

# City of Seattle



## Request for Proposals for Bank Products for Municipal Light and Power Improvement Revenue Bonds, 2015 (Variable Rate)

RFP Issue Date: Friday, December 12, 2014

RFP Due Date and Time: Friday, January 9, 2015, 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time

Delivery Instructions: One (1) electronic copy emailed to  
michael.vandyck@seattle.gov with the following in the  
subject line:

"[Firm Name's] Response to RFP for Bank Products"

# Request for Proposals for Bank Products for Municipal Light and Power Improvement Revenue Bonds, 2015 (Variable Rate)

The City of Seattle, Washington (the "City") is seeking the proposals of banking institutions to provide an irrevocable direct pay letter of credit ("LOC"), a standby bond purchase agreement ("SBPA"), and/or a direct purchase in connection with bonds to be issued to pay for a portion of the capital program associated with its municipal electric utility ("Seattle City Light"). This City intends the bonds to bear a variable rate of interest and is in the process of determining which variable rate structure to proceed with. The City is considering using a traditional multi-modal structure, publicly offered index rate note structure or direct purchase. It is also open to considering other variable rate debt mechanisms that may be proprietary to one or more firms and may better achieve the City's financing goals. In order to further evaluate all of the variable rate debt options available to the City, simultaneous with the issuance of this Request for Proposals for Bank Products (the "Bank RFP"), the City will be issuing a Request for Proposals for Investment Banking Services (the "Underwriter RFP"). The City intends to select one or more firms from among the respondents to both RFPs to form the financing team to assist the City with this debt issuance. ***Depending on the type of variable rate financing mechanism selected, the City may determine to select a financing team that does not include any respondents to this Bank RFP.***

## 1. Background on Seattle City Light

Seattle City Light is a wholly-owned enterprise of the City of Seattle. In 1905, the City began providing its customers with electricity generated by the Cedar Falls Plant, which was the first municipally-owned hydroelectric facility in the nation. By 1910, operational responsibility for the City's electric system had been assigned to Seattle City Light. In 1951, Seattle City Light purchased from Puget Sound Power and Light Company certain generation, transmission and distribution facilities serving the City's residents. Seattle City Light has operated without competition in its service area since the 1951 purchase. Today, the utility's resource portfolio includes several hydroelectric plants with a combined expected annual power output of more than 6 million MWh (average water). The utility currently serves approximately 410,000 customers within its 131 square-mile service area which includes the entire City of Seattle as well as neighboring cities to the north and south.

*The official statement for the most recent Seattle City Light financing and the 2013 audited financial statements for Seattle City Light are available on the City's website at <http://www.seattle.gov/business-in-seattle/investor-relations>.*

## 2. Financing Plan

In an attempt to reduce debt service costs and to provide better matching of its short-term assets and liabilities, the City is planning to issue \$50 to \$100 million of variable rate debt in 2015 (the "2015 VR Bonds"). It is currently expected that closing on this transaction will take place in May of 2015.

The Seattle City Council approved Ordinance 124633 on November 24, 2014 (see Attachment D) authorizing the sale of up to \$278 million in bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of Seattle City Light's ongoing capital plan. It is anticipated that the 2015 VR Bonds will be issued as part of this authorization. The City intends to amortize the 2015 VR Bonds over a 30-year term utilizing an approximately level debt service structure. It is anticipated that the 2015 VR Bonds will be issued on a parity with the City's previously issued \$1.9 billion of outstanding senior lien Parity Bonds. Under the provisions of the authorizing bond ordinance, Seattle City Light can determine the size of the Debt Service Reserve Fund (DSRF) Requirement on an issue-by-issue basis. The City anticipates not funding a deposit to the DSRF for the 2015 VR Bonds.

In October 2014, the ratings on the City's senior lien Municipal Light and Power revenue bonds were affirmed as follows:

Moody's	Aa2 (stable outlook)
S&P	AA (stable outlook)

Piper Jaffray & Co. is financial advisor to the City and Foster Pepper PLLC serves as Bond Counsel.

### **3. Proposal Format**

Responses to the RFP, including any exhibits and/or attachments are limited to **ten (10) pages** plus a cover letter, if provided. Questions should be answered as succinctly as possible.

