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New Power Contract Awarded for NNSS

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has awarded Valley Electric Association, Inc., of Pahrump, Nevada, a contract to provide electric services for the agency's Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

It is estimated the new contract provides a savings on electric service of approximately 1.4% per year. In addition, the NNSA will save about \$200,000 per year on power system monitoring and control services.

The contract becomes effective November 1, 2012. The contract has a five year term with an additional five year option and has an award amount of \$61,635,257. The firm fixed price contract provides a stable cost of energy for the NNSS without increases due to rising fuel costs.

The new contract includes provisions for construction of 5.3 miles of a new 138-kilo volt line to the NNSS Mercury Switching Center. The existing transmission system is over 50 years old. The new line will increase the reliability of the NNSS power supply, eliminate long standing low voltage concerns and increase the capacity of the on-site system from 40 megawatts to 70 megawatts.

Nevada Power has been the provider of electrical service to the NNSS.

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