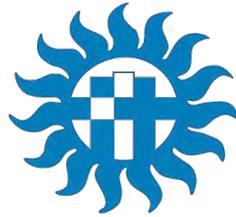


El Paso Electric Franchise Agreement



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El Paso Electric Franchise Agreement Update

**Kick-Off Work Session
Monday, April 22, 2013**

1. Background & History

2. Approach to New FA

3. Timeline for New FA

Overview

- ▶ **EPE has served Las Cruces residents for 111 Yrs**
 - CLC / EPE Franchise Agreement Since 1943
- ▶ **Last Franchise Agreement Expired in April 2009**

- ▶ **EPE Previously Operated:**
 - As– El Paso Light and Rail
 - Then– Bought Mesilla Valley Ice and Electric

Background & History

▶ **What is a Franchise Agreement?**

- Gives a Private Utility the Right to Use City R-O-W
- Streets, Avenues, Alleys, Sidewalks, etc...
- Does not Grant Authority to Serve a Population

▶ **What is the Purpose of their use?**

- Construct, Reconstruct, Repair, Maintain, Use, and Operate Facilities for Transmission and Distribution of Electricity
- Efficient Delivery of Electric Power to City Residents

▶ **What Types of Uses?**

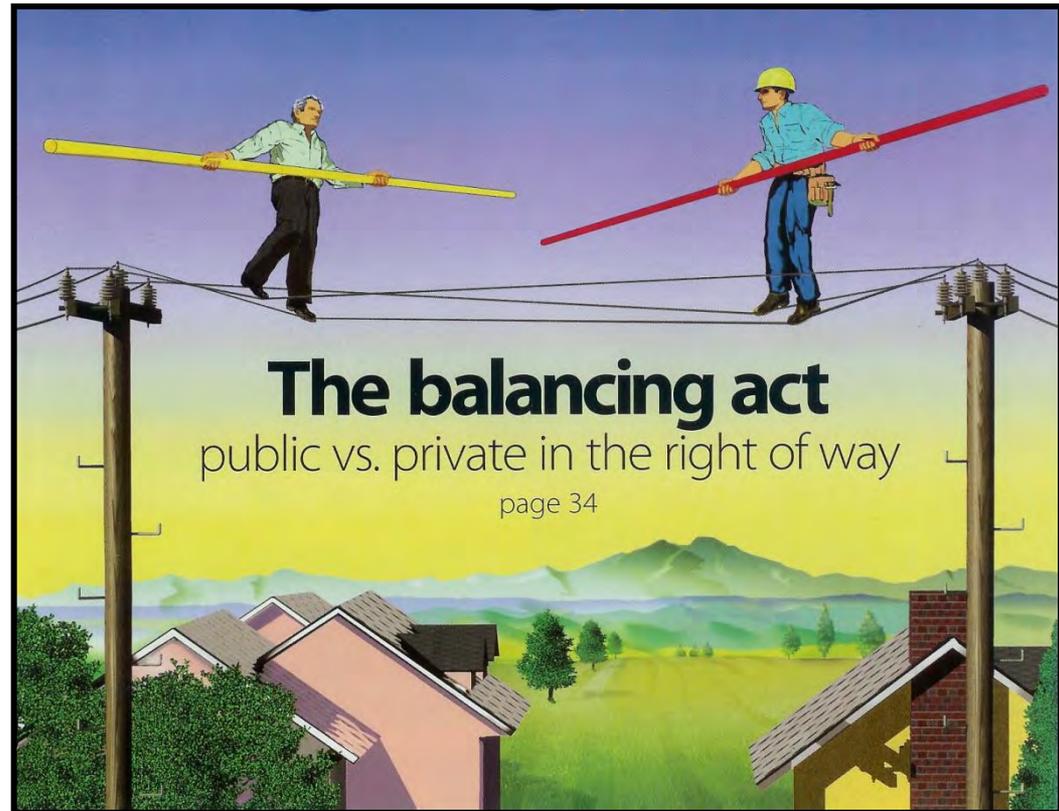
- Underground and Overhead Conduits, Poles, Towers and Lines

