



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
September 8, 2009

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Ordinance: Utilities Rate Advisory Commission Calendar Year 2009
Meetings**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: 1) Review an Ordinance authorizing the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission to hold more than twelve meetings in calendar year 2009; and 2) pass for publication the Ordinance title as required by Sacramento City Charter Section 32(c) to be adopted September 15, 2009.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Utilities

Division: Office of the Director

Organization No: 14001011

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Mayor and City Council appointed the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission (Commission). Section 13.02.080 of the Sacramento City Code provides, in part, that the Commission shall not hold more than twelve regular meetings in a calendar year. However, given the complexity and breadth of issues presented to the Commission during the short time period after the Commission's initial meeting in December 2008 and prior to holding its utility rate hearing in May, it was necessary for the Commission to hold ten meetings from January to August 2009. It is anticipated that more than twelve meetings will be required in 2009 to accomplish the objectives of the Commission in advising the Council regarding proposed utility rates.

Policy Considerations: An exemption for calendar 2009 from the provisions specified in Sacramento City Code Section 13.02.080 is appropriate to allow the Commission the option to hold additional meetings if needed. It is not anticipated that this will be an issue in future years. No change to the Commission's responsibilities or authority is proposed in this action.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): None.

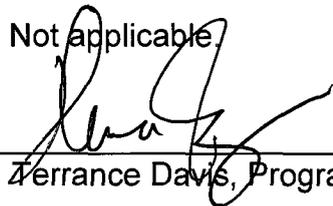
Sustainability Considerations: None.

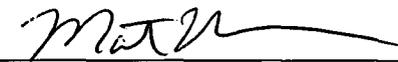
Commission/Committee Action: The Utilities Rate Advisory Commission asked staff to bring this proposed ordinance to the City Council. The Law and Legislation Chair approved bringing this proposed ordinance directly to the City Council.

Rationale for Recommendation: The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to provide the Commission and with the ability to hold more than twelve meetings in 2009 to accomplish its objectives.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
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Recommendation Approved:


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Attachment 1

Background

Pursuant to Chapter 13.02 of the Sacramento City Code, in 2008 the Mayor and Council appointed the Utilities Rate Advisor Commission (Commission) to serve as an advisory body to provide recommendations and advice on the City's utility rates. The Commission's first meeting was held in December 2008. The newly appointed Commission was faced with the need to become familiar with the City's utility service operations, conduct a detailed review of the City's utility rate models, and hold a utility rate hearing prior to June 2009. Consequently, it has been necessary for the Commission to hold ten meetings from January through August 2009.

Section 13.02.080 of the Sacramento City Code provides, in part, that the Commission shall hold not more than twelve regular meetings in a calendar year. It is anticipated that the Commission will need to exceed the twelve meeting limitation this calendar year in order to accomplish its objectives. Thus, the proposed Ordinance would provide a onetime authorization for the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission to hold more than twelve meetings in calendar year 2009, leaving Section 13.02.080 un-amended for future years. It is not anticipated this will be an issue in future years.

Attachment 2

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON THE DATE OF _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE UTILITIES RATE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO HOLD MORE THAN TWELVE MEETINGS DURING THE 2009 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

The City Council of the City of Sacramento finds and declares as follows:

- A. Pursuant to Chapter 13.02 of the Sacramento City Code, in 2008 the Mayor and City Council appointed the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission (Commission) to serve as an advisory body providing advice and recommendations on the City's utility service rates, and the Commission's first meeting was held in December 2008.
- B. Section 13.02.080 of the Sacramento City Code provides, in part, that the Commission shall hold not more than twelve regular meetings in a calendar year.
- C. As a new Commission faced with the need to become familiar with the City's utility service operations, conduct a detailed review of the City's utility rate models and hold a utility rate hearing prior to June 2009, it was necessary for the Commission to hold ten meetings from January through August 2009.
- D. Due to the high number of meetings already held in calendar year 2009, Commission members have requested that City staff seek authorization from the City Council to hold more than twelve regular meetings during the 2009 calendar year if this proves necessary.
- E. It is unlikely that the Commission will need to hold more than twelve regular meetings during any future years.

SECTION 2.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.02.080 of the Sacramento City Code, the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission may hold more than twelve regular meetings during the 2009 calendar year.