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The City of Las Cruces and El Paso Electric Company work together to allow electric power to be distributed through public rights of way to serve residential, commercial and industrial customers within the city limits. A franchise agreement is the formal document that establishes the respective responsibilities of each entity including provisions for emergency work and repairs.

The franchise agreement also contains provisions for the electric company to pay the city for the use of the public space. Various franchise agreements have been in place between the agencies for decades. This work session will be the opportunity for the city and El Paso Electric to review and summarize the proposed franchise agreement before it is scheduled for city council vote later this summer.

Ricardo (Rico) Gonzales, Director of New Mexico External Affairs for El Paso Electric Company, will be available as a resource; and Adrian Rodriguez, El Paso Electric Attorney, will also be available if necessary.