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LADWP APPROVAL BOARD LETTER June 3, 2003 TO: BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS DATE: **SUBMITTED BY: SUBJECT:** Authority for the General Manager to トノ Enter into Contracts and/or Financial **DAVID H. WIGGS Transactions for Natural Gas** RONALD O. VAZQUEZ **General Manager Chief Financial Officer** FOR COMMISSION OFFICE USE: MAY 27 2003 MARTINE Assistant General Marlager RES. NO. 003 285 - Power Generation Board of Water & Power Com'rs. JUN 0 3 2003 BOARD COMMITTEE APPROVAL: - " Ponde Driventes CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL **IF YES, BY WHICH CITY REQUIRED:** Yes No X **CHARTER SECTION:**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is a resolution ("Resolution") approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney. The Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the General Manager of the Department of Water and Power (the "Department") to enter into contracts and financial transactions for natural gas in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") Section 10.5.3. The Resolution also authorizes use of the attached: (a) North American Energy Standards Board ("NAESB") Base Contract and Special Provisions for entering into transactions for the purchase of natural gas with various counterparties, (b) International Swap Dealer's Association ("ISDA") Master Agreement for entering into natural gas financial transactions with BP Corporation North America Inc. ("BP"), and (3) Custody Agreement with U.S. Bank, National Association ("US Bank") for holding collateral with respect to financial transactions for natural gas (collectively, the "Agreements").

The NAESB Agreement is in substantially final form and sets forth the payment, security, default, remedy and other terms and conditions for the purchase and delivery of natural gas. The NAESB Agreement has been approved by the City Attorney's Office as to form and legality.

The ISDA Master Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for entering into natural gas financial transactions with BP pursuant to Section 10.5.3 of the LAAC. Under the terms of the ISDA Master Agreement, the Department irrevocably waives all rights to governmental immunities provided under California Law and all rights to trial by jury in any suit. For your information, ISDA Master Agreements are being negotiated with four additional counterparties.

The Custody Agreement with US Bank is in substantially final form and has been approved by the City Attorney's Office as to form and legality.

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The Department requests that the Agreements be exempted from certain provisions set forth in Section 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code that pertain to the Child Support Policy, Recycled Paper, Minority and Women Business Enterprise Outreach Program, and the Service Contract Worker Retention Living Wage Policy. This exemption is being requested since the Agreements are standard industry agreements and/or potential counterparties are not willing to include the above provisions in such Agreements. For your information, the Department has put forth its best efforts to require compliance with such policies.

LAAC Section 10.5.3 provides authority, within specified parameters, for the Board to enter into contracts for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and /or financial transactions for natural gas used in the production of electricity to serve the Department's retail customers (i.e., not wholesale) for terms of up to five years.

In addition, LAAC Section 10.5.3 specifies certain requirements that must be satisfied prior to entering into contracts or financial transactions for natural gas. Most of such requirements have been satisfied by Resolution No. 003-166 that was adopted by the Board on January 21, 2003. Resolution No. 003-166 sets forth the risk management policies, controls and a program for reducing the volatility of the net amount payable for natural gas used in the production of electricity to serve the Department's retail customers; establishes an Energy Risk Management Policy Committee composed of five key management personnel; approves a five-year natural gas budget that sets forth the expenditure and volume of natural gas for each fiscal year; and authorizes the retention of an outside auditor or a comparable third party to annually audit and prepare a report relating to activities authorized under LAAC Section 10.5.3.

The Resolution, if adopted, would satisfy all of the requirements set forth in LAAC Section 10.5.3 and would provide authority for the General Manager to enter into contracts and/or financial transactions for natural gas for terms of up to five years.

Adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

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Attachments

c: Commerce, Energy, and Natural Resources Committee David H. Wiggs Frank Salas Mahmud A. Chaudhry Gerald A. Gewe Richard M. Helgeson Thomas C. Hokinson Lillian Y. Kawasaki Enrique Martinez Pamela T. Porter Albert A. Stephens Cecilia K. T. Weldon Ronald O. Vazquez