

Virtual Conference
Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meeting
National Public Gas Agency
NMPP Energy Offices
8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, NE 68516
December 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. (CT)

A G E N D A

All agenda items are for discussion and action will be taken as deemed appropriate.

1. Call to Order
 - A. Section 84-1412 (8) – Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Public Comment
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes of the September 11, 2025, Meeting
 - B. Next Meeting – February 5, 2026
 - C. Financial Report
 - D. Acknowledge Receipt of the Unapproved Minutes of the November 5, 2025, Joint Operating Committee (JOC) Meeting
 - E. Consent Resolution
3. Reports
 - A. Director of Gas Operations
 - B. Gas Operations Controller
4. Year-End Projections for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Budget and Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
5. Legislative Update
6. Contracts and General Counsel Report
7. Comments from the Chairperson
8. Items for Future Agenda
9. Adjournment

CONSENT AGENDA

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Chairperson Anderson
Action Proposed:	Approval

Minutes of the September 11, 2025, meeting were previously distributed and are included as Attachment A.

The next meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors is set for Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the NMPP Energy offices, Lincoln, Nebraska.

August, September, and October 2025 financials were previously distributed. Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting, will review October financials for NPGA and the September financials for the NMPP Energy organizations in more detail at the meeting (Attachment B).

Unapproved minutes of the November 5, 2025, Joint Operating Committee (JOC) meeting are included as Attachment C.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Chairperson Anderson
Action Proposed:	Approval

Consent Resolution

WHEREAS, certain business of the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency transpires on a regular and routine basis or is not of a controversial nature; and

WHEREAS, roll call votes on each individual issue greatly extend the meeting time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that in the interest of economizing time yet complying with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska, which requires roll call voting, the following issues are hereby consolidated in this Consent Resolution:

- 1. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the minutes of the September 11, 2025, meeting are hereby approved as presented; and*
- 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the NMPP Energy offices, Lincoln, Nebraska; and*
- 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the financial statements for August, September, and October 2025, are hereby reviewed and accepted; and*
- 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the National Public Gas Agency that the receipt of the unapproved minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting of the Joint Operating Committee are hereby acknowledged.*

DIRECTOR OF GAS OPERATIONS

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Beth Ackland
Action Proposed:	Informational

Beth Ackland, Director of Gas Operations, will provide updates on various work activities since the last meeting and provide a market outlook.

GAS OPERATIONS CONTROLLER

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Jamie Barrett
Action Proposed:	Informational

Jamie Barrett, Gas Operations Controller, will provide updates on gas supply, rate cases, and storage information.

YEAR-END PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
AND BUDGET AND RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Jamie Johnson
Action Proposed:	Informational

The Preliminary Proposed Budget and Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Year-End Projections for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are included as Attachment D, which provides detailed information and will be discussed further at the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	David Russell
Action Proposed:	Informational

David Russell, Director of Government Affairs & Digital Solutions, will provide an update on legislative advocacy.

CONTRACTS AND GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Date:	December 11, 2025
Initiator/Staff information source:	Michelle Lepin
Action Proposed:	Informational

Contracts Report:

Other Party	Agreement Name	Effective Date	Termination Date
Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division LLC	Asset Management Arrangement Rider to Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas (2025-2026 AMA on TIGT) (for Stuart)	11/01/2025	10/31/2026
Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division LLC	Asset Management Arrangement Rider to Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas (AMA on Northern) November 2025 – March 2026 (for Lyons, Pender, Stromsburg)	11/01/2025	3/31/2026
Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division LLC	Asset Management Arrangement Rider to Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas (AMA on Northern) April 2026 – October 2026 (for Lyons, Pender, Stromsburg)	4/1/2026	10/31/2026
Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Exhibit A to CITI 2023D Transaction Confirmation #5, subject to NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas, effective 12/1/2019 (Main Street Citi 2023D)	11/01/2025	3/31/2026
Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Exhibit A to Transaction Confirmation #4, subject to NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas, effective 12/1/2019 (Main Street Citi 2021C)	11/01/2025	3/31/2026
Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Exhibit A to Restated Transaction Confirmation #3, subject to NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas, effective 12/1/2019 (Main Street CEI2019C)	11/01/2025	3/31/2026
Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia	Exhibit A to Transaction Confirmation #6, subject to NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas, effective 12/1/2019 (Main Street RBC 2024A)	11/01/2025	3/31/2026

Legal and Regulatory Report:

The General Counsel will provide a report at the December 11, 2025, meeting.

Unapproved Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
National Public Gas Agency
NMPP Energy Offices
8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, NE 68516
September 11, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. (CT)

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) met on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the NMPP Energy offices, 8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee by email. The public was advised by publication in print and online in the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper and website on August 11, 2025, and on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website. The notice and agenda were posted upon issuance at the NMPP Energy office, the designated public meeting site, 8377 Glynoaks Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, and kept continually current and available for public inspection. All documents considered at the meeting and the current version of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were made available on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website.

NPGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Chris Anderson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Anderson announced that pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. It was also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Roll Call

Quorum was declared with 8 of the 14 Directors present in-person. As there was a quorum for the Board of Directors, a meeting of the Executive Committee was not called.

Quorum = 7 Directors

Alma, NE	Russ Pfeil
Central City, NE	Chris Anderson
Fort Morgan, CO	Brent Nation
Lyons, NE	Terry Ueding
Pender, NE	Glen Gralheer
Stuart, NE	Bob Lockmon
Superior, NE	Andrew Brittenham
Wisner, NE	Randy Woldt

Also in attendance: Kent Fleischmann, Alma

Trinidad, CO, participated virtually, but was not counted present for the purposes of establishing a quorum or voting.

Absent: Auburn, KS; Belleville, KS; Falls City, NE; Stromsburg, NE; Walsenburg, CO

Public Comment

Chairperson Anderson asked if there were members of the public in attendance who would like to make agenda comments. There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2025, meeting were previously distributed as Attachment A.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NPGA Board of Directors is set for Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the NMPP Energy offices, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Financial Report

April, May, June, and July 2025 financials were previously distributed. Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting, reviewed July financials for NPGA and the NMPP Energy organizations, financial summaries were previously distributed as Attachment B.

Acknowledge Receipt of the Unapproved Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Joint Operating Committee (JOC) Meeting

Unapproved Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Joint Operating Committee (JOC) meeting were included as Attachment C.

Consent Resolution

Motion: Brent Nation, Fort Morgan, CO, moved to approve the following Resolution. Terry Ueding, Lyons, NE, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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REPORTS

Director of Gas Operations

Beth Ackland, Director of Gas Operations, discussed industry and pipeline updates, and provided a gas market outlook and storage information.