### **4. Proposal Content**

Please provide responses to the following questions:

#### **4.1. Key Personnel**

Identify i) the person within the firm who would be expected to act as lead banker/relationship manager and ii) other key personnel for the City.

#### **4.2. Firm Experience and Commitment to the Municipal Market**

Please describe your bank's participation in and history of commitment to providing credit and lending products to municipal entities in the United States.

#### **4.3. Adjustments to the Financing Plan**

Please discuss whether the financing plan described in Section 2 poses any problems with any of the bank products included in your proposal.

#### **4.4. Authorizing Ordinance – Amendments or Revisions**

Attachment D is the authorizing legislation (Bond Ordinance) that the City Council has adopted. Please describe any amendments or revisions to the Bond Ordinance that you believe would be necessary in order to utilize any or all of the bank products included in your proposal.

#### **4.5. Fees**

Using the pricing matrices for a Direct-Pay Letter of Credit (Attachment A), a Standby Bond Purchase Agreement (Attachment B), and a Direct Purchase (Attachment C), please provide commitment fees assuming that Seattle City Light's senior lien ratings of Aa2 from Moody's and AA from S&P are unchanged. If your fees would change due to an upgrade or downgrade of Seattle City Light's credit ratings, please also provide a fee matrix illustrating those fee changes.

#### **4.6. Terms and Conditions**

Please attach a detailed term sheet specifying all material terms and conditions associated with your proposal.

#### **4.7. Credit Approval Process**

The City would prefer that responding firms have initial credit approval before submitting their proposal. What is your firm's process for credit approval? What information will be required before final credit approval can be secured? How long will that process take?

## 5. Proposed Schedule

The City would like to implement the proposed financing in a timely fashion. A preliminary schedule is as follows:

Request for Proposal Released:	Friday, December 12, 2014
Proposals Due:	Friday, January 9, 2015, 3:00 p.m. Seattle Time
Interviews (if any) and selection of underwriting team:	By January 30, 2015
Kick-off Meeting:	February 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Bond Closing:	May 2015

This is a tentative schedule only and may be altered at the sole discretion of the City.

## 6. Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action and WMBE Utilization

The Respondent will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, creed, age, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideology, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification. The Respondent will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their creed, religion, race, age, color, sex, national origin, marital status, political ideology, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Respondent agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The City encourages the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises ("MBEs") and Women's Business Enterprises ("WBEs") (collectively, "WMBEs"), in all City contracts. The Respondent shall not create barriers to open and fair opportunities for WMBEs to participate in all City contracts and to obtain or compete for contracts and subcontracts as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services. In considering offers from and doing business with participants in the transaction, the Respondent shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any mental or physical disability in an otherwise qualified disabled person.

## 7. Proposal Requirements

**One (1) electronic copy** of your proposal must be received by the Department of Finance no later than 3:00 p.m. Seattle Time, on Friday, January 9, 2015. *Proposals not received by 3:00 p.m. will not be considered.* **NO FAXED COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The electronic copy should be sent to michael.vandyck@seattle.gov and should be labeled as follows: "[Firm Name's] Response to RFP for Bank Products".

Although not a requirement for consideration, the City asks respondents to submit courtesy copies of their proposals via e-mail to the City's Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel at the following addresses:

Rob Shelley	robert.e.shelley@pjc.com
Marc Greenough	greem@foster.com

Submission of these 2 electronic copies is not a requirement for consideration of your proposal.

## **8. Proposal Modification, Clarification And Selection**

**8.1.** The City of Seattle will not reimburse the respondents to this request for any costs involved in the preparation and submission of proposals, or for preparation of and attendance at any oral interviews.

**8.2.** This Request For Proposals does not obligate the City of Seattle to contract for any services.

**8.3.** The City of Seattle reserves the right to:

- a.** Request clarification of any proposal.
- b.** Schedule interviews with one or more respondents.
- c.** Modify or alter any of the requirements herein. In the event of such modification, all respondents will be given an equal opportunity to modify their proposals in the specific areas impacted.
- d.** Reject any or all proposals, waive immaterial irregularities in any proposal and reissue this or a modified request for proposal.
- e.** Negotiate a contract with the selected firm(s).
- f.** Terminate contract negotiations with selected firm(s) if unable to reach agreement.

