

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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

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

Existing Law

Section 9.118(b) of the Charter requires approval by the Board of Supervisors for agreements with a term longer than ten years.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance will not amend any current law.

Background Information

The Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) has built an 11.5 kilowatt roof-top solar power project at the North Beach Branch Library, located at 850 Columbus Avenue. In order to make use of the renewable generation from the project, the City must execute a long-term interconnection agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric (“PG&E”). This agreement is a form agreement pre-approved by the California Public Utilities Commission. The term of the interconnection agreement is for the useful life of the solar power facility, which is expected to exceed ten years.

In addition, the PUC expects to complete up to 12 similar projects in the next three years. The PUC will need to execute similar form interconnection agreements to connect these future projects to PG&E’s electrical grid.

This ordinance authorizes the General Manager of the PUC to execute this agreement and other similar agreements in the future, so long as those future agreements are not materially different from this agreement, and the General Manager and the City Attorney determine that the agreements are for the same purpose as and substantially in the same form of this agreement.