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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER  
COMMISSIONERS TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO A  
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL METHOD TO PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS  
RELATING TO THE ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION  
OF THE RINALDI – TARZANA TRANSMISSION LINES 1 AND 2  
RECONDUCTORING PROJECT**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 22-0481

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This draft ordinance will authorize the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to let a contract pursuant to a competitive sealed request for proposal (RFP) method permitting negotiations for the engineering, procurement, and construction of the Rinaldi – Tarzana Transmission Lines 1 and 2 Reconductoring Project (Rin-Tar Project), with a term not to exceed three years in accordance with criteria outlined in the draft ordinance.

Pursuant to a competitive-sealed proposal method, the engineering, procurement, and construction criteria adopted by the draft ordinance will permit an award to a specialized proposer experienced in the design, procurement, pre-construction services, and construction of high voltage 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line systems. The sealed proposal method, pursuant to Charter Section 371(b), permits

negotiations after proposals have been opened to allow clarifications and changes to the proposal. Pursuant to Charter Section 371(a) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.47, the Local Business Preference Program will apply. The term of the contract is necessary because of the complexity, size, and scope of the Rin-Tar Project, as well as possible schedule uncertainties.

### Background

In 2014 and 2015, LADWP's Long Term Transmission Assessment Study identified both the Rinaldi – Tarzana 230 kV Lines 1 and 2 as transmission system elements that experience emergency overload conditions in certain scenarios, such as extreme summer heat. The LADWP has opted to replace and upgrade the lines as necessary to ensure compliance with the North American Reliability Corporation (NERC) Category C3 standards that require LADWP to mitigate the condition.

The Rin-Tar Project is designed to mitigate the overload conditions identified as part of the NERC Transmission Reliability Assessment. The Rin-Tar Project will upgrade the two existing transmission lines to increase the continuous and emergency circuit ratings, by replacing the existing conductor with new conductor and raising certain towers to increase line clearances. This work will alleviate potential future overload conditions. The Rin-Tar Project will consist of: (1) the replacement of 10.3 miles of double-circuit and triple circuit, 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines from the Rinaldi Receiving Station to the Tarzana Receiving Station; (2) the raising of 13 towers; (3) the installation of one new tower; (4) removing one tower; (5) installing foundations for nine towers; and (6) demolishing foundations for ten towers.

### Charter Compliance

This draft ordinance is transmitted for your approval pursuant to Charter Sections 371(b) and 674. Los Angeles Charter Section 371(b) requires a vote of at least two-thirds of the City Council approving the contract selection criteria to award a contract using a competitive sealed proposal method. City Council approval of the ordinance is also required under Los Angeles Charter Section 674 to grant the LADWP Board the power to let a contract for a project transmitting electric energy.

### CEQA Determination

It is requested that the City Council review and determine that the Rin-Tar Project is exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301. In accordance with Section 15301, the reconductoring of an existing transmission line is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1(b) as described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. This exemption applies to the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities used to provide public utility services.

Council Rule 38 Referral

This draft ordinance has been approved by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners pursuant to Council Rule 38.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Mark Reusch at (213) 367-4619. A member this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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