

## City Light Issue Paper (CLIP) City Council Acceptance of Electrical Easements Obtained through DPD Land Use Permitting

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<b>Council Action Required?</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>If YES, within the next 3 months?</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Public Hearing Required?</b>	<b>N</b>		
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### Summary Statement

This legislation accepts all of the easements granted to The City of Seattle for overhead and underground electrical distribution rights, as part of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) land use permitting process, during 2011, places these easements under the jurisdiction of Seattle City Light, and ratifies and confirms certain prior acts.

### Background

As part of the approval process for short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions, DPD obtains reviews of these land use permitting applications by other City departments. If City Light requires an easement to ensure adequate access to provide electrical service to any lot or lots created by such property division, an easement in gross is placed upon the property division as a condition of final plat approval by DPD. The property owner signs the plat as grantor. The plat is approved by DPD, and then recorded with the King County Recorder's Office.

The Seattle City Charter requires that all acquisitions and dispositions of property interests, including easements, must be approved by ordinance. This legislation will accept all of the easements for electrical service rights obtained by the City in short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions, during 2011.

### Key Issues

Prior to 2010, the City Council had not been requested to accept easements acquired by Seattle City Light as part of the DPD permitting process for short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and

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unit lot subdivisions. The Law Department recommended that these easements be accepted in a batch process in 2011. This is the second year of implementing this new process.

**Next Steps**

None