

1 [Urging City departments to reduce electric load during emergency periods.]

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3 **Resolution urging City departments to participate in electricity load reduction**
4 **programs in order to help avoid future electricity blackouts in the Bay Area and to**
5 **reduce unreasonably high power purchase costs by the City.**

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7 WHEREAS, In the year 2000, wholesale prices for electrical power in California have
8 increased on average 200 to 300% during the same period in 1999, resulting in more than \$1
9 billion in excess payments for electricity, and

10 WHEREAS, Unseasonably hot and cold weather, aging power plant and transmission
11 infrastructure, and dysfunctional bidding behavior in the wholesale power markets combined
12 to drive prices up and to create inadequate electricity supplies in California and the Bay Area;
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, The run up in prices in the wholesale electricity markets and tight supply
15 of electricity has caused the City and County of San Francisco to incur sharply higher costs
16 for the purchase of electricity to meet City loads when hydroelectric generation is not
17 available; and,

18 WHEREAS, By reducing electricity consumption, City departments significantly reduce
19 power purchase costs during periods of unreasonably high prices and help to avoid blackouts
20 during periods of energy shortages, and

21 WHEREAS, During June to October 2000, several City departments participated in a
22 successful demand relief program under the auspices of the City and the California
23 Independent System Operator (CAISO) to reduce 12 megawatts of City load during Stage 2
24 emergencies; now, therefore, be it

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Supervisor Yaki

1 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges
2 all City departments which participated in the CAISO/CCSF 2000 Demand Reduction
3 Agreement to continue to participate in the program to the extent practicable during current
4 periods of energy emergencies and when the City's power purchase costs are unreasonably
5 high, and; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges all City departments to work with the
7 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to identify and implement other
8 opportunities to reduce City electric loads during emergencies and periods of high power
9 purchase costs; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board urges each City department to prepare a plan
11 for near-term and long-term electricity demand reduction in accordance with a format and
12 timetable to be established by the SFPUC.
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Resolution urging City departments to participate in electricity load reduction programs in order to help avoid future electricity blackouts in the Bay Area and to reduce unreasonably high power purchase costs by the City.

December 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yee
Absent: 3 - Katz, Teng, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 18, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.
December 28, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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