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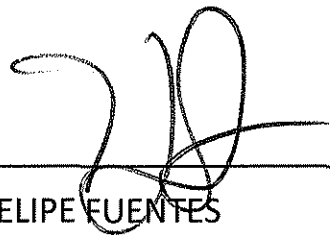
As the City of Los Angeles has successfully streamlined all of the resident's energy, water and sanitation charges on to one bill from the Department of Water and Power. By consolidating the billing, we have also made the amount due quite large for the average family.

One of the reasons for the large amount due on the bill is related to the 60 day billing cycle instead of a 30 day billing cycle. If we were able to break the bill up into a 30 day billing cycle, there would be dual benefits for the homeowner: 1) They would owe a more manageable amount to pay every month, rather than one large amount over 2 months; 2) They would know in these extreme weather months how to balance their water and/or electricity usage to create a more manageable bill or conserve the resource.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Water and Power to provide a report to the City Council in 30 days on the potential to move from a 60 day billing cycle to a 30 day billing cycle; and what steps and/or processes would be necessary from other City Departments to make that happen.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power report include a comparison of other local/regional utility companies and how they conduct their billing process.

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