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Title

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

Subject

Resolution - WHEREAS, it is the number one priority of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) to provide reliable and affordable energy to its customers which many rely on; stability and affordability are vital to the economy and job development of the city; and WHEREAS, providing affordable energy is even more critical to low income families; and WHEREAS, the City has historically supported the preservation of local control and strong opposition to any form of state or federal jurisdictional encroachment efforts, this longstanding philosophy served to protect the City and its ratepayers during the State's energy crisis when California IOU's were forced to rely on spot market energy purchases to meet electricity demand following divestiture of substantial portions of their generation capacity as required by the State's deregulation legislation (i.e. AB 1890); and WHEREAS, DWP launched the Green Power for a Green L.A. Program in May 1999, the goals of the Program were to reduce the use of fossil fuels for electricity generation by replacing them with new renewable sources such as solar, wind, geothermal and bio mass. WHEREAS, most renewable energy production markedly reduces the emission of air pollutants ultimately improving air quality while also lowering the City's contribution to global greenhouse gases; and WHEREAS, given the continuing public health and environmental problems associated with air pollution as well as the possibility of future energy shortages and prices spikes, it is in the environmental and economic interest of the City to increase the amount of energy that LA DWP generates from renewable sources; and WHEREAS, public benefit programs, such as demand-side management programs, are integral to the City meeting its energy demands and to the Department of Water and Power (DWP) achieving its strategic objectives; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that with concurrence of the Mayor, by adoption of this resolution, the City Council request the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, by the end of 2004, adopt a Renewable Portfolio Standard of 20% renewable energy by 2017 setting applicable milestones to achieve this goal. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA DWP) incorporate this Renewable Portfolio Standard into all future energy system planning. It should also be reflected in the Integrated Resource Plan now being prepared, to identify actions to be taken in the next year toward increased renewable energy procurement and/or development.

Last Change Date

08/24/2006

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Archive History

6-1-04 - This day's Council session

6-1-04 - Ref to Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee

6-1-04 - File to Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee Clerk

6-28-04 - Communication from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council recommends that the Mayor and City Council mandate that by 2010, 20% of the energy provided by the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to the City of Los Angeles come from clean, renewable energy sources. We further recommend that this 20% standard be met only with renewable energy technologies such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, fuel cells and small hydro as defined by California State Law.

6-29-04 - Council Action - Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee report ADOPTED *as amended to:

1. RESOLVE that the City Council request the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, by the end of

2004, to adopt a Renewable Portfolio Standard of 20 percent renewable energy by 2017 setting applicable milestones to achieve this goal.

2. RESOLVE that the DWP incorporate this Renewable Portfolio Standard into all future energy system planning. It should also be reflected in the Integrated Resource Plan now being prepared, to identify actions to be taken in the next year toward increased renewable energy procurement and/or development.

6-29-04 - Council Action - *Amending Motion - Garcetti Mover 2004 - Cardenas - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee report (Item No. 74, CF 03-2064-S1) relative to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) of 20 percent renewable energy by the year 2017, to include an additional recommendation to INSTRUCT the DWP to include in its report on RPS the impact on the local economy and jobs.

7-7-04 - File to Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources Committee Clerk OK

7-28-04 - File in files

3-31-06 - This day's Council session - Motion - Greuel Mover 2006 / Smith - The Department of Water and Power (DWP) recently reported some troubling developments its progress towards meeting the DWP's target of generating 20% of its energy from renewable sources by 2010. Staff reported to the DWP Board of Commissioners that the Pine Tree Wind Project, approved by the Council in December 2005 and intended to move the DWP 1.5 percentage points closer to its 20% renewable energy goal, will be delayed by one year due to difficulties in securing wind turbines. Another report showed declines in participation rates for the DWP's Green Power Program, through which customers voluntarily contribute to support the DWP's renewable power efforts. In addition, the DWP staff highlighted the challenges associated with the constructions of transmission lines, which is a vital component of the DWP's renewables strategy, without which renewable energy from sources such as geothermal and wind projects will not be able to reach Los Angeles, even when such energy is available.

These reports raise questions about the DWP's ability to meet the 20% renewables by 2010 goal, and suggest that success in this effort may require intensified focus by the DWP on renewables projects. THEREFORE MOVE that the DWP be directed to report to the City Council on its progress and plans for meeting its 20% renewable energy goal by 2010. This report should include: a) a discussion of the status of the Pine Tree Wind Project; b) discussion of the impact of reduced participation in the Green Power Program; c) presentation of an overall strategy for meeting the 2010 timeline, including strategies for successful completion of needed transmission lines.

3-31-06 - Ref to Energy and Environment Committee

3-31-06 - File to Energy and Environment Committee Clerk

8-15-06 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to APPROVE Energy and Environment Committee communication recommendations to:

1. NOTE and FILE the August 8, 2006 DWP report relative to the status of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and plans for meeting its 20% renewable energy goal by 2010, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

2. REQUEST the DWP to report to Council on progress and plans for meeting its 20% renewable energy goal by 2010 with the report to include:

a. Discussion of the status of the Pine Tree Wind Project.

b. Discussion of the impact of reduced participation in the Green Power Program.

c. A presentation of an overall strategy for meeting the 2010 timeline, including strategies for successful completion of needed transmission lines.

8-23-06 - File to Energy and Environment Committee Clerk OK

8-24-06 - File in files