Gas Operations Controller

Jamie Barrett, Gas Operations Controller, provided updates on gas supply and rate cases.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

David Russell, Director of Government Affairs & Digital Solutions, provided updates on Nebraska's LB548 and LR234; and Colorado's "Roadmap to 100% Renewable Energy by 2040 and Bold Climate Action" plan.

CONTRACTS AND GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Information regarding the following executed agreements was included in the meeting packet:

Other Party	Agreement Name
Stuart	Amendment No. 2 to Asset Management Arrangement (Updates a Receipt Point under AMA on Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission TIGT)
Constellation NewEnergy - Gas Division LLC	Asset Management Arrangement Rider to Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas (2025-2026 AMA on TIGT) (for Stuart)
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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Anderson thanked the Directors for their attendance.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Chairperson Anderson reminded Directors to forward any additional agenda items to NPGA staff for inclusion in the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie Keiser
Administrative Assistant

Submitted by:
Randy Woldt
Secretary-Treasurer

NMPP Energy
Balance Sheets
September 2025

	NMPP	MEAN	NPGA	ACE
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,746	\$ 29,509,257	\$ 1,925,510	\$ 1,353,010
Investments (Short-term, Long-term & Restricted)	-	36,930,452	-	2,558,291
Accounts receivable	815,003	24,270,388	1,488,460	114,420
Gas in storage	-	-	1,620,173	-
Prepaid expenses and other	(53,478)	226,024	-	14,791
Productive capacity & lease assets, net & related operating assets	-	114,956,513	-	-
Capital and subscription assets, net	-	5,660,688	-	19,055
Costs recoverable from future billings	-	38,978,857	-	-
Deferred loss on refunding	-	4,284,787	-	-
Deferred costs for asset retirement obligation	-	420,619	-	-
Fair value of derivative investments	-	-	43,000	-
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 786,271	\$ 255,237,585	\$ 5,077,143	\$ 4,059,567
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 767,534	\$ 12,697,762	\$ 432,417	\$ 2,934
Storage deposits	-	-	1,439,000	-
Lease & subscription liabilities, net long-term debt, & interest payable	-	142,980,027	-	-
Asset retirement obligation	-	420,619	-	-
Deferred inflow - deferred revenue - rate stabilization	-	29,100,000	-	-
Deferred inflow - deferred gain on refunding	-	2,036,452	-	-
Deferred inflow - derivative instruments	-	-	43,000	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	767,534	187,234,860	1,914,417	2,934
Net Assets/Net Position	18,737	68,002,725	3,162,726	4,056,633
Total liabilities, deferred inflows & net position	\$ 786,271	\$ 255,237,585	\$ 5,077,143	\$ 4,059,567

NMPP Energy

Statements of Revenues and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 2026: As of September 2025

	NMPP*	MEAN	NPGA	ACE
Operating Revenues	\$ 16,301	\$ 73,520,688	\$ 1,920,618	\$ 525,000
Operating Expenses				
Commodity costs (electric energy & gas)	-	59,619,513	1,609,121	-
Administrative and general	818	6,070,407	265,867	334,709
Depreciation and amortization	-	4,388,763	-	4,746
Total operating expenses	818	70,078,683	1,874,988	339,455
Operating Income (Loss)	15,483	3,442,005	45,630	185,545
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)				
Net costs to be recovered in future periods	-	(310,644)	-	-
Investment return	3,255	1,325,656	51,528	83,872
Interest expense	-	(1,756,421)	-	-
Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ 18,738	\$ 2,700,596	\$ 97,158	\$ 269,417
Budgeted Net Revenue (Loss)	15,265	1,791,801	3,735	188,756
+/- Variance to Budget	\$ 3,473	\$ 908,795	\$ 93,423	\$ 80,661
Fiscal Year Budgeted Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ -	\$ 2,978,546	\$ -	\$ 442,885

* NMPP activity is shown net of payroll and benefits expense and related reimbursement.

National Public Gas Agency
Balance Sheets

	October 2025	March 2025	\$ +/-
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Unrestricted funds	\$ 2,440,947	\$ 2,664,481	\$ (223,534)
Accounts receivable	1,133,494	1,465,427	(331,933)
Gas in storage	1,767,731	391,277	1,376,454
Fair value of derivative instruments	283,000	1,019,000	(736,000)
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 5,625,172	\$ 5,540,185	\$ 84,987
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 548,937	\$ 1,017,617	\$ (468,680)
Storage deposits	1,623,000	438,000	1,185,000
Deferred inflows from derivative instruments	283,000	1,019,000	(736,000)
Net Position - unrestricted	3,170,235	3,065,568	104,667
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net	\$ 5,625,172	\$ 5,540,185	\$ 84,987

National Public Gas Agency
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 2026: As of October 2025

	Fiscal Year to Date			Prior Year	vs. Prior Year
	Actual	Budget	+/-		+/-
Revenue Units (MMBtu)	761,828	795,755	(33,927)	697,735	64,093
Gas Supply - commodity revenues	\$ 2,217,277	\$ 2,461,800	\$ (244,523)	\$ 2,161,646	\$ 55,631
Cost of Gas Sold - commodity costs	2,206,833	2,450,092	(243,259)	2,150,979	55,854
Commodity margin	10,444	11,708	(1,264)	10,667	(223)
Other Operating Revenues/(Expenses)					
Gas supply - member fees	51,149	51,149	-	89,789	(38,640)
Gas supply - management fees	7,148	6,848	300	5,494	1,654
Cost of gas sold - gas discounts	290,261	254,393	35,868	217,685	72,576
Operating expenses - administrative and general	(312,903)	(346,852)	33,949	(322,086)	9,183
Total other operating revenues/(expenses)	35,655	(34,462)	70,117	(9,118)	44,773
Operating Income/(Loss)	46,099	(22,754)	68,853	1,549	44,550
Investment return	58,569	32,291	26,278	55,865	2,704
Change in Net Position	\$ 104,668	\$ 9,537	\$ 95,131	\$ 57,414	\$ 47,254

Unapproved Minutes
NMPP Energy Joint Operating Committee Meeting
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
National Public Gas Agency
Public Alliance for Community Energy
NMPP Energy Offices
8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, NE
November 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. (CT)

The NMPP Energy Joint Operating Committee (JOC) met on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the NMPP Energy offices, 8377 Glynoaks Dr, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given to committee representatives by email. The public was advised by publication in print and online in the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper and website on October 22, 2025, and on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website. The notice and agenda were posted upon issuance at the NMPP Energy office, the designated public meeting site, 8377 Glynoaks Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, and kept continually current and available for public inspection. All documents considered at the meeting during open session and the current version of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act were made available on NMPP Energy's Public Meeting Information website.

CALL TO ORDER

Andrew Devine, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. (CT). Devine announced that pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room. It was also announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Roll Call

Quorum was declared with 11 of the 12 representatives present.

