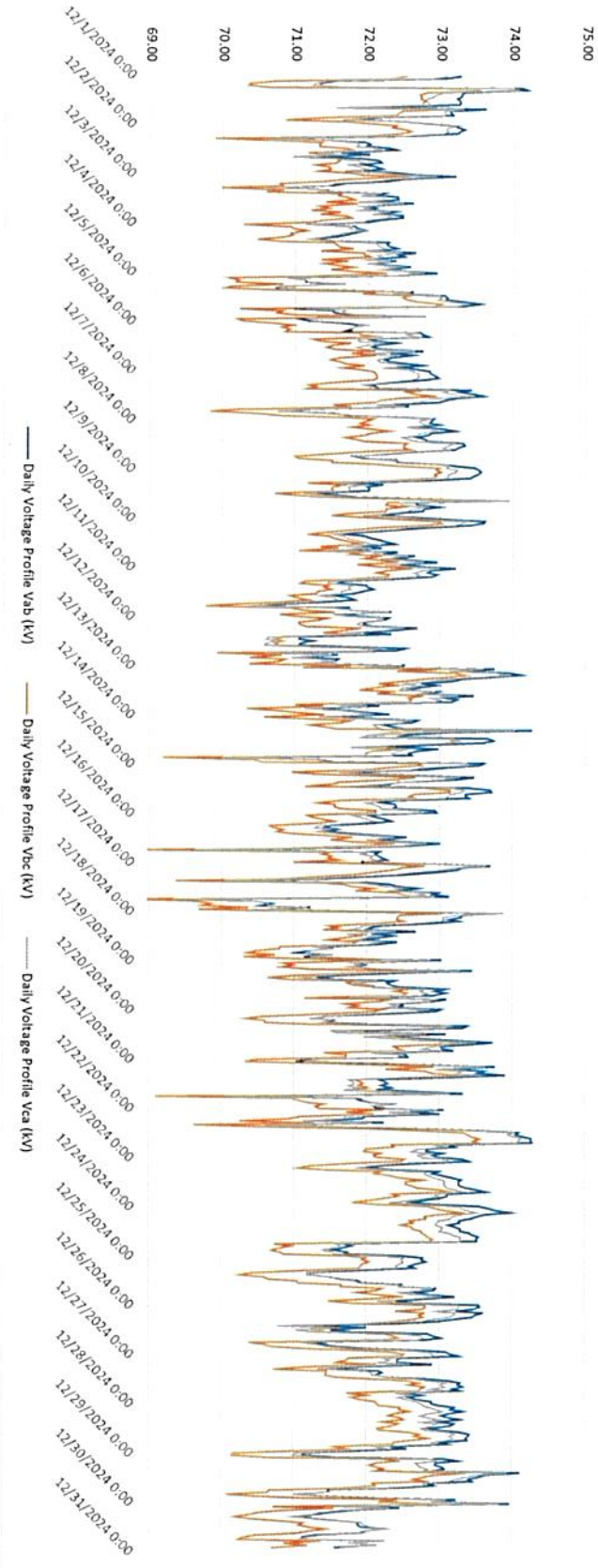
La Junta Energy and Demand Report



La Junta Monthly Energy and Demand Report
December, 2024

Daily Voltage Profile Statistics				
Item Name	Max	Time of Max	Min	Time of Min
ION VAB	74.29	12/22/2024 16:30	69.35	12/17/2024 17:30
ION VBC	73.69	12/14/2024 7:30	68.57	12/17/2024 17:30
ION VCA	74.13	12/22/2024 14:30	69.34	12/17/2024 17:30

Daily Voltage Profile (kV)





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INVOICE

December 16, 2024

STATEMENT: LA JUNTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

POWER SALES FOR THE MONTH OF :

November

ENERGY		6,235,843 kWh x	0.08836	=	\$550,999.09
DEMAND	Date: 11/18/2024 Hour: 1100	13,419 kW x	5.49000	=	\$73,670.31
SUBTRANSMISSION		0 kWh x	-	=	\$0.00
RGR Generation, Avoided Cost Credit		8,410 kWh x	0.05182	=	(\$435.81)
Debt Service Adder (November)		6,235,843 kWh x	0.00848	=	\$52,879.95
Energy Cost Adj (October)		6,405,123 kWh x	-	=	\$0.00
Return of Reserves (October)		6,405,123 kWh x	\$0.00871	=	(\$55,788.62)
					TOTAL
					\$621,324.92

As Metered	6,255,912
Less SECPA Headquarters	(28,479)
Gross Generation	0
RGR Generation, Avoided Cost	8,410
RGR Generation, PPA	0
Less Station Service	0
TOTAL kWhs	6,235,843

	2024	2023
Demand	13,419	13,167
Energy	6,235,843	6,174,024

The Avoided Cost Rate for November-24 \$0.05182 /kWh

Statements shall be due and payable to the Authority within ten (10) days after the statement is received.

