



UPDATE ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Public Utilities Department

Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee

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BACKGROUND

1. December 10, 2018: Committee overview of Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA)
 - a. Joint Powers Agreement
 - b. Changes in utility industry
 - c. Evolving regulatory mandates
2. Committee Direction
 - a. Informal consultation with SCPPA members
 - b. Value of pursuing amendment to Joint Powers Agreement
 - c. Specific reference to energy efficiency and load management₂



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BACKGROUND

3. February 8, 2018: City Letter to SCPPA
 - a. Consider amending Joint Powers Agreement
 - b. Specific reference to energy efficiency and load management projects as within SCPPA's powers and duties
4. April 18, 2019: Norton Rose Fulbright Memorandum
 - a. Constitutes SCPPA response to Riverside's letter



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DISCUSSION

1. SCPPA Joint Powers Agreement
 - a. Approved by joint action of multiple governing bodies
 - b. Amended only by unanimous agreement of all SCPPA members
2. Memorandum
 - a. Amendment not required
 - b. Energy efficiency and demand management fall within SCPPA's broad express powers
 - c. Publicly owned utilities required to procure energy efficiency first
 - d. SCPPA held to same requirement



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DISCUSSION

3. Value of Amending Agreement

- a. Existing Joint Powers Agreement provides tremendous value to Riverside electric ratepayers
 - i. Economies-of-scale pricing
 - ii. Ability to participate in large, cost-effective projects
- b. City's participation in SCPPA projects consistent with Joint Powers Agreement, City Charter and Municipal Code
- c. No additional value in amending Joint Powers Agreement



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee receive an update on the City of Riverside's request that the Southern California Public Power Authority consider amending its Joint Powers Agreement to specifically reference energy efficiency and load management projects as being within Southern California Public Power Authority's powers and duties.



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