

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; establishing a ratepayer engagement process for the development of biennial revisions to the utility’s strategic plan and supporting electricity rates; outlining the roles of the Department, the City Light Review Panel, the Mayor, and the Council in that process; and establishing a schedule for regular adoption of such strategic plans and electricity rates necessary to implement them.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation establishes the framework for City Light’s engagement with its rate payers as it updates its Strategic Plan every two years. The legislation provides an explicit role for the Department, the City Light Review Panel, the Mayor and the Council. It further establishes a schedule for the biennial adoption of an updated Strategic Plan and the passage of a rate ordinance to support the updated Plan prior to the start of the annual budget process.

Background:

In 2010, the Council established the City Light Review Panel, made up of nine representatives from among City Light’s rate payers, to advise the Department, the Council, and the Mayor on City Light’s future spending plans and the rates necessary and appropriate to support such plans. The Council adopted the first Strategic Plan, covering the period 2013 to 2018, in 2012, and set rates for 2013, and 2014 to support the plan. In adopting the plan it also endorsed rates for the remaining years of the planning horizon. City Light will present an update to that plan in the spring of 2014, and by this Resolution, the Council will review it and adopt a new plan covering the period 2015 to 2020, and rates for 2015 and 2016 before the start of the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget process. The Plan will be updated on a two-year cycle with the Council adopting both an updated Plan and necessary rates all before the start of the budget cycle.

Please check one of the following:

X This legislation does not have any financial implications.

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