ARPA Member Municipalities: Holly 1 La Junta 1 Lamar 1 Las Animas 1 Springfield 1 Trinidad

City of La Junta

Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment

12/16/2024 Date Completed: 12/17/2024

Enter ARPA Invoice data in shaded area only			
For Billing Month starting:	November	Rates	
Energy in KWH	6,235,843	\$ 0.0884	\$ 550,999.09
Demand in KW	13,419	\$ 5.49	\$ 73,670.31
SubTransmission charge	\$ -	\$ -	
SECPA Headquarters True-up from Nov. 2023	0	\$ 0.09	\$ -
Transtion dollar charge	8410	\$ 0.05	\$ (435.81)
Debt Service Adder charge	6,235,843	\$ 0.008480	\$ 52,879.95
Energy Cost Adjustment KWH	6,405,123	\$ -	0
Total Energy Cost From ARPA			\$ 677,113.54
Return of Reserve dollar amount	6,405,123	\$ 0.008710	\$ 55,788.62
Total Energy cost for ECA calc			\$ 621,324.92
Credit dollar amount	\$ -	\$ -	0
Pre-Payment credit dollar amount	\$ -	\$ -	0
Total Amount Due ARPA from La Junta			\$ 621,324.92

Total KWH	6,235,843
Less Line and Transformer Loss (KWH * 3%)	187,075
Less Street Light Usage	103,413
Total Energy Available to Customers	5,945,355
Total Energy Cost / Total Energy Available	\$ 0.104505946
Less Base dollar amount	\$ 0.060000000
City of La Junta's ECA	\$ 0.0445059

La Junta Municipal Light Plant

Monthly Report

MONTH/YEAR DEC 2024

DATA FROM ION METER MONTHLY SCREEN

ION SWD Peak Demand: 13449 Date: 12-10-24 Time: 11:06 AM

ION SWD Min Demand: 5518 Date: 12-30-24 Time: 3:07 PM

ION KWH NET: 6430584

DATA FROM PLANT CONSUMPTION METER SCREEN AND PREVIOUS MONTH REPORT

	CURRENT	-	PREVIOUS	=	TOTAL
METER 1 KWH READING:	<u>336242</u>		<u>331388</u>		<u>4904</u>
METER 2 KWH READING:	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
METER 3 KWH READING:	<u>375012</u>		<u>366821</u>		<u>8191</u>
PLANT USAGE TOTAL:					<u>13095</u>

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La Junta Municipal Utilities