Quorum = 6 representatives

Chris Anderson, NPGA	Bob Lockmon, NPGA
Chris DesPlanques, MEAN	Brent Nation, NPGA
Andrew Devine, ACE	Tom Ourada, MEAN
Ron Doggett, MEAN	Mike Palmer, ACE
Duane Hoffman, ACE	Jeremy Tarr, ACE
Matt Langhorst, MEAN	

Absent: Randy Woldt, NPGA

Public Comment

Chairperson Devine asked if there were members of the public in attendance who would like to make agenda comments. There were no public comments.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2025, MEETING

The meeting minutes were previously distributed to the JOC representatives and were also included in the meeting packet as Attachment A.

Motion Ron Doggett moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 4, 2025, as presented. Bob Lockmon seconded the motion which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO REPORT

Bob Poehling, Executive Director, discussed recent trends in the power industry including a surge in electric demand due to hyperscale data centers. Meeting this growth is a major factor in recent utility mergers and acquisitions.

COMPENSATION STRUCTURE AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL

Samantha Parker, Director of Human Resources and Administration, provided a historical review of health insurance renewals. The 2026 medical insurance renewal reflects an estimated 8% premium increase. Based on current employee demographics and planned cost-sharing adjustments, Management anticipates the actual cost impact to the company will be less than the 8% renewal increase. However, if demographics shift throughout the year, the actual cost impact could be higher, reflecting the inherent variability of the ACA Community rate structure. Premium increases to Dental and Group Term Life have a combined dollar impact of ~ \$4,500. There is no premium increase to Vision, Long-Term Disability and Short-Term Disability policies.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAY RANGE

Parker noted the responsibility of the JOC to review and update the Executive Director pay range annually at each fall meeting. A copy of the Executive Director Compensation Policy was included in the packet as Attachment B.

Motion: Chris DesPlanques moved to go into closed session for the protection of needless injury to the reputation of the Executive Director and discuss the Executive Director's pay range. JOC Members, Bob Poehling and Samantha Parker may participate in the closed session. Ron Doggett seconded the motion which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Chairperson Devine restated that the purpose of convening into closed session was to discuss the Executive Director's Pay Range.

At 10:22 a.m. the Joint Operating Committee entered closed session.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:52 a.m. with no action taken during the closed session.

Motion: Chris DesPlanques moved to adjust the pay range for the Executive Director position by 2.5%. Ron Doggett seconded the motion which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jamie Johnson, Director of Finance and Accounting, reviewed the financials for the fiscal year-to-date through August 2025 for the four (4) entities under the NMPP Energy umbrella, included in the meeting packet as Attachment C.

EXTERNAL AUDIT FIRM UPDATE

One of the duties of the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) noted in the JOC Agreement is to monitor the relationship with the external audit firm. Johnson discussed the multi-year proposed fees provided by the external audit firm beginning with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027.

PROPOSED PAYROLL AND BENEFITS AND OTHER SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL COSTS BUDGETED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Johnson noted the duty of the JOC to review, prior to the respective annual meetings, the annual payroll and benefits and other shared administrative and general costs budgeted for each of the Parties (NMPP, MEAN, NPGA, and ACE).

Johnson provided a budget timeline and reviewed a summary of the allocation of payroll and benefits, determination of building and equipment rent paid to MEAN, and allocation basis for reimbursement of services from NMPP by MEAN, NPGA, and ACE, reflected in the Administrative and General Costs Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (Attachment D).

ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PAYROLL AND BENEFITS AND OTHER SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL COSTS

In fulfilling the JOC's duty to determine the allocation of payroll and benefits and other shared administrative and general costs to be used as the basis for reimbursement for services rendered or resources utilized by a Party, the following motion was made.

Motion Ron Doggett made the following motion:

The Joint Operating Committee determines payroll & benefits should be recorded to NPGA and ACE, as presented, with the remaining actuals recorded to MEAN and directs staff to adjust the amounts for the impact of the final benefits budget if such amount is less than presented. The JOC recognizes adjustments may be made during the fiscal year if changes to organization operations occur.

The JOC determines building and equipment rent will be paid to MEAN by NPGA and ACE, as presented.

The JOC determines services from NMPP will be reimbursed by MEAN, NPGA, and ACE, allocated based on each company's share of the total budgeted payroll and benefits (90% MEAN, 5% NPGA, 5% ACE).

Chris DesPlanques seconded the motion which carried unanimously on roll call vote of the 10 directors present. Duane Hoffman was not present for the vote.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026

2026 meeting dates for the Joint Operating Committee are June 3rd and November 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie Keiser
Administrative Assistant

Submitted by:
Brent Nation
Secretary



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

**Budget and Rates
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2025**

**National Public Gas Agency
Budget and Rates
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Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

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**National Public Gas Agency
 Budget and Rates
 Year-End Projections Narrative**

Year-End Projections for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The Fiscal Year is April 1 to March 31. Throughout the packet, Proposed Budget refers to Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Current Budget refers to Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The *Statements of Revenues and Expenses* report includes a comparison of the Proposed Budget to the Projected Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and a comparison of the Projected Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to the Current Budget.

For the December meeting, Projected Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was calculated based on actual results for the seven months ended October 2025 and budgeted activity for November 2025 through March 2026 with adjustments for known and expected differences. Given the volatility inherent in the business, there were no adjustments made to budgeted activity related to volumes and natural gas pricing.

Net revenue is projected to grow slightly compared to results through October 2025 as investment return is expected to continue outperforming budget.

The following table provides a breakout of the costs covered by Member Fees. See also the *Net Costs to Recover* report included in the packet. Member fees in the Current Budget are approximately \$7,300 per month.

	Projected Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Current Budget	Projected vs. Current \$ +/-
Net Costs to Recover			
A&G Expenses	\$ 582,154	\$ 614,360	\$ (32,206)
Less: Investment Return	95,172	55,350	39,822
Less: Customer Net Margins	31,606	32,570	(964)
Less: Gas Discounts	474,632	438,764	35,868
Total Net Costs to Recover	(19,256)	87,676	(106,932)
Member Fees	87,676	87,676	-
Over/(Under) Collection of Net Costs	\$ 106,932	\$ -	\$ 106,932

**National Public Gas Agency
Budget and Rates
Budget Narrative
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) was established under provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of Nebraska for the purpose of providing local governments the opportunity to cooperate with other localities to obtain a mutual advantage in the ability of the entity to meet its gas supply needs.

Budget Process

NPGA's budget and rates are prepared annually by NPGA staff. Assumptions related to natural gas usage and natural gas prices are discussed in more detail in the respective sections of the budget materials.

