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MOTION

On September 8, 2011, a utility worker conducting maintenance work in Yuma, Arizona, triggered a massive blackout that impacted the Southwest. The blackout eliminated power in Southern Arizona, portions of Southern California and Northern Mexico. In total, approximately 4 million people were impacted by the 12 hour blackout.

Arizona utility authorities stated that safeguards built into the system should have prevented the cascading blackout that reached Southern California. The safeguards failed. There were a number of electrical grid failures along the transmission line that resulted in the eventual shutdown of the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant and 15 other facilities.

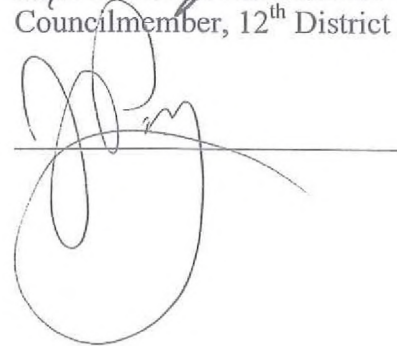
Although this blackout didn't impact the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Water and Power should report on its system reliability and the safeguards that are in place. In this manner, the Department of Water and Power can ensure that the blackout conditions that impacted the Southwest last week don't impact the City in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report to the City Council in 15 days as to the status of its electric transmission system, its reliability, and the safeguards that are in place to mitigate potential blackouts.

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