

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (ABAG POWER)

Executive Committee

December 11, 2019

Agenda Item 5.c.

Report on Natural Gas Program

Subject: Market Price Chart

Background: Following significant price volatility from the prior fiscal year, western and northwestern regions have returned to the \$2.50-3.00/MMBtu range during the summer months.

In late October and early November, prices began to climb because of colder than average temperatures driving increased heating demand. Prices at national indices rose about 25% during this period, causing a ripple effect for west coast trading hubs.


At 3.7 billion cubic feet, national storage inventories entering the winter season (November to March) are 1.4% above the five-year average. Storage provides an opportunity to hedge against price fluctuations.

Issues: None.

Recommended Action: None.

Attachment: Market Price Chart

Reviewed:



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