The administrative and general (A&G) budget is prepared annually based on strategic focus areas identified by the management team of NMPP Energy. In September, accounting staff compiles historical data and populates budget templates based on information available. The management team holds a strategic planning session to review short-term and long-term plans across the four companies of NMPP Energy. Department directors then prepare budgets during September and October based on anticipated projects and needs resulting from the strategic focus areas discussed. The strategic focus areas identified continue to stem from the technical complexity of the industry including the evolving energy markets.

Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP), Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN), NPGA, and Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) have entered into an agreement establishing a Joint Operating Committee (JOC) due in part to the companies sharing common staff all of which reside under NMPP. By combining and sharing their respective staffs and resources each company benefits by being able to perform obligations and responsibilities efficiently and at a lesser cost.

Duties of the JOC as detailed in the JOC Agreement include the following:

- Review, prior to the respective annual meetings, the annual payroll and benefits and other shared administrative costs budgeted for each of the Parties (NMPP, MEAN, NPGA and/or ACE).
- Determine the allocation of payroll and benefits and other shared administrative and general costs to be used as the basis for reimbursement for services rendered or resources utilized by a Party.
- Approve the appropriate compensation structure and benefits of employees of NMPP.

The JOC meets in November and receives a detailed proposed A&G budget packet. The packet, along with additional discussion and presentation at the meeting, assist the JOC in fulfilling the duties noted.

The Fiscal Year is April 1 to March 31. Throughout the packet, Proposed Budget refers to Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and Current Budget refers to Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The Current Budget includes the final numbers as approved by all respective Boards.

Approval of the NPGA budget and rates resides with the NPGA Board of Directors.

Net Revenue/(Loss)

NPGA's intention in rate setting has been to cover the costs incurred; therefore, a breakeven budget from a net revenue/(loss) perspective is expected. The Member Fees have been calculated based on the A&G expenses, offset by applicable items (customer net margins including management fees, investment return, and gas discounts).

The Member Fee methodology allows that any variance at the end of the year may be refunded to or charged to the members at the discretion of the Board. The Board may also choose not to take any action. See the *Net Costs to Recover* report and *Member Fee Allocation by Member* report for additional detail.

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Operating Revenues

NPGA's operating revenues consist of commodity revenues from sales of natural gas, transportation revenues (see *Transportation* section), member fees, and management fees. NPGA also receives production sharing assessment revenues from members who participate in the Natural Gas Production Sharing Agreement with Public Gas Partners Pool No. 3 (PGP). In preparing the budget, NPGA staff analyzes monthly sales history by community and budgets for each month of the fiscal year based on historical results. A monthly budget for each community is established based on the average of the applicable month in the last three years.

Commodity Revenues

NPGA's Level Purchase Plan (LPP) rates are set annually by the NPGA Board of Directors for NPGA members through the Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges (the "Rate Schedule") which is a part of the Gas Supply Agreement for Total Requirements Supply between NPGA and the Participant. Section 6 of the Rate Schedule allows identifiable portions of gas requirements to be excluded from NPGA's LPP. These loads are subject to separate pricing, as defined. NPGA also has customers who have contracted for gas supply under separate agreements. These customers are not members of NPGA.

Commodity revenues are budgeted in accordance with the Rate Schedule components described in Section 3 of the Rate Schedule for gas supplied under the LPP rate and the applicable rates per the individual gas supply agreements for customers and non LPP loads.

Volumes have been updated based on historical results and changes in contracts. The changes relate to updating sales volumes to the most recent three-year historical average usage, current as of September 2025. Weather is a significant driver of volumes and thus fluctuations are to be expected. The table below compares the budgeted volumes by type of agreement and by pipeline:

Volumes (in MMBtu)	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			+/-	% +/-
Member LPP				
Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG)	172,939	172,770	169	0%
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (SSC)	186,698	189,796	(3,098)	-2%
Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC (TIGT)	265,277	264,693	584	0%
Colorado Interstate Gas Company, LLC (CIG)	1,417,741	1,441,142	(23,401)	-2%
Kansas Gas Service (KGS)	106,514	107,335	(821)	-1%
Total Member LPP	2,149,169	2,175,736	(26,567)	-1%
Member Non LPP and Other Customers				
ANR Pipeline Company (ANR)	16,380	16,204	176	1%
CIG	113,321	113,461	(140)	0%
TIGT	136,375	153,229	(16,854)	-11%
Total Member Non LPP and Other Customers	266,076	2,458,630	(16,818)	-1%
Total	2,415,245	2,458,630	(43,385)	-2%

The budget methodology matches the components of LPP rates stated in the Rate Schedule. Section 3.03 of the Rate Schedule defines the items to be included in the actual cost of gas as purchased gas costs, pipeline fuel losses (as applicable), storage charges related to supplying gas, interest costs of financing storage, and hedging activity under the LPP. Section 3.03 also states that purchased gas costs shall be computed based on open market value of gas supplies and do not include discounts created by NPGA purchases of prepaid gas supplies. See also the *Cost of Gas Sold* section. Under the current rate structure, a \$0.15 adder per MMBtu is applicable to other customers, unless otherwise noted in individual agreements.

As shown in Section 3.04 of the Rate Schedule, the Current Stated LPP rate is \$5.00 per MMBtu across all pipelines utilized by members.

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Due to the cyclical nature of NPGA's sales, seasonality of prices, and estimated beginning cost of and quantities of gas in storage; budgeted commodity revenues fluctuate as summarized below:

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ +/-	% +/-
Commodity Revenues	\$ 9,534,534	\$ 9,471,568	\$ 62,966	1%

The budget for gas costs includes index pricing and pipeline basis differentials used in estimating gas costs; however, due to the volatile nature of natural gas prices, variances between budgeted and actual commodity cost per MMBtu are still expected. See also the *Cost of Gas Sold* section.

Calculated Average Fiscal Year and Stated LPP Rates

Stated LPP rates may be changed at the discretion of the Board and may differ by pipeline. Generally, the stated LPP rate is the consensus of the applicable NPGA Directors representing the communities receiving gas supply from each pipeline.

LPP Rate/MMBtu	Rate Schedule Section	Pipeline				
		NNG	SSC	TIGT	CIG	KGS
Proposed Budget						
Actual Cost of Gas/Calculated LPP Rate	3.02/3.03	\$ 4.835	\$ 4.211	\$ 3.725	\$ 3.824	\$ 4.571
Pooled Gas Adjustment	3.05	(0.165)	(0.789)	(1.275)	(1.176)	(0.429)
Stated LPP Rate	3.04	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Current Budget						
Actual Cost of Gas/Calculated LPP Rate	3.02/3.03	\$ 4.740	\$ 4.069	\$ 3.597	\$ 3.764	\$ 4.533
Pooled Gas Adjustment	3.05	(0.260)	(0.931)	(1.403)	(1.236)	(0.467)
Stated LPP Rate	3.04	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Member Fees

Section 3.06 of the Rate Schedule defines the Member Fee which serves to recover costs associated with the operation of NPGA. See the *Net Costs to Recover* report and *Member Fee Allocation by Member* report for more information. The Member Fees included in the Proposed Budget represents the amount required for NPGA to have a breakeven budget for the fiscal year. The NPGA Board of Directors has discretion in rate setting. See also the **Net Revenue/(Loss)** section.