**8.4.** If the City is unable to reach final agreement with firm(s) initially chosen to provide a bank product for the issue, the City reserves the right to select and negotiate with the firms with the next most favorable proposals.

## **9. Method of Proposal Evaluation and Selection Process**

All proposals will be evaluated by staff from the City's Finance Department. The City's Director of Finance, in consultation with the City's Financial Advisor, will make the final selection regarding the composition of the financing team for the 2015 VR Bonds. Should the City decide to include a respondent to the Bank RFP on the financing team, the criteria for the evaluation of candidates to provide bank products will include the following:

- Pricing and Proposed Fees
- Terms and Conditions, including any required revisions or amendments to the Bond Ordinance
- Financial strength of the proposer
- Any other factors that the City deems appropriate in making its determination

## 10. Information

Procedural questions regarding this RFP should be directed to any of the following:

Michael Van Dyck  
Debt Manager, City of Seattle  
michael.vandyck@seattle.gov  
(206) 684-8347

*or the City's financial advisor:*

Rob Shelley  
Piper Jaffray & Co.  
1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4300  
Seattle, Washington, 98101  
robert.e.shelley@pjc.com  
(206) 628-2879

### *Attachments:*

Attachment A: Proposal for Direct-Pay Letter of Credit  
Attachment B: Proposal for Standby Bond Purchase Agreement  
Attachment C: Proposal for Direct Purchase  
Attachment D: Bond Ordinance

**CITY OF SEATTLE  
2015 MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER REVENUE BONDS  
\$100,000,000<sup>(1)</sup>**

**PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT-PAY LETTER OF CREDIT**

*Cost Information Form*

**Name of Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Ratings and Outlook:**

Long Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Short-Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Please complete the following fee schedule. Fees should be assumed to be paid quarterly in arrears.

Expiration Date	Maximum Commitment Amount	Upfront Fee (if any)	Annual Facility Fee for Letter of Credit
2 Years			
3 Years			
5 Years			
Longer, if available <sup>(2)</sup>			

	Fee/Rate/Term
Drawing Fee for Bank Purchases	
Bank Interest Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Default Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Period (yrs) <sup>(4)</sup>	

Bank Legal Fees and Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Other Miscellaneous Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Bank Legal Counsel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Timing for Credit Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Preliminary; subject to change. LOC must include par amount plus 45 days of interest at a maximum rate of 12%.
- (2) Please specify term.
- (3) This rate must be based either on the Federal Funds rate or a Prime rate. Any changes in the rate over time must be specified.
- (4) Must be no less than three years.

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**2015 MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER REVENUE BONDS**  
**\$100,000,000<sup>(1)</sup>**

**PROPOSAL FOR STANDBY BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

*Cost Information Form*

**Name of Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Ratings and Outlook:**

Long Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Short-Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Please complete the following fee schedule. Fees should be assumed to be paid quarterly in arrears.

Expiration Date	Maximum Commitment Amount	Upfront Fee (if any)	Annual Facility Fee for SBPA
2 Years			
3 Years			
5 Years			
Longer, if available <sup>(2)</sup>			

	Fee/Rate/Term
Drawing Fee for Bank Purchases	
Bank Interest Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Default Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Period (yrs) <sup>(4)</sup>	

Bank Legal Fees and Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Other Miscellaneous Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Bank Legal Counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

Timing for Credit Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Preliminary; subject to change. SBPA must include par amount plus 45 days of interest at a maximum rate of 12%.

(2) Please specify term.

(3) This rate must be based either on the Federal Funds rate or a Prime rate. Any changes in the rate over time must be specified.

(4) Must be no less than three years.

**CITY OF SEATTLE  
2015 MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER REVENUE BONDS  
\$100,000,000<sup>(1)</sup>**

**PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT PURCHASE**

*Cost Information Form*

**Name of Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Ratings and Outlook:**

Long Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Short-Term	
Moody's	
S&P	
Fitch	

Please complete the following fee schedule. Fees should be assumed to be paid quarterly in arrears.

