

1 [Interconnection Agreement - Pacific Gas and Electric Company - Solar Project - 850
2 Columbus Avenue]

3 **Ordinance authorizing the Public Utilities Commission’s General Manager to enter into**
4 **a long-term interconnection agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a**
5 **solar power project at the North Beach Branch Library at 850 Columbus Avenue, to**
6 **commence following Board approval and continue indefinitely unless terminated;**
7 **authorizing the Public Utilities Commission’s General Manager to enter into similar**
8 **long-term interconnection agreements in the future; and making environmental**
9 **findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority**
10 **policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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12 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
13 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
14 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
15 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
16 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
17 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
18 subsections or parts of tables.

19 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

20 Section 1. Findings.

21 The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares that:

22 (a) In Ordinance No. 81-08, the Board of Supervisors articulated a goal for the City
23 and County of San Francisco (“City”) to have a greenhouse gas free electric system by 2030,
24 meeting all of the City’s energy needs with renewable and greenhouse gas free electric
25 energy sources.

1 (b) The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) is responsible for
2 developing renewable energy generating facilities for the City.

3 (c) In 2004, the PUC and the San Francisco Public Library (“Library”) entered into a
4 memorandum of understanding to build solar power projects at certain branch libraries where
5 feasible.

6 (d) In March 2014, the PUC executed a letter of agreement with the Department of
7 Public Works for the construction of an 11.5 kilowatt solar power project at the North Beach
8 Branch Library at 850 Columbus Avenue (the “Project”).

9 (e) Funding for the Project was included in the PUC’s capital plan for small renewable
10 energy projects.

11 (f) The Project is nearly complete, and the PUC expects that the Project may begin
12 generating electricity as soon as mid-May, upon execution of an interconnection agreement
13 with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”).

14 (g) The PUC must enter into a generating facility interconnection agreement
15 (“Agreement”) with PG&E to connect the Project to the electrical grid.

16 (h) The Board of Supervisors approved similar interconnection agreements between
17 the City and PG&E for other on-site solar photovoltaic systems, in Resolution Nos. 554-07
18 (San Francisco International Airport Terminal 3), 441-11 (MUNI Woods Motor Coach Facility),
19 374-12 (Alvarado Elementary School), 371-13 (Municipal Transportation Agency building at
20 700 Pennsylvania Avenue), and 008-14 (Davies Symphony Hall).

21 (i) The PUC expects to complete up to 12 similar solar projects in the next three years
22 and will need to execute similar form interconnection agreements to connect these future
23 projects to PG&E’s electrical grid.

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25 Section 2. Interconnection Agreement.

1 (a) The Agreement for the Project is based on a PG&E form agreement approved by
2 the California Public Utilities Commission.

3 (b) The term of the Agreement is of an indefinite duration to ensure that the Project
4 can remain interconnected to PG&E's electrical system for its useful life, which is expected to
5 exceed ten years.

6 (c) The Agreement is subject to termination by the City for any reason upon 60 days
7 notice.

8 (d) The City Attorney has approved the limitation of liability language set forth in
9 section 7 of the Agreement.

10 (e) The Risk Manager has approved the insurance language set forth in section 8 of
11 the Agreement and has provided to PG&E a letter certifying that the City is self-insured and
12 describing the terms of the City's self-insurance program.

13 (f) The terms and conditions of the Agreement do not require the payment of any fees
14 or costs by the City to PG&E.

15 (g) The Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
16 _____, and is hereby declared to be a part of this ordinance as if set forth fully herein.

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18 Section 3. Environmental Review.

19 The Board hereby re-adopts and incorporates by reference the environmental findings
20 and findings of consistency with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1 it made in
21 Ordinance No. 102-11, Board File No. 110312 concerning the North Beach Branch Library
22 project. Since the Board approved the Project and made California Environmental Quality Act
23 findings, the Board continues to find that there have been no substantial changes to the
24 Project that would require major revisions to the Final Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") or
25 result in new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts that were not

1 evaluated in the Final EIR; no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred that would
2 require major revisions to the Final EIR or result in new or substantially more severe
3 significant environmental impacts that were not evaluated in the Final EIR; no new information
4 has become available that was not known and could not have been known at the time the
5 Final EIR was certified as complete and that would result in new or substantially more severe
6 significant environmental impacts not evaluated in the Final EIR; and no mitigation measures
7 or alternatives previously found infeasible would be feasible or mitigation measures or
8 alternatives considerably different than those analyzed in the Final EIR would substantially
9 reduce significant environmental impacts, but the project proponent declines to adopt them.

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11 Section 4. Authorizations.

12 (a) The Board of Supervisors authorizes the General Manager of the PUC to enter
13 into the Agreement with PG&E for interconnection of the Project at the North Beach Branch
14 Library at 850 Columbus Avenue, substantially in the form of the Agreement on file with the
15 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____, with such changes or modifications,
16 including modifications to the exhibits, as may be acceptable to the General Manager and the
17 City Attorney and which do not materially increase the obligations and liabilities of the City.

18 (b) The Board of Supervisors authorizes the General Manager of the PUC to execute
19 similar generating facility interconnection agreements with PG&E that are necessary to
20 connect other City renewable projects to the electrical grid, so long as the City Attorney and
21 the General Manager determine that those agreements are for the same purpose as and
22 substantially in the form of the Agreement on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
23 File No. _____, and that those agreements do not materially increase the obligations and
24 liabilities nor decrease the rights of the City.

1 (c) Upon execution of the Agreement, the General Manager of the PUC shall transmit
2 a copy of the Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in File No.
3 _____.

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5 Section 5. Effective Date.

6 This ordinance shall become effective when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
7 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,
8 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
11 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

12 By: _____
13 AUSTIN M. YANG
14 Deputy City Attorney

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