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Board Item No. 33

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Date: April 2, 2021

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1 [Re-Affirming City Policy that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Provide  
2 Electricity to City Projects and Urging Pacific Gas & Electric to Cooperate with the SFPUC to  
3 Provide City Power to Projects]

4 **Resolution re-affirming City policy that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**  
5 **provide electricity to City projects where feasible and urging Pacific Gas & Electric to**  
6 **work with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to serve City electric**  
7 **customers efficiently.**

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9 WHEREAS, In July 2018, San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 227-18 (on file with  
10 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180693 which is hereby declared to be a part  
11 of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein), confirming the City’s policy that the San  
12 Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provide electricity to City projects where  
13 feasible, urging Pacific Gas & Electric to work (PG&E) with the SFPUC to serve City electric  
14 customers efficiently; and

15 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-18 affirmed the Board of Supervisors’ expectation that  
16 all City agencies and projects work with SFPUC to ensure the use of City electric service,  
17 consistent with the Charter and Chapter 99 of the Administrative Code; and

18 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-18 urged PG&E to comply with federal, state and local  
19 laws and rules, including its Wholesale Distribution Tariff approved by the Federal Energy  
20 Regulatory Commission; to stop imposing technical requirements that are not mandated by  
21 the Tariff or necessary to ensure safety and reliability; and to work in good faith with the  
22 SFPUC to efficiently serve City customers; so that the City and PG&E could work as a team to  
23 come to terms for long-term service; and

24 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-18 directed SFPUC to provide to the Board of  
25 Supervisors quarterly reports for two years from enactment on status of all City projects

1 seeking City power; and

2 WHEREAS, The SFPUC produces energy from Hetch Hetchy that is reliable, safe, and  
3 100% greenhouse-gas free, and therefore helps to meet the goals of Ordinance No. 81-08 (on  
4 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071294, which is hereby declared to  
5 be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein), which set a goal of San Francisco not  
6 using any fossil-fuel power by 2030; and

7 WHEREAS, Distribution of City power within San Francisco uses PG&E facilities, an  
8 arrangement that been the subject of more than 100 years of disputes resulting from PG&E's  
9 consistent efforts to control and limit the City's ability to serve its own facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, This service from PG&E is now provided under a Wholesale Distribution  
11 Tariff approved by FERC; and

12 WHEREAS, Because City power is reasonably priced, reliable, safe, and clean, it is in  
13 the public interest that SFPUC power our essential services, including, but not limited to, our  
14 hospitals, parks, schools, airport, MUNI, and publicly funded affordable housing; and

15 WHEREAS, To preserve and maximize these benefits, Chapter 99 of the San  
16 Francisco Administrative Code mandates that City buildings, developments, and projects  
17 receive electric service from SFPUC when feasible; and

18 WHEREAS, Quarterly reports submitted to the Board of Supervisors over the past two  
19 years in response to above-reference Resolution No. 227-18 reveal an ongoing pattern of  
20 PG&E disputing the City's rights to connect City projects to PG&E's electric grid and imposing  
21 arbitrary terms that unfairly increase the City's costs and impede access to City power to  
22 longstanding and new City customers including those providing essential services; and

23 WHEREAS, PG&E's ongoing obstruction of access to City power for City projects has  
24 resulted in delays and additional costs amounting to \$12 million as of September 3, 2020, as  
25 well as loss of services for City residents, including delays to being able to occupy new,

1 desperately needed units of affordable housing; and

2 WHEREAS, The City is actively challenging PG&E's unreasonable practices before the  
3 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and has appealed two unfavorable decisions from  
4 that commission to the courts; and

5 WHEREAS, The City continues to have a pipeline of City projects that are intended to  
6 use City power and cannot be saddled with unnecessary, arbitrary, and costly technical  
7 standards and equipment; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors re-affirms City policy that the San  
9 Francisco Public Utilities Commission provide electricity to City projects where feasible; and,  
10 be it

11 FURTHER; The Board of Supervisors urges PG&E to comply with federal, state and  
12 local laws and rules, including its Wholesale Distribution Tariff; urges PG&E to stop imposing  
13 technical requirements that are not mandated by the Tariff or necessary to ensure safety and  
14 reliability; and further urges PG&E to work in good faith with the SFPUC to efficiently serve  
15 City customers; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors expects all City agencies and  
17 projects to work with SFPUC to ensure the use of City electric service, consistent with the  
18 Charter and Chapter 99 of the Administrative Code; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFPUC shall continue for the next two years to  
20 provide to the Board of Supervisors quarterly reports as it has in response to above-  
21 referenced Resolution No. 227-18.

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
23 the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to Pacific Gas & Electric with a request to take all  
24 action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.

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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor  inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No.  from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
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- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

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- Youth Commission
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Sponsor(s):

Ronen; Peskin

Subject:

[Re-Affirming City Policy that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Provide Electricity to City Projects and Urging Pacific Gas & Electric to Cooperate with the SFPUC to Provide City Power to Projects

The text is listed:

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Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen

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