

GENERAL EXEMPTION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to approval of the WestConnect Planning Participation Agreement Amended and Restated and WestConnect Confidentiality Agreement.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it has been determined that the execution of the Planning Participation Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement is exempt pursuant to the General Exemption described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). General Exemptions apply in situations where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' action of January 19, 2016, Resolution No. 016-145, authorizing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to execute the WestConnect Planning Participation Agreement Amended and Restated, LADWP No. BP15-022, and the WestConnect Confidentiality Agreement, LADWP No. BP15-035, to participate in the WestConnect transmission regional planning process and delegating authority to the LADWP General Manager to approve amendments that are ministerial, administrative, or technical in nature.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated February 3, 2016 approving the WestConnect Planning Participation Agreement Amended and Restated, LADWP No. BP15-022, and the WestConnect Confidentiality Agreement, LADWP No. BP15-035, both by and among the City of Los Angeles, acting by and through the LADWP, and all Members of the WestConnect Planning Region; delegating to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners limited authority to amend such agreements; and authorizing the Board to delegate that authority to the General Manager.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed resolution is estimated to cost \$213,000 annually from the Power Revenue Fund. There is no financial impact to the City's General Fund. The proposed Agreement complies with the LADWP adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 25, 2016

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 23, 2016)

Summary:

At a meeting held on March 16, 2016, the Energy and Environment Committee considered reports from the City Attorney, Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and City Administrative Officer, Resolution No. 016-145, and Ordinance relative to approval of the WestConnect Planning Participation Agreement Amended and Restated and WestConnect Confidentiality Agreement. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee

recommended that Council approve the recommendations detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES

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