



RESOLUTION NO. 40159

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City's Department of Public Utilities, Light Division,
2 d.b.a. Tacoma Power; approving changes to the Tacoma Power Rate &
3 Financial Policy.

4 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division
5 (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power"), has proposed changes to the Tacoma Power Rate &
6 Financial Policy to provide better alignment between the respective rate and
7 financial policies of Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water, and

8 WHEREAS Tacoma Power's Electric Rate & Financial Policy gives direction
9 to future rate and financial planning decisions, and helps ensure that reliable
10 service is provided to all customers at the lowest possible cost, consistent with
11 prudent utility management, and
12

13 WHEREAS Tacoma Power is recommending changes to the Electric Rate &
14 Financial Policy, as follows: (1) *Section I.G. (Low-Income Customers)*: modify the
15 description of rate setting objectives for low-income customers to include senior and
16 disabled customers and address programs available through utility assistance
17 programs, to modernize the existing language for customers who may benefit from
18 utility assistance programs; (2) *Section I*: add a rate-setting objective to maintain
19 rate stability, which reflects the approach for long-term financial planning in Tacoma
20 Power's Long-Range Financial Plan; and (3) *Section IV.B.3*: add a description of
21 phased-in approach for rate adjustments if a disproportionate change in rate levels
22 is expected for certain classes, and
23
24
25
26



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tacoma City Charter Section 4.11, the proposed revisions to the Electric Rate & Financial Policy require approval by the Public Utility Board and City Council, and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2018, and August 8, 2018, the Public Utility Board conducted reviews of the recommended changes, and the Board approved the recommended changes at its regular meeting held on October 24, 2018, and

WHEREAS the recommended changes to the rates, regulations and policies are just, fair, and reasonable, and are in the best interest of the citizens of Tacoma and the customers of Tacoma Power; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the recommended changes to the Electric Rate & Financial Policy proposed by the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, d.b.a. Tacoma Power, are hereby approved, said document to be substantially in the form of the Policy on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11034