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Security at the Department of Water and Power (DWP) is critical to protecting critical Water and Power System infrastructure on behalf of the City's residents and businesses.

On January 20, 2015, the 2015 Industrial, Economic, and Administrative (IEA) Survey of the DWP was presented by Navigant Consulting in the Energy and Environment Committee. The IEA Survey, a City Charter mandated report administered by the City Controller, provides an extensive assessment of DWP operations and their current status.

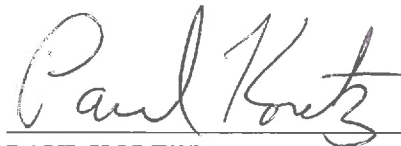
The report includes a number of significant security-related short-comings, including vulnerabilities of the electrical grid to cyber and physical threats.

Respected journalist, Ted Koppel, has written a book entitled, Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath, which tells in annotated detail from national security experts how unprepared the nation's utilities are for a major cyberattack and how unprepared the nation's cities are for a long-term blackout lasting weeks or months.

A long-term blackout in the City lasting weeks or months could result in many thousands of lives and businesses lost, if not much worse.

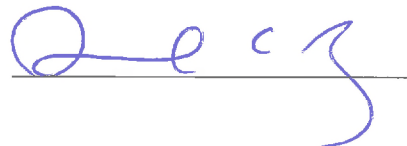
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Emergency Management Department, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and with a request for partnership with the US Departments of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency, be directed to prepare and present within 60 days a Long-Term Electrical Blackout Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City of Los Angeles.

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