

RESOLUTION No.

35836

Authorize the City to participate in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's implementation of Senate Bill 1149 regarding electric utility regulation (Resolution)

WHEREAS, during the 1999 Session, the Oregon Legislature approved SB 1149, a bill that substantially revises the regulation of the marketplace for electricity and the provision of energy efficiency services and other public purposes in this state; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation gives the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") major responsibilities for interpreting and implementing the bill through administrative rulemaking, which must be in place on or before October 1, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, in September, 1999, PUC staff held its first work session to discuss the proposed work plan and schedule for the implementation of SB 1149, anticipating that there will be a significant work to be accomplished within the designated timeline; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has broad authority under its home rule charter to oversee the activities of utilities within its boundaries, including through the establishment of franchises and the issuance of permits, and is also responsible for the orderly management of public rights-of-way within its boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the PUC's work under this legislation will address many issues of concern to the City, including but not limited to energy conservation, consumer protection, direct access for large customers, and rate treatment of privilege taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the City has adopted an Energy Policy and CO2 Reduction Strategy, and participation in the PUC's proceedings will enhance the City's implementation of these programs; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the PUC's proceedings would permit the City to: (1) assess the potential impact upon rates, customer services and other matters not readily available to persons with non-party status; (2) be informed of other parties' actions and comments in this proceeding, and (3) influence the outcome of the proceeding for the benefits of the citizens of Portland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland that the City hereby authorized to seek to intervene as a full party in the Oregon Public Utility Commission's proceedings to implement SB 1149 to present the City's views and protect its interests as necessary, and that the City Attorney is authorized to represent the City in these proceedings.

Commissioner Erik Sten
Susan Anderson/B Walters
10/06/99

Adopted by the Council,

OCT 20 1999

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland
By

Britta Olson Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY	DATE FILED	OCT 15 1999
Commissioner Erik Sten	Gary Blackmer Auditor of the City of Portland	
NOTED BY COMMISSIONER	By <u>Cory Kerchner</u> Deputy	
Affairs	For Meeting of _____	
Finance and Administration	ACTION TAKEN:	
Safety		
Utilities		
Works <u>ES (RD)</u>		
BUREAU APPROVAL		
Bureau Energy Office		
Prepared by SA/BEW jtl	Date 10/06/1999	
Budget Impact Review	Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bureau Head Susan Anderson, Director	<u>Susan Anderson</u>	

AGENDA		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS	
Consent	Regular		YEAS	NAYS
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Francesconi	Francesconi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	<input type="checkbox"/>
City Attorney <u>Benjamin Walters</u>		Saltzman	Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Auditor		Sten	Sten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	<input type="checkbox"/>