

# Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska

# **Year-End Projections Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**Projections based on Actual Results through September 2025** 

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#### **Projection Process**

Fiscal year-end projections are based on actual results for April through September 2025 and budgeted activity for October 2025 through March 2026 with adjustments for known differences. Adjustments are explained further throughout the document. The Fiscal Year is April 1 to March 31. Throughout the packet, Projected and Current Budget both refer to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. When needed, reclasses have been made to the Current Budget to reflect the current accounting treatment. These items reclass dollars from one line item to another with no impact on budgeted net revenue, budgeted debt service coverage, or change in operating fund.

The final year-end results could differ substantially from the projection. Final analysis related to suggested year-end activity including rate stabilization transactions will be completed once Fiscal Year 2025-2026 preliminary results are available in May 2026. No adjustments have been made to rate stabilization transactions.

#### **MEAN Overall Financial Results**

Projected results show net revenue greater than budget. The primary driver of the variance to budget is the delay in costs associated with the market expansion.

|                    |              | Current      | Р  | rojected vs. | Current |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|---------|
|                    | Projected    | Budget       |    | \$ +/-       | % +/-   |
| Net Revenue/(Loss) | \$ 5.367.252 | \$ 2.978.546 | \$ | 2.388.706    | 80%     |

#### **Target and Ratio Analysis**

A review of MEAN's various targets and ratios needs to be made to fully understand the expected financial results and the related impact on bond covenants and other financial targets and ratios not only for the current fiscal year but for the upcoming years.

#### **Debt Service Coverage**

The following table shows the calculated debt service coverage. Debt service coverage calculates the ratio of net revenues available for debt service to total debt service. MEAN's Bond Resolution requires MEAN to establish and collect rates and charges which are reasonably expected to yield Net Revenues which, together with other available moneys, shall be <u>equal to</u> at least the Aggregate Debt Service for such Fiscal Year (required coverage of 1.00X). MEAN has established a policy target of 1.20X. With the current projection, use of Rate Stabilization Funds is not needed to obtain required Debt Service Coverage of 1.00X.

|                       |           | Current |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
|                       | Projected | Budget  |
| Debt Service Coverage | 1.77      | 1.52    |

#### Change in Unrestricted Funds

MEAN follows accrual basis accounting; therefore, the annual change in unrestricted funds is not the same as the net revenue/(loss). See the *Statements of Revenues and Expenses* report for the reconciliation between net revenue/(loss) and the change in unrestricted funds. The difference between the net revenue/(loss) variance and the unrestricted funds variance is due to increased spending on owned generation capital.

The following table summarizes the change in unrestricted funds by rate structure component. As no rate stabilization activity has been budgeted, all the activity impacts the operating fund.

|                                   |              | Current     | P     | rojected vs. | Current |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| Change in Unrestricted Funds      | Projected    | Budget      |       | \$ +/-       | % +/-   |
| By Rate Structure Component:      |              |             |       |              |         |
| Fixed Cost Recovery Charge (FCRC) | \$ 2,563,071 | \$ (213,219 | 9) \$ | 2,776,290    | -1302%  |
| Energy Charge                     | (412,931)    | (288,91     | 2)    | (124,019)    | 43%     |
| Addition to/(Use of) Cash on Hand | \$ 2,150,140 | \$ (502,13  | 1) \$ | 2,652,271    | -528%   |

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#### Fixed Cost Recovery Charge Analysis

The positive variance is due to lower net A&G, offset in part by increased capital spending by generating resources.

#### **Energy Charge Analysis**

The Energy Charge is impacted by the net impact from the various components including actual MWhs sold to Participants, electric energy costs not included in the FCRC, market activity, and the various rate offsets. The variances result in the use of more cash compared to budget.