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ +/-	% +/-
Member Fees	\$ 98,567	\$ 87,676	\$ 10,891	12%

Management Fees

Agreements with customers may include an adder to the cost of gas, a carrying charge, a management fee or some combination of those items. These fees are charged to customers to assist with recovery of administrative and general costs. The amounts are specified in Exhibit A attached to each Gas Purchase Agreement and generally consist of a set rate applied to monthly usage. The fluctuation is related to the impact of the fluctuation in annual budgeted volumes.

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ +/-	% +/-
Management Fees	\$ 8,985	\$ 8,893	\$ 92	1%

Production Sharing Assessments

NPGA has a Natural Gas Production Sharing Agreement with Public Gas Partners Pool No. 3 (PGP) that includes agreements with individual NPGA members for participation. Under the agreements, any discount or assessment is the responsibility of the applicable NPGA members in accordance with their individual share. PGP generally establishes assessments in October for the subsequent calendar year. See the *Cost of Gas Sold Narrative* for additional information.

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Investment Return

Investment return is budgeted to increase. The budgeted increase is due to interest rates not falling as quickly as anticipated. The money market fund rate has started to decline in recent months and is expected to decline further throughout the next fiscal year.

Consistent with Section 8.3 of NPGA’s Policies and Guidelines staff expects to include a storage funding charge/(credit) on monthly invoices to manage NPGA’s cash flow. Therefore, the storage gas component of investment return is \$0.

Type of Return	Proposed Budget		Current Budget		Proposed vs. Current	
					\$ /-	% +/-
Total Investment Return	\$	71,000	\$	55,350	\$ 15,650	28%

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	Proposed Budget		Current Budget		Proposed vs. Current		Projected Fiscal Year*		Proposed vs. Projected		Projected vs Current	
					+/-	% +/-	2025-2026		+/-	% +/-	+/-	% +/-
Revenue Units (Mmbtu)	2,415,245		2,458,630		(43,385)	-2%	2,424,703		(9,458)	0%	(33,927)	-1%
Cost Units (Mmbtu)	2,457,851		2,501,876		(44,025)	-2%	2,445,779		12,072	0%	(56,097)	-2%
Operating Revenues												
Gas supply												
Commodity revenues	\$ 9,534,534		\$ 9,471,568		\$ 62,966	1%	\$ 9,227,045		\$ 307,489	3%	\$ (244,523)	-3%
Transportation	157,856		162,870		(5,014)	-3%	161,773		(3,917)	-2%	(1,097)	-1%
Member fees	98,567		87,676		10,891	12%	87,676		10,891	12%	-	0%
Management fees	8,985		8,893		92	1%	9,193		(208)	-2%	300	3%
Production sharing assessments	220,000		-		220,000	100%	96,201		123,799	129%	96,201	-
Total gas supply	10,019,942		9,731,007		288,935	3%	9,581,888		438,054	5%	(149,119)	-2%
Total operating revenues	10,019,942		9,731,007		288,935	3%	9,581,888		438,054	5%	(149,119)	-2%
Operating Expenses												
Cost of gas sold												
Commodity costs	9,511,269		9,447,891		63,378	1%	9,204,632		306,637	3%	(243,259)	-3%
Gas discounts	(433,464)		(438,764)		5,300	-1%	(474,632)		41,168	-9%	(35,868)	8%
Production sharing costs	220,000		-		220,000	100%	96,201		123,799	129%	96,201	-
Transportation costs	157,856		162,870		(5,014)	-3%	161,773		(3,917)	-2%	(1,097)	-1%
Total cost of gas sold	9,455,661		9,171,997		283,664	3%	8,987,975		467,686	5%	(184,022)	-2%
Administrative and general												
Payroll and benefits	485,400		465,600		19,800	4%	434,488		50,912	12%	(31,112)	-7%
Internal office	108,053		105,531		2,522	2%	103,351		4,702	5%	(2,180)	-2%
Member	4,838		4,884		(46)	-1%	4,740		98	2%	(144)	-3%
Consultants and outside services	36,990		38,345		(1,355)	-4%	39,575		(2,585)	-7%	1,230	3%
Total administrative and general	635,281		614,360		20,921	3%	582,154		53,127	9%	(32,206)	-5%
Total operating expenses	10,090,942		9,786,357		304,585	3%	9,570,129		520,813	5%	(216,228)	-2%
Operating Revenue / (Loss)	(71,000)		(55,350)		(15,650)	28%	11,760		(82,760)	-704%	67,110	-121%
Nonoperating Revenues												
Investment return	71,000		55,350		15,650	28%	95,172		(24,172)	-25%	39,822	72%
Net Revenue / (Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 106,932	\$ (106,932)	-100%	\$ 106,932	-	-

* Projection based on actuals through October 2025, budget for remaining months of fiscal year, and estimated adjustments.

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Cost of Gas Sold

NPGA's cost of gas sold consists of commodity costs for natural gas purchased to serve needs of NPGA's members and customers, gas discounts resulting from gas supply contracts related to prepay or other similar transactions, production sharing costs, and transportation costs (see *Transportation* section).

Commodity Costs

Budgeted commodity costs fluctuate annually due to changes in budgeted usage by community, anticipated market price of natural gas, and cost of and timing related to storage gas.

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ /-	% +/-
Commodity Costs	\$ 9,511,269	\$ 9,447,891	\$ 63,378	1%

The Proposed Budget uses anticipated monthly market pricing with pipeline-based differentials for determining the cost of gas purchased. This method allows for more specific monthly pricing during each season. The December meeting materials are based on expected future pricing and differentials as of November 10, 2025. Information will be updated prior to the February meeting.

The following shows the anticipated NYMEX average pricing during each season of the budget years:

NYMEX Average	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ /-	% +/-
Summer	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.68	\$ 0.27	7%
Winter	\$ 4.51	\$ 4.34	\$ 0.17	4%

The gas cost included in the LPP rates discussed in the *Revenues* section differs from the NYMEX average pricing due to the pipeline-based differentials and other items included in gas cost. The cost of gas defined in the Rate Schedule also includes the pipeline fuel losses, storage charges related to supplying gas, interest costs of financing storage, and hedging activity. NPGA staff has not incorporated an estimate of the cash settlement of financial hedging transactions into the budget as the actual cost or benefit at settlement date is highly variable.