Expiration Date	Upfront Fee (if any)	Index (SIFMA or 30-day LIBOR)	Spread to Index (basis points)	Redemption Provisions
2 Years				
3 Years				
5 Years				
Longer, if available <sup>(2)</sup>				

	Fee/Rate/Term
Bank Interest Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Default Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	
Term-Out Period (yrs) <sup>(4)</sup>	

Bank Legal Fees and Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Other Miscellaneous Expenses: Estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_; capped at \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Bank Legal Counsel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Timing for Credit Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Preliminary; subject to change.
- (2) Please specify term.
- (3) This rate must be based either on the Federal Funds rate or a Prime rate. Any changes in the rate over time must be specified.
- (4) Must be no less than three years.

## **Attachment D**

Bond Ordinance 124633

Ordinance No. 124633

Council Bill No. 118234

AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds for certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and power plant and system of the City, paying the costs of issuance of those bonds and providing for the reserve fund requirement; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Related Legislation File: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Introduced and Referred: <u>10.20.14</u>	To: (committee): <u>Budget</u>
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date of Final Action: <u>11/24/14</u>	Date Presented to Mayor: <u>11/26/14</u>
Date Signed by Mayor: <u>12/2/14</u>	Date Returned to City Clerk: <u>12/2/14</u>
Published by Title Only <u>X</u>	Date Vetoed by Mayor:
Published in Full Text _____	
Date Veto Published:	Date Passed Over Veto:
Date Veto Sustained:	Date Returned Without Signature:

# The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: Licata

## Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
<u>11/14/14</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>9-0</u>

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. \_\_\_\_\_

## Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
<u>Nov. 24, 2014</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>9-0</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 124633  
**COUNCIL BILL** 118234

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5 AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance  
6 and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds  
7 for certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and  
8 power plant and system of the City, paying the costs of issuance of those bonds and  
9 providing for the reserve fund requirement; providing for the terms, conditions,  
10 covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of those bonds; and  
11 ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

12 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle, Washington (the "City"), owns, operates and maintains an  
13 electric system (the "Light System"); and

14 WHEREAS, the City has need to acquire and construct certain additions and betterments to and  
15 extensions of the Light System described in the system or plan adopted by this ordinance  
16 (the "Plan of Additions"); and

17 WHEREAS, the City has outstanding certain revenue bonds (the "Outstanding Parity Bonds")  
18 having a charge and lien upon the Gross Revenue of the Light System prior and superior  
19 to all other charges whatsoever, except reasonable charges for maintenance and operation  
20 of the Light System; and

21 WHEREAS, pursuant to the respective ordinances and resolutions listed in Exhibit A, the City  
22 issued its municipal light and power revenue bonds described in Exhibit A, and provided  
23 for the issuance of additional bonds having a lien and charge on the Gross Revenue of the  
24 Light System on a parity of lien with those bonds ("Parity Bonds") upon compliance with  
25 certain conditions; and

26 WHEREAS, after due consideration, the City finds that it is necessary and in the best interest of  
27 the City and its ratepayers to issue municipal light and power revenue bonds as Parity  
28 Bonds to pay part of the cost of the Plan of Additions, pay costs of issuance of those  
bonds and provide for the reserve fund requirement; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Definitions.** As used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases  
shall have the meanings set forth below.

"Accreted Value" means with respect to any Capital Appreciation Bonds (a) as of any  
Valuation Date, the amount set forth for such date in any Parity Bond Legislation authorizing



1 such Capital Appreciation Bonds and (b) as of any date other than a Valuation Date, the sum of  
2 (i) the Accreted Value on the preceding Valuation Date and (ii) the product of (A) a fraction, the  
3 numerator of which is the number of days having elapsed from the preceding Valuation Date and  
4 the denominator of which is the number of days from such preceding Valuation Date to the next  
5 succeeding Valuation Date, calculated based on the assumption that Accreted Value accrues  
6 during any semiannual period in equal daily amounts on the basis of a year of twelve 30-day  
7 months, times (B) the difference between the Accreted Values for such Valuation Dates.

8 **“Adjusted Net Revenue”** has the meaning assigned to that term in Section 13(g)(iii).

9 **“Alternate Reserve Security”** means Qualified Insurance or a Qualified Letter of Credit,  
10 which is used to satisfy all or a portion of the Reserve Fund Requirement for the Parity Bonds.