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Statements of Revenues and Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|  |    |                          |    | Current                  |    | Projected vs. (        | Current            |
|--|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------|
|  |    | Projected                |    | Budget                   |    | +/-                    | % +/-              |
| Electric Energy Sales - MWh's  |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Schedule M   |    | 1,698,036                |    | 1,687,370                |    | 10,666                 | 1%                 |
| Schedules K and K-1  |    | 147,598                  |    | 150,847<br>18,496        |    | (3,249)<br>389         | -2%<br>2%          |
| Schedule J<br>Non-participants   |    | 18,885<br>151,309        |    | 10,490                   |    | 151,309                | 100%               |
| Total electric energy sales - MWh's  |    | 2,015,827                |    | 1,856,713                |    | 159,115                | 9%                 |
| - Cum discussed and gy cumos minus   |    | 2,010,021                |    | 1,000,110                |    | 100,110                | 0,70               |
| Operating Revenues   |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Electric energy sales  |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Schedule M   | \$ | 125,123,108              | \$ | 124,604,856              | \$ | 518,252                | 0%                 |
| Schedules K and K-1  |    | 11,429,222               |    | 11,601,376               |    | (172,154)              | -1%                |
| Schedule J   |    | 1,080,294                |    | 1,054,658                |    | 25,636                 | 2%                 |
| Non-participants<br>Total electric energy sales  |    | 5,482,080<br>143,114,704 |    | 360,000<br>137,620,890   |    | 5,122,080<br>5,493,814 | <u>1423%</u><br>4% |
| Other  |    | 3,327,775                |    | 2,344,208                |    | 983,567                | 42%                |
| Total operating revenues   |    | 146,442,479              |    | 139,965,098              |    | 6,477,381              | 5%                 |
| , 3  |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Operating Expenses   |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Electric energy costs  |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Purchased power  |    | 91,114,437               |    | 81,833,339               |    | 9,281,098              | 11%                |
| Production   |    | 17,802,974               |    | 19,221,358               |    | (1,418,384)            | -7%                |
| Transmission Total electric energy costs   |    | 7,900,494<br>116,817,905 |    | 7,669,788<br>108,724,485 |    | 230,706<br>8,093,420   | <del>3%</del> 7%   |
| Total electric energy costs  |    | 110,017,905              |    | 100,724,403              |    | 0,093,420              | 1 70               |
| Administrative and general   |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Payroll and benefits   |    | 7,723,853                |    | 8,765,196                |    | (1,041,343)            | -12%               |
| Internal office  |    | 1,433,645                |    | 1,498,821                |    | (65,176)               | -4%                |
| Member   |    | 386,217                  |    | 388,415                  |    | (2,198)                | -1%                |
| Consultants and outside services   |    | 3,549,148                |    | 6,035,563                |    | (2,486,415)            | -41%               |
| Total administrative and general   |    | 13,092,863               |    | 16,687,995               |    | (3,595,132)            | -22%               |
| Depreciation and amortization  |    | 9,624,978                |    | 9,298,748                |    | 326,230                | 4%                 |
| Total operating expenses   |    | 139,535,746              |    | 134,711,228              |    | 4,824,518              | 4%                 |
| Operating Income/(Loss)  |    | 6,906,733                |    | 5,253,870                |    | 1,652,863              | 31%                |
| Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses)   |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Net costs to be recovered in future periods  |    | (55,337)                 |    | (85,961)                 |    | 30,624                 | -36%               |
| Investment return  |    | 2,654,963                |    | 1,949,750                |    | 705,213                | 36%                |
| Interest expense   |    | (4,139,107)              |    | (4,139,113)              |    | 7                      | 0%                 |
| Net nonoperating revenues/(expenses)   |    | (1,539,480)              |    | (2,275,324)              |    | 735,844                | -32%               |
| Net Revenue / (Loss)   | \$ | 5,367,252                | \$ | 2,978,546                | \$ | 2,388,706              | 80%                |
| December to Observe to the state of the stat |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Reconciliation to Change in Unrestricted Funds Operating Fund:   |    |                          |    |                          |    |                        |                    |
| Net Revenue / (Loss)   | \$ | 5,367,252                | \$ | 2,978,546                | \$ | 2,388,706              | 80%                |
| - MEAN debt service - principal  | Ψ_ | (4,865,000)              | Ψ_ | (4,865,000)              | Ψ_ | -                      | 0%                 |
| - MEAN lease - principal   |    | (294,800)                |    | (294,800)                |    | -                      | 0%                 |
| - MEAN subscriptions   |    | (376,048)                |    | (376,048)                |    | -                      | 0%                 |
| - MEAN interest expense amortization   |    | (1,151,571)              |    | (1,151,571)              |    | -                      | 0%                 |
| - MEAN and owned generation capital  |    | (6,210,008)              |    | (6,177,967)              |    | (32,041)               | 1%                 |
| + Depreciation and amortization  |    | 9,624,978                |    | 9,298,748                |    | 326,230                | 4%                 |
| +/- Net costs to be recovered in future periods  |    | 55,337                   |    | 85,961                   |    | (30,624)               | -36%               |
| Operating Fund Rate Stabilization Fund   |    | 2,150,140                |    | (502,131)                |    | 2,652,271              | -528%<br>-         |
| Total Change in Unrestricted Funds   | \$ | 2,150,140                | \$ | (502,131)                | \$ | 2,652,271              | -528%              |
|  |    |                          | _  |                          |    |                        |                    |

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Electric Energy Sales Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|                                   |                | Revenues       |               |         |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   |                | Current        | Projected vs. | Current | Projected v | vs. Current |
|                                   | Projected      | Budget         | \$ +/-        | % +/-   | % +/-       | % +/-       |
| Participants                      |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Schedule M                        |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Fixed Cost Recovery Charge (FCRC) | \$ 43,790,462  | \$ 43,790,462  |               | 0%      | 1%          | N/A         |
| Energy Charge                     | 72,862,588     | 72,556,502     | 306,086       | 0%      | 0%          | 0%          |
| Green Energy Charge               | 8,470,058      | 8,257,892      | 212,166       | 3%      | 3%          | 0%          |
| Total Schedule M                  | 125,123,108    | 124,604,856    | 518,252       | 0%      | 1%          | 0%          |
| Schedules K and K-1               |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Fixed Cost Recovery Charge (FCRC) | 3,709,538      | 3,709,538      | _             | 0%      | -2%         | N/A         |
| Energy Charge                     | 758,942        | 731,116        | 27.826        | 4%      | 4%          | 0%          |
| Green Energy Charge               | 6,960,742      | 7,160,722      | (199,980)     | -3%     | -3%         | 0%          |
| Total Schedules K and K-1         | 11,429,222     | 11,601,376     | (172,154)     | -1%     | -2%         | 1%          |
| rotal Solloudios It and It I      | 11,120,222     | 11,001,010     | (112,101)     | 170     |             | 170         |
| Schedule J                        |                | 4 05 4 050     | 05.000        | 201     | 20/         | 201         |
| Energy Charge                     | 1,080,294      | 1,054,658      | 25,636        | 2%      | 2%          | 0%          |
| Total Participants                | 137,632,624    | 137,260,890    | 371,734       | 0%      | 0%          | 0%          |
| Non-Participants                  |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| RTO Markets                       |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| MISO                              | 427,881        | _              | 427,881       | 100%    | 100%        | 100%        |
| SPP                               | 4,862,843      | 360.000        | 4,502,843     | 1251%   | 100%        | 100%        |
| Total RTO Markets                 | 5.290.724      | 360.000        | 4.930.724     | 1370%   | 100%        | 100%        |
| West                              | 191,357        | -              | 191,357       | 100%    | 100%        | 100%        |
| Total Non-Participants            | 5,482,080      | 360,000        | 5,122,080     | 1423%   | 100%        | 100%        |
| Total Floatric Frommy Color       | £ 440 444 704  | £ 427 C20 000  | ¢ 5.402.044   | 40/     | 00/         | 40/         |
| Total Electric Energy Sales       | \$ 143,114,704 | \$ 137,620,890 | \$ 5,493,814  | 4%      | 9%          | -4%         |
| Electric Energy Sales Summary     |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Participants                      |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Schedules M, K, and K-1           |                |                |               |         |             |             |
| Fixed Cost Recovery Charge (FCRC) | \$ 47,500,000  | \$ 47,500,000  | \$ -          | 0%      | -           | -           |
| Energy Charge                     | 73,621,530     | 73,287,618     | 333,912       | 0%      | 0%          | 0%          |
| Green Energy Charge               | 15,430,800     | 15,418,614     | 12,186        | 0%      | 0%          | 0%          |
| Schedule J                        | 1,080,294      | 1,054,658      | 25,636        | 2%      | 2%          | 0%          |
| Total Participants                | 137,632,624    | 137,260,890    | 371,734       | 0%      | 0%          | 0%          |
| Non-Participants                  | 5,482,080      | 360,000        | 5,122,080     | 1423%   | 100%        | 100%        |
| Total Electric Energy Sales       | \$ 143,114,704 | \$ 137,620,890 | \$ 5,493,814  | 4%      | 9%          | -4%         |
|                                   |                |                |               |         |             |             |