Gas costs include pipeline fuel losses which are calculated based on pipeline fuel loss %, as established by each pipeline, and budgeted monthly total gas units purchased. The pipeline fuel loss dollars equal the calculated units for the month multiplied by the monthly budgeted market gas cost per unit. The difference between budgeted revenue units and budgeted cost units consists of the budgeted fuel loss units and monthly storage activity.

For pipelines that have member storage, the budget is developed in accordance with NPGA's natural gas purchasing strategy included in NPGA's Policies and Guidelines. Variances will occur based on actual needs throughout the fiscal year and the actual beginning storage quantity and cost at the start of the fiscal year. The injection and withdrawal of storage gas during the fiscal year as well as the estimated beginning cost per unit is included in the budgeted monthly gas costs. December meeting materials were priced using September 2025 storage values. February meeting materials will include updated storage values.

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Gas Discounts

NPGA has entered into gas supply contracts with various counterparties that include daily purchase requirements and discounts per MMBtu purchased. Section 3.03 of the Rate Schedule notes actual cost of gas is to exclude discounts created by NPGA purchases of prepaid gas supplies. As a result, the discounts are not factored into the cost of gas sold to members or other customers. Instead, the discount is factored into the calculation of the Net Costs to Recover used to establish the fiscal year Member Fee. See the *Statements of Revenues and Expenses* report and the *Net Costs to Recover* report.

NPGA began receiving gas discounts April 2019 through a gas supply contract with Public Energy Authority of Kentucky (PEAK). The gas discount results from a prepaid gas purchase and sale agreement between PEAK and BP Energy Company. This transaction reached the end of the initial pricing period in November 2024. The discount re-priced beginning December 2024 and runs through June 2032.

NPGA has multiple agreements with Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG). These transactions result from prepaid gas purchase and sale agreements between MGAG and various counterparties.

- The MGAG/Citigroup Energy 2019C transaction will reach the end of the initial pricing period in August 2026. In the Proposed Budget, the transaction is assumed to price at the reset minimum discount per MMBtu.
- The transaction labeled MGAG/Citi Prepaid Energy 2023D in the table below includes seasonal shaping. NPGA purchases 750 MMBtu/day from October through May for an average annual purchase of 500/day.
- The transaction labeled MGAG/RBC Prepaid Energy 2024A in the table below includes seasonal shaping. Volumes are delivered at variable amounts throughout the year, for an average annual purchase of 401/day.

Annually, NPGA shares in the annual return, if any, received by MGAG under the agreements. The annual return is expected to result in an additional discount of \$0.01-\$0.05/MMBtu. As the annual return is highly variable, it is not included in the annual budget.

The following table summarizes the gas discount transactions:

Counterparty	Average Daily MMBtu	Set Discount per MMBtu	Pricing Period	Reset Minimum Discount per MMBtu	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
							\$ +/-	% +/-
PEAK/BP Energy	1,000	\$0.43	Dec. 2024 - Jun. 2032	\$0.20	\$ 156,950	\$ 156,950	\$ -	0%
MGAG/Citigroup Energy 2019C	500	\$0.29	Feb. 2020 - Aug. 2026	\$0.24	47,625	52,925	(5,300)	-10%
MGAG/Citi Prepaid Energy 2021C	500	\$0.33	Apr. 2022 - Nov. 2028	\$0.23	60,225	60,225	-	0%
MGAG/Citi Prepaid Energy 2023D	500	\$0.50	Apr. 2024 - Nov. 2030	\$0.23	91,125	91,125	-	0%
MGAG/RBC Prepaid Energy 2024A	401	\$0.53	Jun. 2024 - Aug. 2031	\$0.23	77,539	77,539	-	0%
Total gas discounts					\$ 433,464	\$ 438,764	\$ (5,300)	-1%

Production Sharing Costs

Production sharing costs result from NPGA's Natural Gas Production Sharing Agreement with PGP. Certain members of NPGA participate in the agreement. Under the agreements, any discount or assessment is the responsibility of the applicable NPGA members in accordance with their individual share. In recent years, assessments have been needed to cover PGP costs and pay down debt. PGP generally establishes assessments in October for the subsequent calendar year. The approved assessments allocated to NPGA and the applicable members totaled approximately \$27,500 in 2024, \$55,000 in 2025, and \$220,000 for 2026. The Proposed Budget also includes an estimated assessment for calendar year 2027 of \$220,000.

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Transportation

NPGA contracts with certain interstate pipeline suppliers for the transportation and storage of its natural gas requirements. NPGA has also contracted to collect payments for transportation of natural gas on behalf of certain members and customers and remits these payments to the respective interstate pipeline supplier. Since NPGA is only acting as an agent, these amounts are not reported as revenue or expense on the *Statements of Revenues and Expenses* report.

The NNG pipeline is contracted in NPGA's name and thus the costs and related revenues are reported in the operating section of the *Statements of Revenues and Expenses* report.

Regardless of whether the transportation is in NPGA's name or if NPGA is acting as an agent, the member or customer reimburses NPGA for the actual cost incurred with no additional fees or markups.

Staff calculate reservation and commodity portions of transportation to provide an estimate of total transportation charges and related revenues, based on budgeted sales volumes. Staff used information available including current reservation rates and calculated the average commodity rate per pipeline per month based on historical data, which was then applied to budgeted sales volumes per month. If applicable, staff also captures the impact of Asset Management Agreements. Information about upcoming rate changes will be incorporated when available.

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
			\$ /-	% +/-
Gross Reported Pass-Through Costs	\$ 157,856	\$ 162,870	\$ (5,014)	-3%
Net Reported Pass-Through Costs	2,103,377	2,060,387	42,990	2%
Total Transportation Costs	\$ 2,261,233	\$ 2,223,257	\$ 37,976	2%

See the *Transportation Costs* report for estimates by member and by pipeline for customers.

