

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the global crisis of climate change and the urgency that it compels, and further recognizing the adverse public health impacts that result from local air pollution caused by fossil fuels, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to transitioning to a 100 percent clean energy supply while maintaining reliable and cost-effective electricity for its customers; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is aggressively decarbonizing its power generation portfolio through clean energy initiatives, including completely divesting from coal, expanding renewable energy, developing energy storage systems, investing in energy efficiency, and supporting the electrification of vehicles and buildings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the City Council (Council File #16-0243, Krekorian-Bonin), LADWP, in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, has spent four years engaged in the "LA100" study, comprehensively analyzing how to achieve a 100% clean energy portfolio, and its findings will show that all viable pathways to achieving 100% clean energy require expansion of LADWP's in-basin transmission capacity; and

WHEREAS, the in-basin transmission upgrade project will be fully analyzed in a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its renewable electricity goals, increase electrification and ensure electricity grid reliability, LADWP needs to accelerate permitting and shorten the timeline for resolution of any litigation challenging its programmatic environmental review of its in-basin transmission upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that once the environmental review process is completed, it be given an expedited litigation timetable similar to previous legislation by expediting litigation timelines and preventing an injunction from stopping project construction while any deficiencies in the environmental review documents are addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Legislative Program, Sponsorship of legislation that establishes specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for new and upgraded transmission lines required to supply and maintain reliability of energy services to the City of Los Angeles as it moves toward a 100% clean energy supply.

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