FCRC as % of Total Sales to Participants

Per Unit\*\*

35%

35%

Demand - kW (% change shown on FCRC lines for info only) Energy - MWh

Total Schedule M,K/K-1,J - cost per total MWh sold for info only Total Electric Energy Sales - cost per total MWh sold for info only

#### **Electric Energy Sales Narrative**

Electric energy sales to Participants are highly variable as usage depends on consumer needs which vary with weather, time of day, conservation efforts including energy efficiency, etc.

Adjustments were made to account for projected sales to Participants due to changes in the commercial operation dates of community solar facilities that fall under MEAN's Renewable Distributed Generation Policy. See also related increase in Purchased Power purchases for load costs on the *Purchased Power Expenses* report.

Non-participant electric energy sales consist of revenues from sales of electricity to counterparties other than MEAN Participants. In the budget, West activity is all captured as Purchased Power Expenses regardless of whether the monthly result is an expected sale or purchase. Actual activity is accounted for in accordance with accounting standards causing variances in both sales and expenses.

Efforts to utilize available transmission in MISO is resulting in additional sales to Non-Participants in the RTO Markets - SPP. See also related increase in market purchases and costs in the Other Market Related Activity - MISO line on the *Purchased Power Expenses* report. Fees associated with this activity are recorded as Admininstrative and General - Consultants and Outside Services expense. As this activity is highly variable, no adjustments were made to account for potential activity for the remainder of the fiscal year.

#### **Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections** Other Operating Revenues Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|  |                  |    | Current   |    | Current Projected |      | Projected vs | vs. Current |  |
|--|------------------|----|-----------|----|-------------------|------|--------------|-------------|--|
|  | Projected Budget |    | \$ +/-    |    | % +/-             |      |              |             |  |
| Other Operating Revenues                                     |                  |    |           |    |                   |      |              |             |  |
| Administration fees  | \$<br>463,854    | \$ | 430,958   | \$ | 32,896            | 8%   |              |             |  |
| Building and equipment rent                                  | 175,848          |    | 175,848   |    | -                 | 0%   |              |             |  |
| Education  | 55,085           |    | 42,554    |    | 12,531            | 29%  |              |             |  |
| Other - FCRC   | 15,500           |    | -         |    | 15,500            | 100% |              |             |  |
| Regulatory reporting   | 88,750           |    | 79,000    |    | 9,750             | 12%  |              |             |  |
| Technology services  | 30,658           |    | -         |    | 30,658            | 100% |              |             |  |
| Utility infrastructure                                       | 41,467           |    | 13,500    |    | 27,967            | 207% |              |             |  |
| Other - Energy   | 59               |    | -         |    | 59                | 100% |              |             |  |
| Reactive power   | 54,077           |    | 58,698    |    | (4,621)           | -8%  |              |             |  |
| Sales of excess capacity                                     | 842,126          |    | -         |    | 842,126           | 100% |              |             |  |
| Transmission revenue   | 1,560,351        |    | 1,543,650 |    | 16,701            | 1%   |              |             |  |
| Total Other Operating Revenues                               | \$<br>3,327,775  | \$ | 2,344,208 | \$ | 983,567           | 42%  |              |             |  |
|  |                  |    |           |    |                   |      |              |             |  |
| Total FCRC Cost Offsets in Other Operating Revenues          | \$<br>871,162    | \$ | 741,860   | \$ | 129,302           | 17%  |              |             |  |
| Total Energy Charge Cost Offsets in Other Operating Revenues | \$<br>2,456,613  | \$ | 1,602,348 | \$ | 854,265           | 53%  |              |             |  |

Other Operating Revenues Narrative
Notable variances from budget are as follows:

Administration fees (FCRC Cost Offset) - variance results primarily from revenues received to reimburse costs incurred in MEAN's role as Managing Agent for PPGA WEC2. As amounts are variable, an estimate is not included in the annual budget.