12/31/2024

TO: ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY

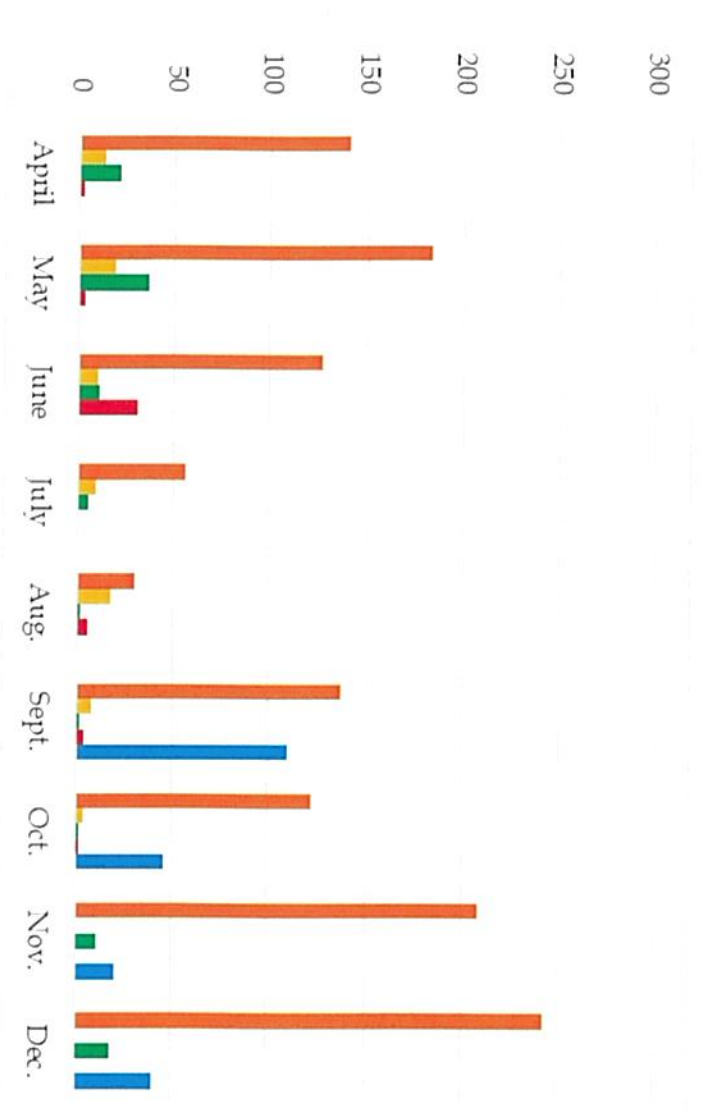
Generation Fee \$0.0044 per kwh generated:	0	\$0.00
Fuel fee \$2.23 per gallon diesel:	0	\$0.00
	Total:	\$0.00

Estimated kW Demand	13,449	Estimated kWh	6,430,584
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POWER PURCHASE FROM ARPA & ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT

TOTAL SYSTEM KWH					ARPA SYSTEM DEMAND IN KW				
MONTH	2021	2022	2023	2024	MONTH	2021	2022	2023	2024
JAN.	6,509,858	6,703,138	6,935,357	7,225,221	JAN.	13,228	13,369	14,566	15,410
FEB.	6,338,684	6,097,119	6,225,931	6,110,860	FEB.	13,801	14,377	14,024	12,839
MAR.	6,262,105	6,251,302	6,438,367	6,264,049	MAR.	12,890	13,028	12,739	12,676
APR.	5,883,648	5,615,592	5,778,686	6,093,472	APR.	12,411	12,235	12,575	13,419
MAY	6,018,738	6,330,071	6,374,124	6,519,663	MAY	13,595	16,191	14,150	15,775
JUN.	7,732,213	7,547,337	6,543,361	8,461,587	JUN.	19,127	18,005	17,275	20,311
JUL.	8,824,479	8,748,814	8,468,800	9,037,095	JUL.	19,139	19,454	20,020	20,878
AUG.	8,709,126	8,580,511	8,807,034	9,144,176	AUG.	18,131	19,656	19,789	20,538
SEP.	7,279,536	7,148,695	7,047,960	7,153,471	SEP.	17,690	18,094	18,598	18,194
OCT.	5,880,224	6,054,662	6,460,893	6,405,123	OCT.	12,562	12,537	14,743	14,540
NOV.	5,702,931	6,162,176	6,174,024	6,235,843	NOV.	11,479	12,625	13,167	13,419
DEC.	6,072,677	6,664,825	6,550,780	6,430,584	DEC.	12,663	13,495	13,595	13,449
	81,214,219	81,214,219	81,805,317	85,081,144		176,716	183,066	185,241	191,448
ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT PER KWH									
MONTH	2021	2022	2023	2024					
JAN.	0.0432884	0.0443296	0.0448092	0.0449428					
FEB.	0.045325	0.0463651	0.0457843	0.0448742					
MAR.	0.0445516	0.044582	0.0439096	0.0441258					
APR.	0.0449161	0.0453687	0.0452284	0.0452925					
MAY	0.0456373	0.0472119	0.0452418	0.0463112					
JUN.	0.0465418	0.0463289	0.04781	0.0457255					
JUL.	0.0445974	0.0447391	0.0457028	0.0453713					
AUG.	0.0441317	0.0455374	0.0449125	0.0449007					
SEP.	0.0464903	0.0471618	0.0476422	0.0471484					
OCT.	0.0452851	0.0448514	0.0462336	0.0459023					
NOV.	0.0443187	0.0440813	0.0445895	0.0445059					
DEC.	0.0443079	0.0439199	0.043537						
AVERAGE	0.04494928	0.04537309	0.04545008	0.04537278					

