

SEATTLE CITY LIGHT POLICY ORDINANCE (PILOT PROGRAMS) – August 20, 2019

Section 1. The City Light Department may offer short-term pilot programs testing new approaches in the following two areas for rate design research:

- a) Incentives in exchange for the ability to study customer consumption patterns associated with demand response programs such as time-of-use pricing, critical peak pricing or rebates, variable peak pricing, or direct load control. Incentives to curb or shift consumption must be cost-based and reflect system-wide benefits realized from customer behavior. To this end, program incentives must be achievable within existing budgetary authority and reflect cost of service consistent with existing adopted rates.
- b) Alternative rate discounts and services to assist low-income customers in accordance with RCW 74.38.070 and SMC 21.49.085.

In addition, pilot programs must meet the following requirements:

1. A charter that defines research objective and specific evaluation criteria.
2. Be offered to a defined subset of customers on an opt-in basis, with recruitment strategies that target historically under-represented populations.
3. Precise terms and conditions for pilot participation filed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code, including opportunity for public feedback before program launch.
4. A finite timeframe with end date that occurs no later than 36 months from the program start, and on or December 31, 2028.
5. Pilot program participants will be held harmless such that incentive/alternative discount structures do not prevail over regular adopted rates. Customers whose data and consumption practices do not create a discount under a pilot program as compared with their regular assigned rate will be charged according to their normal rate.
6. Regular reporting to City Council on pilot status and performance.

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21.49.070 – Public Charging

Electric charging facilities operated by the Department under authority granted by Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 21.49.130.G may be used by any member of the public. Fees for use of charging facilities shall be designed to recoup the capital and operating cost of the charging equipment, plus the cost of electricity as determined by the relevant retail rate, plus appropriate taxes and overhead cost. Rental fees may be structured in any way that reflects cost of service including per kWh, per minute, or a flat fee. Precise terms and conditions for use, exact fees, and derivation of such fees shall be documented and filed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

+Ratify and confirm prior acts