

1 [Adopting the State of California's Energy Priorities: energy efficiency and demand response,
2 renewable energy and lastly clean fossil generation]

3 **Resolution adopting the State of California's Energy Priorities as stated in the Energy**
4 **Action Plan of 2003 and Energy Action Plan II of 2005 which are, in the following order,**
5 **energy efficiency and demand response, renewable energy and lastly clean fossil**
6 **generation.**

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8 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is
9 deeply concerned about global warming and air pollution; and

10 WHEREAS, fossil fuel-burning power plants emit millions of tons of carbon dioxide, the
11 compound primarily responsible for global warming, into our atmosphere each year; and;

12 WHEREAS the State of California has adopted an Energy Action Plan that lays out the
13 energy priorities for the state

14 WHEREAS, those energy priorities are, in the following order, energy efficiency and
15 demand response, use of renewable energy including solar, wind and geothermal and lastly
16 clean burning fossil generation;

17 WHEREAS, Well before the State's Energy Action Plan was adopted in 2003, the City, in
18 Ordinance 124-01, adopted policies consistent with the loading order preference expressed by the State
19 and directed City departments to develop plans "to implement all practical transmission, conservation,
20 efficiency, and renewable alternatives to fossil fuel generation in the City and County of San
21 Francisco";

22 WHEREAS, , in December 2002, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution
23 827-02, endorsing the Electricity Resource Plan which identifies eight goals that were developed
24 through public comment and used to guide the plan: maximize energy efficiency, develop renewable
25 power, assure reliable power, support affordable electric bills, improve air quality and prevent other

1 environmental impacts, support environmental justice, promote opportunities for economic
2 development, and increase local control over energy resources; and,

3 WHEREAS, The City continues to aggressively support and implement policies and programs to
4 promote energy efficiency and renewable power and reduce the City's reliance on fossil fuels; and,

5 WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan states that "to the extent efficiency, demand
6 response, renewable resources, and distributed generation are unable to satisfy increasing energy and
7 capacity needs, we support clean and efficient fossil-fired generation. Concurrently, the bulk electricity
8 transmission grid and distribution facility infrastructure must be improved to support growing demand
9 centers and the interconnection of new generation, both on the utility and customer side of the meter"
10 (EAP II, p. 2); and,

11 WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan includes a recognition of the need for additional
12 fossil resources and an emphasis on maintaining adequate supplies and reliability (EAP II, pp. 10-11);
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, The preferred loading order established by the State has not precluded the State
15 from continuing to promote and permit fossil generation, including several large fossil plants being
16 developed by PG&E; and,

17 WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan also includes additional policies that the City may
18 want to consider further before endorsing, for example, evaluating so-called "clean" coal for
19 California (EAP II, pp. 10-11); now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the State's Energy
21 Action Plan and the priorities held therein; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the same
23 priorities: energy efficiency and demand response first, then renewable and lastly clean
24 burning fossil generation.