La Junta Industrial Park Tree Dump ~ 2024 Usage



La Junta Residents

With Proof Of Residency/Utility Bill
There Is No Charge

PICKUP/SMALL TRAILER

\$10 Charge Total \$ 0

LARGE TRUCK/TRAILER

\$20 Charge Total \$360

COMMERCIAL

\$20 Charge Total \$ 0

AVP

SINCE OPENING

- No Unauthorized Material Dumped
- Only Wood Products Received
- Fire Danger Reduced

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Total Fees Collected
RESIDENTIAL	141	184	127	56	30	138	123	209	243	1251	\$0.00
SMALL TRUCK	13	19	10	9	17	8	4	0	0	80	\$800.00
LARGE TRUCK	21	36	11	5	1	1	1	11	18	105	\$2,100.00
COMMERCIAL	2	3	31	0	5	4	1	0	0	46	\$920.00
AVP						110	46	20	40	216	\$0.00
TOTAL LOADS	177	242	179	70	53	261	175	240	301	1698	\$3,820.00



Below is the December 2024 supplemental information regarding the sanitation department.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

CUSTOMERS	2024	2023	+/-	PERCENT CHANGE
RESIDENTIAL	2,782	2,793	(11)	-0.40%
COMMERCIAL	435	432	3	0.69%
INDUSTRIAL	12	10	2	16.67%
MUNICIPAL	29	28	1	3.45%
	3,258	3,263		

LANDFILL

TONS	2024 December	2024 YTD	2023 December	2023 YTD	+/-	% CHANGE
OTERO COUNTY LANDFILL	486.55	6,263.25	508.39	6,661.23	(21.84)	
SOUTHEAST RECYCLING	78.03	265.47	18.96	212.80	59.07	75.70%
CLEAN VALLEY - CURBSIDE	3.25	41.80	3.55	44.74	(0.30)	-9.23%
CLEAN VALLEY - TRAILER	1.92	30.00	1.80	31.92	0.12	6.01%
	569.75	6600.52	532.70	6950.69		

TONNAGE

OPEN TOP	22.98
COMPACTOR	14.82
RESIDENTIAL	251.52
COMMERICAL	121.63
ROLL OFFS	68.89
	479.84

OTHER INCOME

ITEM	2024 December	2023 December	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	+/-	PERCENT CHANGE
SPECIAL PICK-UP	1	6	38	73	-35	-92.11%
40-YD BOXES	14	19	263	288	-25	-9.51%
20-YD BOXES	15	7	252	187	65	25.79%
OVERAGES	7	12	127	146	-19	-14.96%
COMPACTOR	5	4	58	54	4.00	6.90%
TRX STATION (OPEN BOX)	22.98	20.82	443.68	450.29	-6.61	-1.49%
TRX STATION (COMPACTOR)	14.82	6.34	137.07	186.93	-50	-36.38%
TOTE REPLACEMENT	11	12	172	66	106	61.63%

1. Who we are:

Clean Valley Recycling (CVR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a recycling service for our local communities as well as educating the public about the benefits of recycling. We have been in business since 2011. We currently employ the equivalent of six full time employees.

2. What we do:

Currently, we are providing residential curbside service to 480 households in the towns of La Junta, North La Junta, Rocky Ford and Swink. In addition, CVR picks up bulk recyclables from 112 commercial accounts on a regular schedule. Our commercial accounts are businesses and institutions from towns around the valley including Fowler, Manzanola, Rocky Ford, Ordway, La Junta, Cheraw, Las Animas and Lamar. We have collection sites in Fowler, Rocky Ford, Swink, La Junta, Las Animas, and Lamar. We also receive materials from Karval, Walsh, Trinidad, Kiowa county landfill, and from two western Kansas towns of Tribune and Leoti.

Last year, we diverted 873 tons of materials. This is equal to about 43 semi loads of material. This is with only about 15% of the population recycling. Colorado's recycling rate is about 16% which is way behind the national average of 32%. The state of CO has a goal of recycling 50% by 2030.

