



RESOLUTION NO. 39985

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City's Department of Public Utilities, Light Division
2 (d.b.a. Tacoma Power); approving amendments to the Customer Service
3 Policies to allow for a three-year Pilot Program that provides contributions by
4 Tacoma Power for distribution infrastructure conversions from overhead to
5 underground for commercial and multi-family development projects.

6 WHEREAS the Public Utility Board was asked by the City Council to pursue
7 a policy to allow for more flexibility for commercial developers by removing
8 overhead lines to encourage private-sector investment, and

9 WHEREAS, over the past year, the City's Department of Public Utilities,
10 Light Division (d.b.a. Tacoma Power) has researched and evaluated the benefits of
11 a pilot program that includes improved clearance from electrical hazards, allowing
12 for zero lot line development for higher-density land use planning, opportunities for
13 coordination and leverage construction efforts with City street improvement
14 projects, and harmony with other City policies and objectives, and

15 WHEREAS Tacoma Municipal Code 12.06.060.C provides that
16 undergrounding services shall be based on the terms of existing Customer Service
17 Policies, and

18 WHEREAS Tacoma Power is requesting specific amendments to Customer
19 Service Policies Section 9.0, Overhead-to-Underground Conversion L.I.D, and
20 Section 10.0, Prepaid Overhead-to-Underground Primary Line Conversion, of the
21 Policies to allow for a Pilot Program ("Program") that will provide contributions by
22 Tacoma Power of 30 percent for distribution infrastructure conversions from
23 overhead to underground for both commercial and multi-family dwelling
24 development projects, and
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1 WHEREAS Tacoma Power taxpayers would recognize benefits of improved
2 reliability, increased safety, and reduced operation and maintenance costs as
3 detailed in the Leidos 2016 study: *Projected Utility Justifiable Contribution for*
4 *Undergrounding Distribution Electrical Infrastructure*, and

5 WHEREAS the Program will be limited to the Brewery District, which is
6 bounded on the north by South 17th Street, on the south by South Tacoma Way, on
7 the west by Tacoma Avenue and on the east by Pacific Street, and

8 WHEREAS the Program will be for a three-year period, from April 1, 2018,
9 through April 1, 2021, and a maximum amount of \$10 million dollars will be
10 allocated for the Program, and

11 WHEREAS, by adoption of Public Utility Board Resolution No. U-11000 on
12 March 28, 2018, the Pilot Program and proposed amendments to the Customer
13 Service Policies were approved, pending confirmation from the City Council; Now,
14 Therefore,

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

18 Section 1. That the request of the City of Tacoma, Department of Public
19 Utilities, Light Division (d.b.a. Tacoma Power), to amend Customer Service Policies
20 Section 9.0, Overhead-to-Underground Conversion L.I.D., and Section 10.0,
21 Prepaid Overhead-to-Underground Primary Line Conversion, for the purpose of
22 allowing for a Pilot Program for a three-year period, from April 1, 2018, through
23 April 1, 2021, that provides contributions by Tacoma Power of 30 percent for
24 distribution infrastructure conversions from overhead to underground for
25 commercial and multi-family dwelling development projects, is hereby approved.
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Section 2. That the proposed revisions to the Tacoma Power Customer

Services Policies, as on file in the office of the City Clerk, are hereby approved.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

Requested by Public Utility Board
Resolution No. U-11000