Other - FCRC (FCRC Cost Offset) - relates to value received from trade-in of company vehicle.

Technology services (FCRC Cost Offset) - revenues in the current year are from equipment and managed services for data needs at solar projects.

Utility infrastructure (FCRC Cost Offset) - includes revenues related to Electric Distribution Service (EDS).

Sales of excess capacity (Energy Charge Cost Offset) – MEAN was able to sell a portion of MISO capacity in the market's annual auction. Market prices were higher than previous years. MEAN does not budget for this variable revenue.

Transmission revenue (Energy Charge Cost Offset) - MEAN recovers its revenue requirement associated with its transmission facilities through transmission rates under Schedules 7, 8, and 9 of the MISO Tariff. Revenues received have been higher than originally estimated during the budget process. Due to final review of proper accounting treatment this item was reclassed from Transmission Expenses to Other Operating Revenues.

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#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Purchased Power Expenses Narrative Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Descriptions of notable fiscal year-to-date variances and adjustments are provided in this section. For more information on costs included in purchased power expenses, refer to the approved budget document for the Current Budget.

#### **Contracted Purchases – Fiscal Year-to-Date Variances**

**Hastings WEC1** – decreases in operations & maintenance and administrative & general offset in part by an increase in fuel costs from increased MWh generation result in decreased Energy Charge related costs compared to budget.

**PPGA WEC2** – increased capital and debt service costs have led to an increase in FCRC related costs compared to budget. Increased MWh generation has increased fuel costs. Operations & maintenance costs are also higher resulting in increased Energy Charge related costs compared to budget.

**Louisa Waverly Assignment** – higher MWh generation increased fuel costs. Operations & maintenance costs are also higher resulting in increased Energy Charge related costs compared to budget.

Black Hills Power Neil Simpson CT Unit #1 (BHP NS CT #1) – lower MWh generation resulted in decreased contracted energy costs.

**Wind Units –** generation at wind facilities is impacted by operating performance of the facilities and availability of wind. Costs for HCPD Wessington Springs Wind are greater due to higher MWh generation while costs are lower for Kimball Wind and all NPPD Wind units due to lower MWh generation. Generation may also be impacted by curtailments which are economic in nature and driven by market dynamics. Curtailment costs have been greater than anticipated for Elkhorn Ridge and Laredo Ridge.

**Sandhills Solar Projects** – delays in commercial operation dates compared to what was expected in the budget have resulted in decreased costs.

**CNPPID Johnson Hydro Units** – energy rates are contracted on an on-peak/off-peak basis. Total generation has been comparable to budget; however, greater off-peak MWh generation resulted in decreased contracted energy costs compared to budget.

**DMEA Shavano Falls** – higher MWh generation resulted in increased contracted energy costs.

**WAPA Displacement Agreement** – costs are significantly less than budget due to lower market prices in SPP which is the price determinant for this agreement.

**Participant Committed Facilities** – costs are less than budget due to fluctuations in total contracted capacity offset in part by increased generation.

#### **Contracted Purchases – Adjustments**

**Updated Budget Information** – the following resource operators provided updated budgets that coincide with the last quarter of MEAN's fiscal year: Hastings WEC1 and PPGA WEC2. Any updated operating, capital budget, administrative & general, and debt service information has been included as an adjustment.

Participant Committed Facilities – projections include updated contracted capacity amounts.

#### Market Activity - Fiscal Year-to-Date Variances

**Purchases for Load** – variances in MWh needs and \$/MWh are expected. Higher loads in MISO and SPP have resulted in more units being purchased. MISO has experienced higher market pricing, the combination of which has resulted in increased MISO Purchases for Load costs compared to budget. SPP has experienced lower market pricing, the combination of which has resulted in a decrease in SPP Purchases for Load costs compared to budget.

**Generation Sales Revenues Received** – variances in MWh produced and \$/MWh are expected. The \$/MWh is set by the market which impacts the economic generation of units registered in MISO and SPP. Generation is also impacted by forced outages, lack of wind, etc.

MISO – WSEC 4 (including WSEC4 Waverly Assignment) net generated less MWh than budget while Louisa
Waverly Assignment generated more than budget. The \$/MWh received was greater than budgeted. Overall,
more generation sales revenues were received.

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#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Purchased Power Expenses Narrative Fiscal Year 2025-2026

• **SPP** – Hastings WEC1, PPGA WEC2, LRS Unit 1, CNPPID Johnson Hydro units and HCPD Wessington Springs net generated more MWh while the NPPD wind units all generated less MWh than budget. The \$/MWh received was less than budgeted. Overall, less generation sales revenues were received.

**Financial Instruments** – are related to congestion costs in MISO and SPP. Amounts vary with market pricing and congestion. Financial instrument activity has resulted in cost savings compared to budget.

**Other Market Related Activity** – variances from budget are expected due to the inherent difference in actual market activity and the more simplified budgeted activity.

- MISO and SPP market purchases for both MISO and SPP resulted in additional costs. The MISO costs were
  directly related to sales to Non-Participants in RTO Markets SPP on the *Electric Energy Sales* report due to
  utilization of available transmission.
- West market MWh purchases exceed budget due to balancing the loads of Participants and actual generation from contracted and owned generation resources. The cost is also impacted by the actual prices and financial settlements related to energy imbalances.