3. Here's how your materials get recycled:

- Cardboard is shipped to Republic Paperboard in Lawton, OK. There it is processed into the paper which lines sheet rock. CVR ships two semi loads every month to this company.
- Newspaper is shipped to a paper mill in Idaho where it is ground up and becomes home insulation. Other paper is sent to the GP Harmon paper mill in Muskogee, OK where it is used to make tissue paper.
- Aluminum cans get melted down and made into more aluminum cans. Steel goes to the Pueblo steel mill where it becomes rails for trains.
- Glass is sent to Miller Coors brewing to be made into glass bottles.
- Plastic beverage bottles are sent to a manufacturer in Summersville GA to be made into carpet. Other plastic containers are sent to Direct Polymers in Denver where they are ground up, washed, and made into pellets. The pellets are sold to manufacturers to be made into outdoor furniture, storage containers, and other items.

4. Effects of upcoming recycling legislation

Colorado HB22-1355, the so called "Extended Producer Responsibility" bill is being implemented in Colorado. Among other things, this bill mandates free recycling for everyone in the state, including rural areas starting in 2026, and will substantially increase our recycling rate. The bill requires that the producers of packaging and paper products pay into a fund that will pay for the cost of recycling. That fund will be used to pay entities that provide a recycling service.

We are interested in partnering with local governments to help implement this legislation. This is not mandatory but it is a great opportunity. Local municipalities and counties benefit a number of ways; by saving landfill fees, lower labor and transportation expenses due to smaller amounts of trash being collected and hauled, by offering a desired service to LJ residents, by helping to prolong the lifespan of our landfill thereby saving tax money, and by preventing pollution from extraction of natural resources, as well as other benefits.



**INCREASE RECYCLING, REDUCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COSTS,
AND REDUCE CLIMATE POLLUTION**

How Local Governments Will Benefit from a **PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY POLICY IN COLORADO**

Through a Producer Responsibility policy, Colorado can transform its current recycling system from a disjointed, confusing, and inconvenient patchwork of programs into a coordinated, equitable, and cost-effective statewide system. This will rapidly improve Colorado's recycling rate and result in fewer greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air and water, less waste sent to landfills, and stronger local economies. [Start here for more background on how the policy works.](#)

A statewide Producer Responsibility policy for containers, packaging, and paper will provide every Coloradan with convenient, easy access to recycling for common materials such as plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass bottles, cardboard, and printed paper. This will greatly benefit Colorado's cities, towns, and counties by:

- Providing recycling to all residents at no cost to residents or local government.
- Expanding recycling to underserved multi-family buildings and rural areas.
- Reducing local government expenses to provide recycling services.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and plastic pollution.
- Retaining municipalities' right to choose their level of involvement in recycling services.

HOW DOES PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY WORK?

The policy would require brand owners to pay for and manage a statewide recycling system for cardboard, plastic, metal, paper, and other common recyclables. The companies would form an independent nonprofit organization, called a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO), to coordinate, fund, and manage this statewide recycling system. Companies will pay membership dues to the PRO based on the amount and type of packaging they sell in Colorado. The PRO will create one consistent statewide list of what can be recycled, and then the PRO will pay private companies and local governments to operate recycling collection and processing programs. The PRO will cover 100% of the costs of recycling, including consumer education and government oversight of the program. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will oversee the PRO and establish an advisory board composed of local governments, recycling companies, nonprofits, and other key stakeholders, to help oversee the program and ensure the PRO meets the needs of local Colorado communities and businesses.

Learn more about producer responsibility for containers, packages, and paper in Colorado and how you can get involved at www.recyclingforallcoloradans.org.



PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IS PROVEN TO HELP COLORADO COMMUNITIES

Producer Responsibility has the most successful track record of sustainably financing and expanding recycling programs to reduce landfill waste and litter. Colorado has had a [producer responsibility program for paint](#) since 2015 that has substantially increased paint recycling, provided recycling access to 95% of Coloradans, and saved municipalities tens of thousands of dollars per year. Producer Responsibility policies have been used in 40 countries and provinces to improve recycling. Maine and Oregon adopted the first US Producer Responsibility policies for packaging in 2021 and [seven other states are actively pursuing policies](#) to improve packaging recycling and reduce plastic waste.



Over [100 global companies](#) support Producer Responsibility policies to increase recycling, reduce plastic pollution, and help strengthen local economies.