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	Proposed Budget		Current Budget		Proposed vs. Current	
					\$ +/-	% +/-
Member						
NNG						
Lyons, NE	\$	42,345	\$	44,345	\$	(2,000) -5%
Pender, NE		86,554		88,975		(2,421) -3%
Stromsburg, NE		28,957		29,550		(593) -2%
Total NNG		157,856		162,870		(5,014) -3%
SSC						
Auburn, KS		192,578		184,615		7,963 4%
Superior, NE		253,402		238,976		14,426 6%
Total SSC		445,980		423,591		22,389 5%
TIGT						
Central City, NE		344,402		342,471		1,931 1%
Alma, NE		156,359		155,872		487 0%
Stuart, NE		140,964		119,612		21,352 18%
Wisner, NE		133,196		132,420		776 1%
Total TIGT		774,921		750,375		24,546 3%
CIG						
Fort Morgan, CO		290,036		294,042		(4,006) -1%
Trinidad, CO		260,557		266,502		(5,945) -2%
Walsenburg, CO		79,812		82,796		(2,984) -4%
Total CIG		630,405		643,340		(12,935) -2%
KGS						
Belleville, KS		168,533		166,377		2,156 1%
Total KGS		168,533		166,377		2,156 1%
Total Member	\$	2,177,695	\$	2,146,553	\$	31,142 1%
Customer						
CIG	\$	62,381	\$	55,940	\$	6,441 12%
ANR		21,157		20,764		393 2%
Total Customer	\$	83,538	\$	76,704	\$	6,834 9%
Total Transportation Costs	\$	2,261,233	\$	2,223,257	\$	37,976 2%
Transportation Costs - As Reported						
Gross Reported Pass-Through Costs	\$	157,856	\$	162,870	\$	(5,014) -3%
Net Reported Pass-Through Costs		2,103,377		2,060,387		42,990 2%
Total Transportation Costs - As Reported	\$	2,261,233	\$	2,223,257	\$	37,976 2%

Includes: reservation, commodity, and asset management arrangements, as applicable

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Administrative and General (A&G) Expenses

For ease of analysis, NPGA breaks administrative and general (A&G) expenses into the following four categories: payroll and benefits, internal office, member, and consultants and outside services.

Payroll and Benefits

Payroll and benefits consist of gross wages, employer payroll taxes, and costs of benefits provided by NMPP to each employee. As noted, one of the duties of the JOC is to approve the appropriate compensation structure and benefits of employees of NMPP. The annual review and approval for any changes in compensation structure and benefits is part of the November JOC meeting. There is no change in benefits offered. The budgeted increase for NMPP Energy related to anticipated performance/merit pay adjustments is 4.64% in the Proposed Budget (Current Budget was 5.10%). The Proposed Budget also reflects the final benefit renewals for calendar 2026 and estimates for calendar 2027.

Under the methodology approved by the JOC, payroll and benefits expenses are allocated to NPGA, ACE, and NMPP based on the estimated market payroll and benefits expenses each Party would incur if each company employed their own independent staff. Annual payroll and benefits costs for NPGA, ACE, and NMPP are established during the JOC budget process based on the hypothetical estimates of payroll and benefits expenses. The total budgeted payroll and benefits costs net of the established amounts for NPGA, ACE, and NMPP are allocated to MEAN. The allocation of payroll and benefits expenses is reviewed and recommended by the JOC annually.

Under the allocation methodology approved by the JOC, the payroll and benefits paid by NPGA, ACE, and NMPP are fixed annually unless a business change occurs during the year requiring a change in personnel or a change occurs to the underlying compensation and benefit assumptions. As a result, MEAN bears the risk and reward related to over or under spending in payroll and benefits related to staffing, unless the variance is related to a business change for NPGA, ACE, or NMPP.

As part of the budget process, management of the NMPP Energy companies discussed whether changes in the operations of each of the underlying companies resulted in changes in roles or responsibilities of current positions or resulted in a need for additional personnel. No additional personnel were identified for NPGA.

The following table summarizes the budgeted payroll and benefits cost by company, as approved at the November 2025 JOC meeting.

Payroll and Benefits							
	Proposed Budget		Current Budget		vs. Current		
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	\$ +/-	% +/-	
MEAN	\$ 8,858,462	90%	\$ 8,765,196	90%	\$ 93,266	1%	
NPGA	485,400	5%	465,600	5%	19,800	4%	
ACE	460,600	5%	441,900	5%	18,700	4%	
Total	\$ 9,804,462	100%	\$ 9,672,696	100%	\$ 131,766	1%	

Other A&G Expenses

Other A&G expenses consist of direct costs and shared costs. NMPP Energy attempts to assign costs whenever possible to the specific company with which the cost is associated. Direct costs include the A&G expenses that are specific to the business operating needs of each individual company. The costs incurred are generally attributable to invoices and/or contracts with vendors relating to a cost incurred by the specific company. Shared costs consist of the payroll and benefits allocation, rent – building and equipment paid to MEAN, NPGA's share of JOC meetings, and NPGA's allocation of NMPP services.

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The following provides highlights of the budgeted changes in other A&G costs for NPGA. See the *NMPP Energy – Detail by Company - NPGA* report.

Other A&G				
	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs Current	
			\$ +/-	% +/-
Internal Office	\$ 108,053	\$ 105,531	\$ 2,522	2%
Member	4,838	4,884	(46)	-1%
Consultants and Outside Services	36,990	38,345	(1,355)	-4%
Total Other A&G	\$ 149,881	\$ 148,760	\$ 1,121	1%

Internal Office

- **Conferences and training** – registration fees for industry and job specific conferences and trainings; increase due to changes in planned activity.
- **Dues and subscriptions** – subscription to natural gas price reporting service; annual rate increase expected. Proposed budget also includes a reclass for membership dues related to transmission groups. These items had previously been reported as Consultants and Outside Services – Legal.
- **Equipment lease and maintenance** – costs related to cyclical replacement of computer and other equipment used directly by NPGA. Activity is not directly budgeted but occurs as needed.
- **Rent – building and equipment** – use of space in the building, use of operating equipment, use of technology and shared products and services is allocated to NPGA and ACE based on the estimated market expenses each Party would incur if each company operated independently. The allocated cost is reimbursed to MEAN as rent paid. The amount of rent paid to MEAN is reviewed and recommended by the JOC annually.

As part of the budget process, the shared costs are reviewed for any significant changes that would result in a change to rent other than the standard annual rate of 2%. Upon review of the shared costs, no significant items were identified that would result in modifications to the rent amount. Therefore, the rent charges for NPGA and ACE were each increased by 2% as shown in the table below.

Building and Equipment Rent Paid to MEAN				
	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	vs. Current	
			\$ +/-	% +/-
NPGA	\$ 84,500	\$ 82,824	\$ 1,676	2%
ACE	94,900	93,024	1,876	2%
Total Rent Paid to MEAN	\$ 179,400	\$ 175,848	\$ 3,552	2%

- **Travel, lodging and meals** – this category includes both staff travel to attend various conferences and industry meetings as well as travel to members and customers to provide the products and services offered by NPGA; decrease due to changes in planned activity.

Member

- **Advertising – corporate image** – this is for NPGA promotional items; no change based on planned activity.
- **Board and committee meetings** – NPGA budgets for all planned Board meetings to be held in person. Costs include NPGA's 1/3 share of JOC meeting costs; decrease is based on recent actuals.
- **Services from/(to) NMPP** – all NMPP costs not covered by NMPP revenues are allocated to MEAN, NPGA and ACE based on each company's share of total budgeted payroll and benefits. Costs consist of holding the NMPP Energy annual conference, NMPP board meetings, the annual audit and related consulting, lobbying contract with a Nebraska lobbyist, and other small miscellaneous items. These costs are offset in part by annual conference revenues equal to budgeted conference expenses, champions dues, and investment return. NMPP's budget and the allocation was reviewed by the JOC. Increase relates to lower revenues and increasing costs.

