

MOTION

In 2018, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) will produce the 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to identify generation resources that meet the City's future energy needs while meeting key environmental priorities and reliability standards. The IRP has historically served as an important planning document for the DWP as it charts out projects and programs for the next 20 years.

Every two years, DWP's IRP process is open to the public. Transparency and accountability to the public are an important aspect of this process. Key stakeholders who live near DWP facilities and DWP ratepayers have a critical voice in deciding DWP's energy future.


The preferred Strategic Case for the 2016 IRP was a 65 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2036. Community advocates offered comments to the DWP Board of Commissioners during the 2016 IRP and challenged DWP to model a 100% renewable portfolio standard. Currently, DWP is studying how to get to 100 percent renewable energy due to the 100 Percent Renewable Energy Portfolio and Research Partnership - Council File No. 16-0243 (Bonin-Krekorian-Wesson-Koretz), but that working group process does not have the same opportunities to seek public input as are inherent in an IRP process.

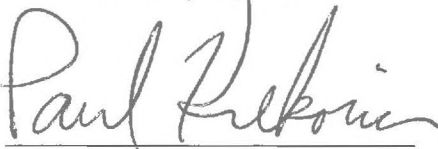
The 2018 IRP provides a valuable opportunity to include members of the public in power planning processes, and in order to ensure the 2018 IRP process includes a meaningful conversation about how Los Angeles will get to 100% clean energy, the DWP IRP should include a model for a 100% renewable energy scenario. This will not only allow a more robust public dialogue, but will additionally allow stakeholders to discuss whether we want controversial energy sources like nuclear, biomass and biogas included in our future energy portfolio.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power models a 100 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard for the 2018 IRP;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Renewable Portfolio Standard exclude biomass, biogas, and nuclear energy from the 100 percent renewable portfolio standard model, as these energy sources have been found to have negative consequences on human health, the climate and environment.

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