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY WILL REDUCE COSTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

Many local governments spend tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to run or support recycling drop-off centers or curbside collection programs. These costs have escalated over the past several years, forcing many communities to raise rates and to cut back on services. Through Producer Responsibility, the companies that make these products will pay for the recycling programs, providing substantial cost savings to local governments while maintaining or improving existing services.

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COSTS THAT WOULD BE REDUCED BY PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Community	Program	Annual Costs*
Alamosa	1 drop-off center	\$8,000–\$20,000
Boulder County	4 drop-off centers	\$215,000
Lakewood	1 drop-off center	\$100,000
Pueblo	1 drop-off center	\$299,000
Summit County	4 drop-off centers	\$103,000
Westminster	1 drop-off center	\$60,000

*Costs taken from budgets on public web pages and email exchanges with municipal staff.

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY CAN CREATE A MORE CONVENIENT, EQUITABLE RECYCLING SYSTEM

Colorado's current recycling system is fragmented, inequitable, and confusing. Most residents must subscribe to and pay more to have curbside recycling services. This creates substantial inequities as recycling is more available in wealthier communities.¹ There are also very limited recycling services for multi-family properties such as apartments and condos, which make up [20% of Colorado's housing](#).

¹ Eco-Cycle calculations based on U.S. Census data and communications with municipalities, see reference list: http://ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/2020_State_of_Recycling_and_Composting_in_Colorado.pdf.



Recycling in Colorado's mountain and rural areas is often significantly more expensive than in the Front Range, which makes it more challenging to financially sustain these programs. **A Producer Responsibility policy will provide convenient and equitable recycling systems across all of Colorado, from rural to urban areas, including single-family and multifamily homes.**

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PRESERVES FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Recycling in Colorado is managed primarily at the local level and cities, towns and counties have a wide range of approaches. **This policy provides flexibility for local governments to decide if and how to engage in recycling collection, and does not impose ANY recycling requirements on local governments.** This program is a funding source for recycling collection; it will not fund, manage or otherwise interact with trash collection.

HOW PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY COULD IMPROVE RECYCLING IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES		
Program Type	Examples	How Producer Responsibility will fund recycling*
Municipally provided recycling collection	Denver, Durango, Longmont	PRO reimburses municipalities for full costs to provide recycling services to residents.
Municipal recycling contract with private hauler	Carbondale, Golden, Louisville	Municipalities continue to manage local contracts. The PRO pays the full costs of recycling.
Drop-off center	Greeley, Summit County	PRO reimburses the local government for the costs to run the drop-off center for eligible recyclable materials (e.g., cardboard, paper, some plastics, etc.).
No local government services	Colorado Springs, Lakewood	PRO pays for recycling collection from households by contracting with private sector companies.

* Under any of these situations, the local governments have the option of leaving recycling operations to the PRO. Residents will receive recycling service under all of these systems at no cost.



PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY WILL STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMIES

Increasing recycling in Colorado will support local economies by increasing the supply of reliable recycled materials for local manufacturers to incorporate into their manufacturing processes. Because recycling one ton of material creates nine times more jobs than landfilling that material, increased recycling through a Producer Responsibility program will also create green jobs in Colorado.

PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY WILL INCREASE RECYCLING AND REDUCE CLIMATE POLLUTION

Colorado's recycling rate is a [dismal 15%](#), less than half the national average and well below the state goal of 28% by 2021. By recycling more, Colorado will reduce climate pollution, protect our clean air and water, and create jobs. Even at our current rate, recycling in Colorado reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by [over 1.9 million MTCO_{2e}](#), the equivalent to removing over 407,000 cars from the road annually. Recycling one ton of materials [saves an average of three tons of climate pollution](#). Producer Responsibility will help municipalities meet their climate action plans by boosting recycling rates.

SUPPORT A PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY POLICY FOR PACKAGING IN COLORADO

A Producer Responsibility policy for packaging in Colorado is a groundbreaking opportunity to transform our recycling system and accelerate progress toward state recycling and climate goals. Learn more and show your support at <https://ecocycle.org/take-action/zerowastecolorado/legislation>.

Producer Responsibility in Colorado has strong bipartisan support from local governments, consumer goods companies, recycling businesses, environmental groups, and many more. For more information, please contact:

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