



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 6, 2026

FROM: PUBLIC UTILITIES WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF EVERGREEN POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR INSURANCE POLICY COVERING SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (“SONGS”) WITH WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (US) LLP

ISSUE:

Approve the Evergreen Power of Attorney for the insurance policy covering the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (“SONGS”) with Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the evergreen power of attorney for the insurance policy covering the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (“SONGS”) with Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the evergreen power of attorney with Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP, including making minor non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Riverside owns a small portion of San Onofre Nuclear Generation Stations, often referred to as SONGS. While SONGS began the decommissioning process in 2013, the City is required to continue the maintenance of its insurance policy against nuclear and non-nuclear incidents. The City’s coverage is maintained through Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (NEIL) and the City is a member of NEIL.

NEIL operates through the state of Delaware, which requires all members to have a local representative to conduct insurance business with NEIL on their behalf. All NEIL members have executed an Evergreen Power of Attorney with the Delaware law firm of Duane Morris LLP for the sole purpose of executing and maintaining the insurance policy with NEIL. The City Council last authorized the Evergreen Power of Attorney in 1998.

DISCUSSION:

NEIL members recently voted to change power of attorney representative to Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP for the purpose of conducting their insurance business with NEIL. In light of this change, the City's Evergreen Power of Attorney with Duane Morris LLP is no longer valid. A new Evergreen Power of Attorney needs to be executed with Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP. Once the power of attorney is executed by the City, it will remain effective until revoked by the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this report.

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