#### Market Activity - Adjustments

**Purchases for Load MWhs** – updates were made to expected Participant loads due to timing changes in the commercial operation dates of MEAN owned and community solar facilities. These adjustments increased the projected purchases for load MWhs; however, the overall impact on projected results was minimal.

Other Market Related Activity – updates to expected generation and impact on loads due to delays in commercial operation of solar facilities result in adjustments to expected West purchases. The adjustments resulted in an increase in expected costs.

## Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Purchased Power Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|                              | Expenses   |            |               |         | MWh       | \$/MWh      |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|
|                              |            | Current    | Projected vs. | Current | Projected | vs. Current |
|                              | Projected  | Budget     | \$ +/-        | % +/-   | % +/-     | % +/-       |
| Contracted Purchases         |            |            |               |         |           |             |
| FCRC Costs                   | \$ 145,428 | 155,160    | (9,732)       | -6%     |           |             |
| Energy Charge Costs          | 1,190,582  | 1,257,808  | (67,226)      | -5%     |           |             |
| Hastings WEC1                | 1,336,010  | 1,412,968  | (76,958)      | -5%     | 20%       | -21%        |
| FCRC Costs                   | 15,580,668 | 14,260,410 | 1,320,258     | 9%      |           |             |
| Energy Charge Costs          | 13,046,246 | 12,052,401 | 993,845       | 8%      |           |             |
| PPGA WEC2                    | 28,626,914 | 26,312,811 | 2,314,103     | 9%      | 9%        | 0%          |
| FCRC Costs                   | 333,569    | 333,570    | (1)           | 0%      |           |             |
| Energy Charge Costs          | 463,153    | 460,669    | 2,484         | 1%      |           |             |
| WSEC4 Waverly Assignment     | 796,722    | 794,239    | 2,483         | 0%      | -23%      | 30%         |
| FCRC Costs                   | 865,586    | 865,584    | 2             | 0%      |           |             |
| Energy Charge Costs          | 1,424,218  | 1,216,569  | 207,649       | 17%     |           |             |
| Louisa Waverly Assignment    | 2,289,804  | 2,082,153  | 207,651       | 10%     | 34%       | -18%        |
| BHP NS CT #1                 | 7,317,003  | 7,548,482  | (231,479)     | -3%     | -3%       | 0%          |
| HCPD Wessington Springs Wind | 1,973,010  | 1,912,570  | 60,440        | 3%      | 3%        | 0%          |
| Kimball Wind PPA             | 3,354,336  | 3,437,527  | (83,191)      | -2%     | -2%       | 0%          |
| FCRC Costs                   | 426,748    | 482,664    | (55,916)      | -12%    |           |             |
| Energy Charge Costs          | 300,361    | 299,199    | 1,162         | 0%      |           |             |
| NPPD Ainsworth Wind          | 727,109    | 781,863    | (54,754)      | -7%     | -22%      | 19%         |
| NPPD Crofton Bluffs Wind     | 1,012,001  | 1,131,925  | (119,924)     | -11%    | -14%      | 4%          |
| NPPD Elkhorn Ridge Wind      | 1,733,666  | 1,882,712  | (149,046)     | -8%     | -14%      | 7%          |
| NPPD Laredo Ridge Wind       | 2,139,833  | 2,294,191  | (154,358)     | -7%     | -10%      | 3%          |
| Sandhills Solar Projects     |            |            |               |         |           |             |
| Alliance                     | 292,644    | 549,937    | (257,293)     | -47%    | -47%      | 0%          |
| Sidney                       | 149,969    | 235,545    | (85,576)      | -36%    | -35%      | -3%         |
| Gering                       | 193,137    | 290,040    | (96,903)      | -33%    | -32%      | -2%         |
| Fort Morgan                  | 124,634    | 124,634    | (0)           | 0%      | 0%        | 0%          |
| Yuma                         | 86,567     | 172,775    | (86,208)      | -50%    | -50%      | 0%          |
| Landfill Gas Project         | 2,302,994  | 2,345,186  | (42,192)      | -2%     | -2%       | 0%          |

## Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Purchased Power Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|  |                    | Expenses     |               |        | MWh       | \$/MWh      |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------|-----------|-------------|
|  |                    | Current _    | Projected vs. |        | Projected | vs. Current |
|  | Projected          | Budget       | \$ +/-        | % +/-  | % +/-     | % +/-       |
| Aspen/Ridgway Hydropower   | 475,567            | 449,790      | 25,777        | 6%     | 6%        | 0%          |
| Central Nebraska Public Power Irrigation District (CNF Johnson Hydro No. 1 | PPID)<br>2,860,401 | 2,980,284    | (119,883)     | -4%    | 1%        | -5%         |
| Johnson Hydro No. 2  | 3,230,299          | 3,292,603    | (62,304)      | -2%    | 2%        | -4%         |
| DMEA Shavano Falls   | 2,554,111          | 2,439,824    | 114,287       | 5%     | 6%        | -1%         |
| WAPA LAP - MEAN  | 633,766            | 633,769      | (3)           | 0%     | 0%        | 0%          |
| WAPA Tribe Contracts   | 1,322,628          | 1,322,499    | 129           | 0%     | 0%        | 0%          |
| WAPA Displacement Agreement  | 8,581,619          | 9,282,875    | (701,256)     | -8%    | 0%        | -8%         |
| WAPA - Other   | 11,899             | 6,000        | 5,899         | 98%    | -24%      | 161%        |
| Participant Committed Facilities   | 2,651,276          | 2,840,956    | (189,680)     | -7%    | 19%       | -21%        |
| Capacity Purchases   | 1,160,000          | 1,160,000    | -             | 0%     |           |             |
| Participant Distributed Generation Purchases                               | 17,606             | 16,390       | 1,216         | 7%     | 19%       | -10%        |
| Energy Purchases   | 2,613,120          | 2,613,120    | -             | 0%     | 0%        | 0%          |
| Total Contracted Purchases   | 80,568,649         | 80,347,669   | 220,980       | 0%     | 1%        | -1%         |
| Market Activity  |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| Purchases for Load   |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| MISO   | 13,447,699         | 10,296,132   | 3,151,567     | 31%    | 10%       | 19%         |
| SPP  | 27,060,860         | 28,646,890   | (1,586,030)   | -6%    | 1%        | -7%         |
| Total Purchases for Load   | 40,508,559         | 38,943,022   | 1,565,537     | 4%     | 4%        | 0%          |
| Generation Sales Revenues Received   |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| MISO   | (10,757,286)       | (10,631,814) | (125,472)     | 1%     | -15%      | 18%         |
| SPP  | (22,555,302)       | (23,278,121) | 722,819       | -3%    | 5%        | -7%         |
| Total Generation Sales Revenues Received                                   | (33,312,588)       | (33,909,935) | 597,347       | -2%    | -1%       | 0%          |
| Financial Instruments  |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| MISO   | (192,679)          | (678,338)    | 485,659       | -72%   |           |             |
| SPP  | (3,426,023)        | (2,791,568)  | (634,455)     | 23%    |           |             |
| Total Financial Instruments  | (3,618,702)        | (3,469,906)  | (148,796)     | 4%     |           |             |
| Other Market Balated Activity  |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| Other Market Related Activity MISO   | 4,015,572          | _            | 4,015,572     | 100%   | 100%      | 100%        |
| SPP  | 68,329             | -            | 68,329        | 100%   | -         | -           |
| West   | 2,884,617          | (77,511)     | 2,962,128     | -3822% | -180%     | 4540%       |
| Total Other Market Related Activity  | 6,968,519          | (77,511)     | 7,046,030     | -9090% | -531%     | 1988%       |
| Total Market Activity  | 10,545,788         | 1,485,670    | 7,494,581     | 504%   |           |             |
| Total Purchased Power Expenses   | \$ 91,114,437 \$   | 81,833,339   | \$ 9,281,098  | 11%    | 19%       | -7%         |
|  |                    |              |               |        |           |             |
| Total FCRC Costs in Purchased Power  | \$ 17,351,999 \$   |              | \$ 1,254,611  | 8%     |           |             |
| Total Energy Charge Costs in Purchased Power                               | \$ 73,762,437 \$   | 65,735,951   | \$ 8,026,486  | 12%    |           |             |

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Production Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|                           |               | Expens        | MWh            | \$/MWh  |             |            |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|-------------|------------|
|                           |               | Current       | Projected vs.  | Current | Projected v | s. Current |
|                           | Projected     | Budget        | \$ +/-         | % +/-   | % +/-       | % +/-      |
| Owned Generation          |               |               |                |         |             |            |
| Wygen Unit I              | \$ 5,106,769  | \$ 5,593,574  | \$ (486,805)   | -9%     | -15%        | 7%         |
| LRS Unit I                | 1,497,669     | 1,668,759     | (171,090)      | -10%    | 11%         | -19%       |
| LRS Unit 2 and Unit 3     | 3,358,068     | 3,838,366     | (480,298)      | -13%    | 2%          | -14%       |
| WSEC 4                    | 7,840,468     | 8,120,659     | (280,191)      | -3%     | -23%        | 25%        |
| Total Production Expenses | \$ 17,802,974 | \$ 19,221,358 | \$ (1,418,384) | -7%     | -13%        | 7%         |

All Production Expenses are in the Energy Charge.

#### **Production Expenses Narrative**

Production expenses consist of electric energy costs for generation owned by MEAN. See also the *Capital Plan* report for capital costs related to these resources. For Wygen Unit I and LRS Units, adjustments were made for January through March 2026 to expected MWh generation and costs based on the 2026 operating and capital budgets received from the operators. The 2026 final budget for WSEC 4 was not available from the operator when these materials were prepared.

Wygen Unit I – has generated fewer MWhs year-to-date at a lower fuel cost/MWh resulting in decreased fuel costs. Operations and maintenance (O&M) costs and administration and general expenses (A&G) costs are less than budget. All of these factors combined result in an overall decrease in costs year-to-date compared to budget. After adjustments, total costs are still expected to be less than budget.

*LRS Units* – have generated more MWhs year-to-date at a fuel cost/MWH comparable with budget resulting in increased fuel costs. O&M costs are less than budget year-to-date. After adjustments, total costs are still expected to be less than budget.

**WSEC 4** – has produced less MWhs than budget at a higher fuel cost/MWh year-to-date resulting in decreased fuel costs. Lower production has resulted from economic and operations related outages.

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Transmission Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|                                      |              | Current      | Projected v | s. Current |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
|                                      | Projected    | Budget       | \$ +/-      | % +/-      |
| Network (NITS)                       | 556,734      | 503,694      | 53,040      | 11%        |
| Point-to-Point Long-Term (PTP-LT)    |              |              |             |            |
| MISO                                 | 3,652,925    | 3,567,070    | 85,855      | 2%         |
| WAPA - SLCA                          | 106,603      | 63,709       | 42,894      | 67%        |
| West Resource Related                | 2,024,470    | 2,034,583    | (10,113)    | 0%         |
| Total Point-to-Point Long-Term       | 5,783,998    | 5,665,362    | 118,636     | 2%         |
| Point-to-Point - Short-Term (PTP-ST) | 52,044       | 46,692       | 5,352       | 11%        |
| Operating Reserves                   | 1,151,331    | 1,178,001    | (26,670)    | -2%        |
| Resource Related                     | 298,460      | 236,511      | 61,949      | 26%        |
| Other                                | 57,928       | 39,528       | 18,400      | 47%        |
| Total Transmission Expenses          | \$ 7,900,494 | \$ 7,669,788 | \$ 230,706  | 3%         |

All Transmission Expenses are in the Energy Charge.

