

RESOLUTION 31106

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2 A RESOLUTION requesting that the Mayor include rate information and projections for the
3 City's utilities with future proposed budgets and fiscal notes, and superseding Resolution
4 31022.

5 WHEREAS, City Council approval of rates provides City utilities the authority to collect
6 sufficient rate revenue to cover the cost of utility services; and

7 WHEREAS, City Council approval of annual budgets provides City utilities the expenditure
8 authority to use rate revenue to fund utility services; and

9 WHEREAS, the City Council expects the expenditure levels anticipated by each proposed and
10 endorsed budget to be sustainable by rates adopted or proposed for that year; and

11 WHEREAS, if a budget proposes expenditures that cannot be sustainably funded with adopted
12 rates, the City Council needs clear information about the future rate impacts of those
13 expenditures as a basis for its budget decisions; and

14 WHEREAS, Resolution 31022, adopted on November 19, 2007, requested that the Mayor
15 provide rate projections for Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities with all
16 proposed budgets; and

17 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to supersede Resolution 31022 with more specific policy
18 direction regarding rate information to be presented with the proposed budget ordinance
19 and any other utility-related legislation submitted for City Council approval; NOW,
20 THEREFORE,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:**

22 **Section 1.** Resolution 31022 is hereby superseded in its entirety and replaced with the
23 requirements in Section 2 and Section 3 of this resolution.

24 **Section 2.** The City Council requests that as part of any proposed Seattle City Light
25 ("SCL") or Seattle Public Utilities ("SPU") budget, the Mayor shall include the following
26 information for the SCL electricity rate and SPU water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste
27 rates:



1 A. The average system rate in the current and previous five years.

2 B. The average monthly bill for a typical single-family residence in the current and
3 previous five years.

4 C. A projection of the average system rate that would be needed in each of the subsequent
5 six years to meet established financial policies and support the proposed operations and
6 maintenance ("O&M") activities and six-year capital improvement program ("CIP"), including
7 the rate increment attributable to each budget issue paper that proposes expenditure changes not
8 anticipated in adopted rates.
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10 D. A projection of the average monthly bill for a typical single-family residence that
11 would be needed in each of the subsequent six years to meet established financial policies and
12 support the proposed O&M activities and six-year CIP, including the bill increment attributable
13 to each budget issue paper that proposes expenditure changes not anticipated in adopted rates.
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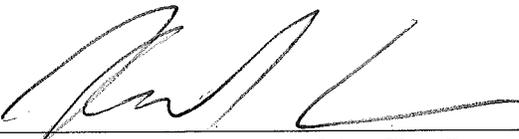
15 E. A projection of the extent to which each adopted financial policy target will be met in
16 each of the subsequent six years.
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18 **Section 3.** The City Council requests that fiscal notes submitted with proposed
19 legislation affecting SCL or SPU show the rate impact of implementing the legislation, including
20 the percent change in average system rate and the dollar impact on the average monthly bill for a
21 typical single-family residence. For legislation with expenditure increases not anticipated in
22 adopted rates, unless offsetting spending reductions are proposed, the fiscal analysis should
23 assume that the cost of implementing the legislation would be added in the next rate proposal to
24 other costs for which appropriations are already approved. If the Mayor intends to delay or
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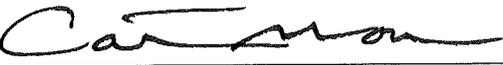


1 eliminate other activities so that the legislation can be implemented without increasing
2 appropriations or rates, the fiscal note should list the delayed or eliminated activities and the
3 related service impacts.

4 Adopted by the City Council the rd23 day of November, 2009, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this rd23 day
6 of November, 2009.

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9 President _____ of the City Council

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11 Filed by me this rd23 day of November, 2009.

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15 City Clerk

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Legislation Title:

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution requests that the Executive submit certain information with utility-related budgets and legislation, including the potential impacts of the legislation on rates, financial performance, and the typical monthly bill for a single-family residence. The resolution also supersedes the less-specific rate information requests in Resolution 31022.

• **Background:**

Utility-related legislation (including the annual proposed budgets and mid-year supplementary proposals) often increases expenditures beyond those anticipated during rate adoption. The new spending must ultimately be supported by new revenues or offsetting service cuts. But sufficient information about how the new expenditures might impact future rates or services often is not submitted with legislation. This legislation outlines Council expectations about rate information to be submitted with future utility-related legislation.

• *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications.



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RESOLUTION NO. 31165

A RESOLUTION requesting Seattle Public Utilities to prepare an annual report on City implementation of the September 2009 performance audit by the Washington State Auditor's Office.

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