

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) electric transmission system, its reliability, and the safeguards that are in place to mitigate potential blackouts.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Englander - Perry):

REQUEST the LADWP 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None Submitted.

Summary:

On September 27, 2011, your Committee considered Motion (Englander - Perry) requesting that the LADWP 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. The Motion, attached to the Council file, in part states that a utility worker conducting maintenance work in Yuma, Arizona, triggered a massive blackout that impacted the Southwest on September 8, 2011. 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. Although the blackout did not impact the City of Los Angeles, the Motion seeks to have the LADWP ensure that the blackout conditions that impacted the Southwest last week do not impact the City in the future.

During the discussion of this item, the Committee provided an opportunity for public comment. A representative of the maker of the Motion then provided additional background information on this issue, and the LADWP made a power point presentation on power system reliability and responded to numerous related questions from the Committee members. After additional discussion, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PERRY:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
CÁRDENAS:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	YES
LABONGE	YES

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