#### **Transmission Expenses Narrative**

Transmission expenses consist of costs to move MWhs across the electric grid. MEAN's transmission arrangements include Point-to-Point (PTP) agreements where MEAN pays a set amount to reserve rights to move power between two specific points on a transmission system regardless of actual usage and Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) contracts that are based on applicable peak load (load ratio share as defined by the tariff). Pooled transmission costs relate to transmission of power, purchased by MEAN or produced by a MEAN generation resource, from one transmission system to another and the ability to utilize resources between markets. Transmission costs incurred by MEAN as agent for Participants are passed through to individual Participants and are reported net in MEAN's financial statements. The *Transmission Expenses* report includes only the pooled transmission costs incurred and reported by MEAN.

Descriptions of notable fiscal year-to-date variances and adjustments are provided in this section. For more information on costs included in transmission expenses, refer to the approved budget document for the Current Budget.

**Network (NITS)** - factors that change NITS include changes in zonal peaks, rates, and transmission expense offsets. Actuals exceed budget year-to-date. A small adjustment was made for a known change in transmission rates.

**Point-to-Point Long-Term** - actuals exceed budget year-to-date. The Projection has updated rates, slightly decreasing the overall variance compared to results year-to-date.

**Resource Related** - actuals exceed budget year-to-date primarily due to associated WAPA transmission costs for MEAN solar projects that were not anticipated during the budget process. Adjustments have been made to account for these additional costs.

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Capital Plan Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|  | Current      |              | Projected v | s. Current |  |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--|
|  | Projected    | Budget       | \$ +/-      | % +/-      |  |
| MEAN Capital   | \$ 133,794   | \$ 136,000   | \$ (2,206)  | -2%        |  |
| Owned Generation Capital (Productive Capacity)           |              |              |             |            |  |
| Wygen Unit I   | 2,139,175    | 1,980,665    | 158,510     | 8%         |  |
| LRS Units 1, 2, and 3                                    | 480,108      | 1,089,626    | (609,518)   | -56%       |  |
| WSEC 4   | 3,456,930    | 2,971,676    | 485,254     | 16%        |  |
| Total Owned Generation Capital                           | 6,076,214    | 6,041,967    | 34,247      | 1%         |  |
| Total MEAN Capital and Owned Generation Capital          | 6,210,008    | 6,177,967    | 32,041      | 1%         |  |
| Contracted Generation Capital (included in Purchased Pow | er Expenses) |              |             |            |  |
| Hastings WEC 1   | 145,428      | 155,160      | (9,732)     | -6%        |  |
| PPGA WEC 2   | 1,885,946    | 1,024,842    | 861,104     | 84%        |  |
| NPPD Ainsworth Wind                                      | (2)          | 55,914       | (55,916)    | -100%      |  |
| Total Contracted Generation Capital                      | 2,031,372    | 1,235,916    | 795,456     | 64%        |  |
| Total Capital Plan Costs                                 | \$ 8,241,380 | \$ 7,413,883 | \$ 827,497  | 11%        |  |

All Capital Costs are in the FCRC

#### **Capital Plan Narrative**

MEAN Capital - consist of MEAN assets. Note that these capital costs impact cash but not MEAN's net revenue.

Owned Generation Capital - these are costs incurred for MEAN's ownership at the noted generation facilities. Adjustments were made based on the status of capital projects as provided by each operator. Only the LRS Units had a decrease in expected capital spending. Note that these costs also impact cash but not MEAN's net revenue. Variances are the result of changes in project scope, cost estimates, and timing.

**Contracted Generation Capital** - these costs are reported within *Purchased Power Expenses* - *Contracted Purchases*; therefore, variances have an impact on MEAN's net revenue. Adjustments were made based on the January - March 2026 budget data for PPGA WEC 2 which increased expected capital spending. See also the *Purchased Power Expenses* - *Contracted Purchases* section for information on variances.

#### **Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Debt Service** Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|                | Current  | Projected vs. Current  |   |  |
|----------------|--|--|---|--|
| Projected      | Budget   | \$ +/-   | % +/-   |  |
|                |  |  |   |  |
| \$ -           | \$ -   | \$ -   | 0%  |  |
| т              | т  | <u>-</u>   | 0%  |  |
| 979,438        | 979,438  |  | 0%  |  |
| 1 885 000      | 1 885 000  | _  | 0%  |  |
|                |  | _  | 0%  |  |
| 4,255,150      | 4,255,150  | <u> </u>   | 0%  |  |
| 0.000.000      | 0.000.000  |  | 00/   |  |
|                |  | -  | 0%  |  |
|                | <del></del>  |  | 0%  |  |
| 4,192,000      | 4,192,000  |  | 0%  |  |
| 4,865,000      | 4,865,000  | -  | 0%  |  |
| 4,561,588      | 4,561,588  | -  | 0%  |  |
| 9,426,588      | 9,426,588  | <u> </u>   | 0%  |  |
| (477,912)      | (364,750)  | (113,162)  | 31%   |  |
| 8,948,676      | 9,061,838  | (113,162)  | -1%   |  |
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|                |  | 1EQ 1EE  | 3%  |  |
| 10,320,627     | 14,001,472   | 409,100  | 3%  |  |
| \$ 24,269,303  | \$ 23,923,310  | \$ 345,993   | 1%  |  |
|                | \$ - 979,438 979,438 979,438 979,438 1,885,000 2,370,150 4,255,150 2,980,000 1,212,000 4,192,000 4,561,588 9,426,588 (477,912) 8,948,676 sed Power Experiments 13,694,722 333,569 865,586 426,750 15,320,627 | \$ - \$ - 979,438 979,450 979,45 | \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 979,438 979,438 - 979,438 - 1 |  |