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The following table provides a summary of the budgeted services reimbursement.

Services Reimbursement					
	% of Total Payroll	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current	
				\$ +/-	% +/-
MEAN	90%	\$ 25,789	\$ 19,327	\$ 6,462	33%
NPGA	5%	1,433	1,074	359	33%
ACE	5%	1,433	1,074	359	33%
Total Services Reimbursement to NMPP		\$ 28,655	\$ 21,475	\$ 7,180	33%

Consultants and Outside Services

- **Audit and consulting** – these costs relate to the costs for the annual financial statement audit; costs increase annually.
- **Legal** – budgeted costs are based on review of historical actuals and planned projects. Agreements involving prepaid gas transactions and periodic hedging policy review result in cost variances year to year. Remaining decrease relates to a reclass of membership dues from this line to Internal Office – Dues and Subscriptions.
- **Other consultants and outside services** – consist of bank charges and reporting fees; bank charges fluctuate annually with changes to fees charged by the bank and underlying activity.

NMPP Energy
Administrative and General Budget
Detail by Company
Fiscal Year 2026-2027

	NPGA							Actuals
	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current		Projected	Proposed vs. Projected		Fiscal Year 2024-2025
	\$ +/-	\$ +/-	% +/-		\$ +/-	% +/-		
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Payroll and Benefits	\$ 485,400	\$ 465,600	\$ 19,800	4%	\$ 434,488	\$ 50,912	12%	\$ 436,200
Internal Office								
Conferences and training	3,040	2,370	670	28%	1,433	1,608	112%	2,130
Dues and subscriptions	7,250	2,950	4,300	146%	6,038	1,212	20%	2,880
Equipment lease and maintenance	-	-	-	-	3,432	(3,432)	-100%	1,940
Rent - building and equipment	84,500	82,824	1,676	2%	82,824	1,676	2%	81,188
Travel, lodging and meals	13,263	17,387	(4,124)	-24%	9,624	3,639	38%	11,915
Total internal office	108,053	105,531	2,522	2%	103,351	4,702	5%	100,053
Member								
Advertising - corporate image	250	250	-	0%	250	-	0%	-
Board and committee meetings	3,155	3,560	(405)	-11%	3,416	(261)	-8%	2,614
Services from / (to) NMPP	1,433	1,074	359	33%	1,074	359	33%	-
Total member	4,838	4,884	(46)	-1%	4,740	98	2%	2,614
Consultants and Outside Services								
Audit and consulting	30,950	30,050	900	3%	30,050	900	3%	29,175
Legal	1,500	8,000	(6,500)	-81%	5,088	(3,588)	-71%	1,218
Other	4,540	295	4,245	1439%	4,437	103	2%	589
Total consultants and outside services	36,990	38,345	(1,355)	-4%	39,575	(2,585)	-7%	30,982
Total other administrative and general	149,881	148,760	1,121	1%	147,666	2,215	1%	133,649
Total Administrative and General Expenses	\$ 635,281	\$ 614,360	\$ 20,921	3%	\$ 582,154	\$ 53,127	9%	\$ 569,849

**National Public Gas Agency
 Budget and Rates
 Net Costs to Recover
 Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

	Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Proposed vs. Current		Projected Fiscal Year* 2025-2026
			\$ +/-	% +/-	
Net Costs to Recover					
A&G Expenses	\$ 635,281	\$ 614,360	\$ 20,921	3%	\$ 582,154
Less: Investment Return	71,000	55,350	15,650	28%	95,172
Less: Customer Net Margins	32,250	32,570	(320)	-1%	31,606
Less: Gas Discounts	433,464	438,764	(5,300)	-1%	474,632
Total Net Costs to Recover	98,567	87,676	10,891	12%	(19,256)
Member Fees	98,567	87,676	10,891	12%	87,676
Over/(Under) Collection of Net Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ 106,932

* Projection based on actuals through October 2025, budget for remaining months of fiscal year, and estimated adjustments.

**National Public Gas Agency
Budget and Rates
Member Fee Allocation by Member
Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Member	Three Year Historical Average Volumes	Proposed Budget					Current Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Per Rate Schedule			Proposed vs. Current	
		50% Split Evenly	50% Volume Split	Total	% of Total Member Fee	Unit Fee*	Total	% of Total Member Fee	Unit Fee*	Total \$ +/-	Unit Fee \$ +/-
Auburn, KS	91,608	\$ 3,791	\$ 2,101	\$ 5,892	6%	\$ 0.06	\$ 5,183	6%	\$ 0.06	\$ 709	\$ -
Superior, NE	95,090	3,791	2,181	5,972	6%	0.06	5,386	6%	0.06	586	-
Central City, NE	144,694	3,791	3,318	7,109	7%	0.05	6,273	7%	0.04	836	0.01
Alma, NE	51,686	3,791	1,185	4,976	5%	0.10	4,417	5%	0.09	559	0.01
Stuart, NE	23,682	3,791	543	4,334	4%	0.18	3,846	4%	0.16	488	0.02
Wisner, NE	45,215	3,791	1,037	4,828	5%	0.11	4,286	5%	0.09	542	0.02
Fort Morgan, CO	711,898	3,791	16,324	20,115	20%	0.03	18,070	21%	0.03	2,045	-
Trinidad, CO	544,931	3,791	12,496	16,287	17%	0.03	14,367	16%	0.03	1,920	-
Walsenburg, CO	160,912	3,791	3,690	7,481	8%	0.05	6,716	8%	0.04	765	0.01
Lyons, NE	48,037	3,791	1,102	4,893	5%	0.10	4,345	5%	0.09	548	0.01
Pender, NE	87,164	3,791	1,999	5,790	6%	0.07	5,119	6%	0.06	671	0.01
Stromsburg, NE	37,738	3,791	865	4,656	5%	0.12	4,133	5%	0.11	523	0.01
Belleville, KS	106,514	3,791	2,443	6,234	6%	0.06	5,535	6%	0.05	699	0.01
Total	2,149,169	\$ 49,283	\$ 49,284	\$ 98,567	100%	\$ 0.05	\$ 87,676	100%	\$ 0.04	\$ 10,891	\$ 0.01

Allocation is in accordance with Section 3.06 of Revised Schedule of Rates and Charges; 1/2 evenly and 1/2 based on three year historical average of BG monthly sales volumes, by BG Participant. The annual period used for historical average calculations is October - September.

***Calculation is based on the three year historical average volumes shown in order to isolate impact of change in Member Fee vs. change in volumes.**