Background & History

▶ **Fees Help Manage City Street System**

▶ **Franchise Agreements:**

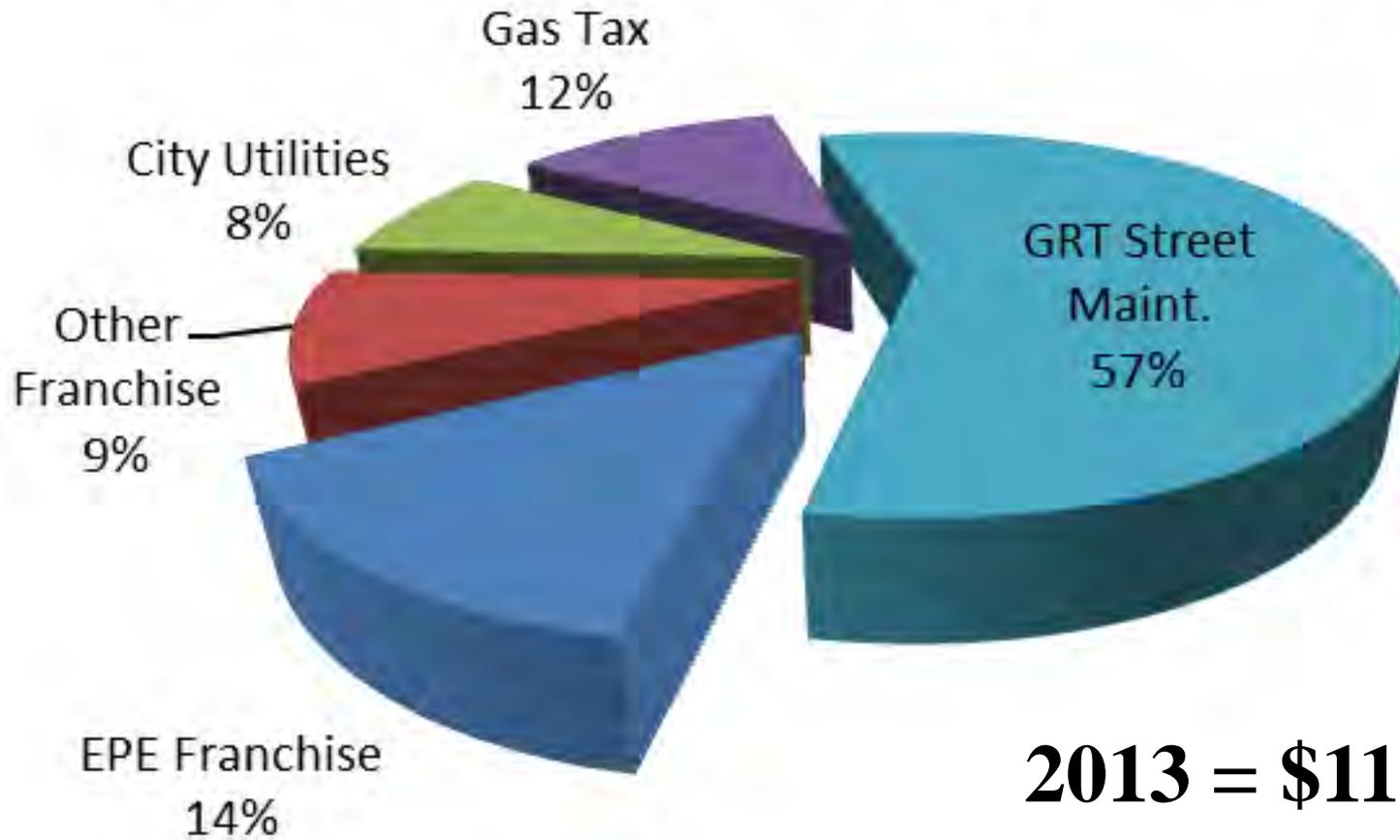
- EPE
- Century Link
- Comcast
- Private Water Companies
- *City Gas*
- *City Water*
- *City Wastewater*



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Background & History

Street Management Funding Sources



2013 = \$11.5 Million

Direction from City Council

Relating to Negotiating New Franchise Agreement with EPE

A. What is the preferred *approach*?

1. *Staff Committee and Recommendations*
2. *Staff/Council Committee*
3. *Ad-Hoc Committee without Staff or City Council*
4. *Ad-Hoc Committee with Staff*
5. *Professional Service Contract*

B. What is the targeted *timeline*?



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End of Presentation

Questions?