All Debt Service Costs are in the FCRC

<u>Debt Service Narrative</u>

MEAN Debt Service, Net - interest rates have not declined as quicly as expected resulting in higher investment returns. The higher returns result in an overall decrease in net debt service.

**Contracted Generation Debt Service** - these costs are reported within Purchased Power Expenses - Contracted Purchases; therefore, variances have an impact on MEAN's net revenue. The variance for PPGA WEC 2 relates to decreased debt related investment return compared to budget.

#### Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska Year-End Projections Administrative and General Expenses Fiscal Year 2025-2026

|   |     |            | Current |            | Projected vs. Current |             |       |
|---|-----|------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------|
|   |     | Projected  |         | Budget     |                       | \$ +/-      | % +/- |
|   |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Payroll and Benefits                      | _\$ | 7,723,853  | _\$     | 8,765,196  | _\$                   | (1,041,343) | -12%  |
| Internal Office                           |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Conferences and training                  |     | 67,742     |         | 82,805     |                       | (15,063)    | -18%  |
| Dues and subscriptions                    |     | 268,861    |         | 273,663    |                       | (4,802)     | -2%   |
| Equipment lease and maintenance           |     | 214,497    |         | 205,114    |                       | 9,383       | 5%    |
| Glynoaks operations                       |     | 162,416    |         | 166,559    |                       | (4,143)     | -2%   |
| Insurance                                 |     | 289,506    |         | 292,525    |                       | (3,019)     | -1%   |
| Miscellaneous                             |     | 15,787     |         | 19,250     |                       | (3,463)     | -18%  |
| Office supplies                           |     | 8,576      |         | 11,300     |                       | (2,724)     | -24%  |
| Postage                                   |     | 4,460      |         | 7,000      |                       | (2,540)     | -36%  |
| Telecommunications                        |     | 132,818    |         | 124,334    |                       | 8,484       | 7%    |
| Travel, lodging, and meals                |     | 268,982    |         | 316,271    |                       | (47,289)    | -15%  |
| Total internal office                     |     | 1,433,645  |         | 1,498,821  |                       | (65,176)    | -4%   |
|   |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Member                                    |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Advertising - corporate image             |     | 15,654     |         | 15,638     |                       | 16          | 0%    |
| Board and committee meetings              |     | 70,072     |         | 71,750     |                       | (1,678)     | -2%   |
| Member dues                               |     | 166,888    |         | 162,900    |                       | 3,988       | 2%    |
| Member education                          |     | 36,096     |         | 33,800     |                       | 2,296       | 7%    |
| Member scholarships                       |     | 11,531     |         | 10,000     |                       | 1,531       | 15%   |
| Rebates paid                              |     | 66,649     |         | 75,000     |                       | (8,351)     | -11%  |
| Services from NMPP                        |     | 19,327     |         | 19,327     |                       | - (2 (22)   | 0%    |
| Total member                              |     | 386,217    |         | 388,415    |                       | (2,198)     | -1%   |
| Consultants and Outside Services          |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Audit and consulting                      |     | 45,200     |         | 45,200     |                       | _           | 0%    |
| Finance                                   |     | 85,600     |         | 85,200     |                       | 400         | 0%    |
| Legal                                     |     | 68,701     |         | 77,600     |                       | (8,899)     | -11%  |
| Market management                         |     | 2,519,489  |         | 2,423,276  |                       | 96,213      | 4%    |
| Other                                     |     | 370,692    |         | 2,898,820  |                       | (2,528,128) | -87%  |
| Software licenses, maint., and support    |     | 459,466    |         | 505,467    |                       | (46,001)    | -9%   |
| Total consultants and outside services    |     | 3,549,148  |         | 6,035,563  |                       | (2,486,415) | -41%  |
| Total Administrative and General Expenses | \$  | 13,092,863 | \$      | 16,687,995 | \$                    | (3,595,132) | -22%  |
|   |     |            |         |            |                       |             |       |
| Total FCRC Costs in A&G                   | \$  | 12,867,522 |         | 16,687,995 | \$                    | (3,820,473) | -23%  |
| Total Energy Charge Costs in A&G          | \$  | 225,341    | \$      | -          | \$                    | 225,341     | 100%  |

#### Administrative and General Expenses Narrative

**Payroll and Benefits** - variances are due to the waiver from NMPP, actual compensation adjustments, final benefit costs, selections by staff and turnover in personnel. Adjustments were made related to expected costs for benefits.

Internal Office and Member - variances are a mix of underspending and timing related. Minor adjustments were made.

Consultants and Outside Services - variances are a mix of underspending and timing related. Adjustments were only made for known items in market management and other. A portion of the variance in market management relates to the fee charged for activity performed related to utilization of available transmission. As this activity is variable, no adjustment was made. The largest adjustment is in other and relates to market expansion costs. This adjustment needs to be evaluated further as some of these costs may still occur in the current fiscal year.