FILE NO. 071667 (SECOND DRAFT)

[Requiring Board confirmation of appointments to the Public Utilities Commission; setting qualifications for members of the Commission.]

CHARTER AMENDMENT

PROP	OSITION	
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Describing and setting forth a proposal to the qualified voters of the City and County of San Francisco to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco by amending Section 4.112 to require confirmation by the Board of Supervisors of the Mayor's appointments to the Public Utilities Commission and to set qualifications for members of the Public Utilities Commission.

The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on June 3, 2008, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by amending Section 4.112 to read as follows:

Note:

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman</u>. Deletions are <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman</u>.

SEC. 4.112. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

(a) The Public Utilities Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. pursuant to Section 3.100, for four-year terms. Each of the members shall serve for a term of four years. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Section 15.105.

(b) Seat 1 on the Commission shall be a member with experience in environmental policy and an understanding of environmental justice issues. Seat 2 shall be a member with experience in ratepayer or consumer advocacy. Seat 3 shall be a member with experience in project finance. Seat 4 shall be a member with expertise in water systems, power systems, or public utility management. And Seat 5 shall be an at-large member.

(c) The respective terms of office of members of the Public Utilities Commission who

hold office on August 1, 2008 shall expire at noon on that date, and the members appointed

pursuant to the amendments to this Section approved at the June 2008 election shall succeed to

said office at that time. In order to provide for staggered terms, the members appointed to

Seats 2 and 4 shall serve for an initial term of two years from August 1, 2008. The remaining

three members appointed to Seats 1, 3, and 5 shall serve for an initial term of four years from

August 1, 2008, and thereafter the terms of all members shall be four years.

(d) The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision,

maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all water and energy supplies and utilities

of the City as well as the real, personal and financial assets, which are under the Commission's

jurisdiction on the operative date of this Charter, or assigned pursuant to Section 4.132.

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