

1 [Urging Equitable Electricity Rates]

2 Resolution urging the California Public Utilities Commission
3 (PUC) to devise a rate structure that treats homeowner
4 associations and other residents in multi-unit dwellings
5 equitably with other consumers of power.

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7 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission is the
8 body charged with overseeing and regulating California's
9 electricity rates; and,

10 WHEREAS, This year's energy crisis in California has sent
11 rates skyrocketing; and,

12 WHEREAS, In an effort to decrease the economic impacts of
13 the crisis on businesses and customers, in May 2001 the PUC set
14 up a new five-tier rate structure designed to punish consumers
15 whose power usage exceeds a set baseline per meter and reward
16 those whose usage is below that baseline per meter; and,

17 WHEREAS, Though this rate structure achieves the goals of
18 reducing rates for some consumers, it appears to have the
19 reverse effect on other groups; and,

20 WHEREAS, One such group includes residents of multi-family
21 dwellings, who may face higher bills even if they reduce their
22 usage, because their power is routed through only a few meters,
23 which then show that they are greatly exceeding baseline power
24 usage levels; and,

1 WHEREAS, In some instances, despite reductions in usage of
2 10%, some homeowner associations with fewer meters still face
3 double-digit rate increases; and,

4 WHEREAS, Because California has 30,000 homeowner
5 associations with approximately 8.5 million members, the
6 overcharging of this group represents a problem of huge economic
7 proportions;

8 WHEREAS, Despite this mandate to resolve this issue, which
9 was recently reviewed by the PUC as part of phase two of the
10 Baseline Order to Investigate Rates (OIR) proceedings
11 application case number R01-05-047, the PUC gave the issue a low
12 priority; and,

13 WHEREAS, It behooves the PUC to give this matter immediate
14 attention and to revise their rate system to account for the
15 number of meters used by certain multiple-residence consumers;
16 now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
18 County of San Francisco hereby urges the California Public
19 Utilities Commission (PUC) to devise a rate structure that
20 treats homeowner associations and other residents in multi-unit
21 dwellings equitably with other consumers of power; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the PUC to put the
23 highest priority on resolving the issues raised in application
24 case number R01-05-047 of phase two of the Baseline OIR
25 proceedings; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the PUC, Governor Gray Davis and San Francisco's state legislative delegation.



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October 1, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,
Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - Daly, Maxwell

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 1, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.