

April 2018
Honorable Mike Bonin
Honorable Paul Koretz
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles

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Submitted in RCCSD Committee
Council File No: 18-0247
Item No.: 12
Deputy: Adam R. Lid

Re: Council Motion 18-0247 - Direct LADWP to model a 100% renewables scenario in 2018 IRP

Dear Honorable Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz,

On behalf of the Environmental Defense Fund, we submit these comments in support of Motion 18-0247, which requests the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to model a 100% renewable energy scenario in the 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

As your motion noted, the 2018 IRP will serve as an important strategic planning document that helps chart out projects, programs and investments by LADWP for the next 20 years. It makes complete sense then that this year's IRP, because it affects the long-term planning processes of the utility, includes a 100% renewable energy scenario. Further, since the IRP process will be open to the public and provide robust opportunities for dialogue and stakeholder engagement, it will further support our shared goals of encouraging transparency and accountability between the largest public utility in the country and its customers. Additionally, we feel this motion will complement and inform the 100% renewable energy study currently underway at LADWP, of which EDF serves as a member of the technical advisory committee.

EDF fully supports the efforts of the city of Los Angeles, and many community leaders, in advancing clean air, climate action, and growing a robust and just clean energy economy. This motion will bring us closer to our collective goals.

We look forward to a speedy passage of this motion through the Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee and finally through the full Council.

Sincerely,



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