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Greetings Chairperson Ben and Fellow Committee Members. Below is my suggestion on the wording for the ballot:

Beginning January 2022, City will discontinue charging an 11.5 percent tax on electricity replacing it with a \$38 million fixed amount transferred from RPU to the unrestricted general fund. This amount will be reduced annually by \$1 million until this reduction reaches \$30 million. This fixed transfer stabilizes the budget without drastic cuts allowing continued vital services to city residents. In addition, rate payers will experience lower utility bills, while promoting fiscal accountability from elected officials and City Leaders.

RPU net surplus shall be applied first before ratepayer revenue further reducing bills. (Not sure if this will make sense to most voters) However, I have no suggestions at this time.

Respectfully Submitted, Pete Benavidez