11 **“Annual Debt Service”** for any calendar year means the sum of the amounts required in  
12 such calendar year to pay (a) the interest due in such calendar year on all Parity Bonds  
13 outstanding, excluding interest to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of Parity Bonds or other  
14 bonds; (b) the principal of all outstanding Serial Bonds due in such calendar year; and (c) the  
15 Sinking Fund Requirement, if any, for such calendar year.

16 For purposes of this definition, the principal and interest portions of the Accreted Value  
17 of Capital Appreciation Bonds becoming due at maturity or by virtue of a Sinking Fund  
18 Requirement shall be included in the calculations of accrued and unpaid and accruing interest or  
19 principal in such manner and during such period of time as is specified in any Parity Bond  
20 Legislation authorizing such Capital Appreciation Bonds.

21 For purposes of making coverage ratio calculations in connection with a certificate  
22 delivered under Section 13(g) regarding the issuance of Future Parity Bonds, Annual Debt  
23 Service shall exclude debt service on Parity Bonds that are included in a refunding or defeasance  
24 plan approved by the City Council, which provides for the refunding or defeasance of certain  
25 Parity Bonds by irrevocably pledging money and/or Government Obligations pending their early  
26 redemption.



1 For purposes of calculating and determining compliance with the Reserve Fund  
2 Requirement and conditions for the issuance of Future Parity Bonds and/or entering into Parity  
3 Payment Agreements:

4 (i) **Generally.** Except as otherwise provided by subparagraph (ii) below with respect  
5 to Variable Interest Rate Bonds and by subparagraph (iii) below with respect to  
6 Parity Bonds with respect to which a Payment Agreement is in force, interest on  
7 any series of Parity Bonds shall be calculated based on the actual amount of  
8 accrued, accreted or otherwise accumulated interest that is payable in respect of  
that issue taken as a whole, at the rate or rates set forth in the applicable Parity  
Bond Legislation.

9 (ii) **Interest on Variable Interest Rate Bonds.** The amount of interest deemed to be  
10 payable on any Series of Variable Interest Rate Bonds shall be calculated on the  
11 assumption that the interest rate on those bonds would be equal to the rate that is  
90% of the average RBI during the four calendar quarters preceding the quarter in  
which the calculation is made.

12 (iii) **Interest on Parity Bonds With Respect to Which a Payment Agreement is in**  
13 **Force.** Debt service on Parity Bonds with respect to which a Payment Agreement  
14 is in force shall be based on the net economic effect on the City expected to be  
15 produced by the terms of the Parity Bonds and the terms of the Payment  
16 Agreement, including but not limited to the effects produced by the following:  
17 (A) Parity Bonds that would, but for a Payment Agreement, be treated as  
18 obligations bearing interest at a Variable Interest Rate instead shall be treated as  
19 obligations bearing interest at a fixed interest rate, and (B) Parity Bonds that  
20 would, but for a Payment Agreement, be treated as obligations bearing interest at  
21 a fixed interest rate instead shall be treated as obligations bearing interest at a  
22 Variable Interest Rate. Accordingly, the amount of interest deemed to be payable  
23 on any Parity Bonds with respect to which a Payment Agreement is in force shall  
24 be an amount equal to the amount of interest that would be payable at the rate or  
25 rates stated in those Parity Bonds plus Payment Agreement Payments minus  
26 Payment Agreement Receipts. For the purposes of calculating as nearly as  
27 practicable Payment Agreement Receipts and Payment Agreement Payments  
28 under a Payment Agreement that includes a variable rate component determined  
by reference to a pricing mechanism or index that is not the same as the pricing  
mechanism or index used to determine the variable rate interest component on the  
Parity Bonds to which the Payment Agreement is related, it shall be assumed that  
the fixed rate used in calculating Payment Agreement Payments will be equal to  
105% of the fixed rate specified by the Payment Agreement and that the pricing  
mechanism or index specified by the Payment Agreement is the same as the  
pricing mechanism or index specified by the Parity Bonds. Notwithstanding the  
other provisions of this subparagraph (iii), the City shall not be required to (but



1 may in its discretion) take into account in determining Annual Debt Service the  
2 effects of any Payment Agreement that has a term of ten years or less.

3 (iv) **Parity Payment Agreements.** No additional debt service shall be taken into  
4 account with respect to a Parity Payment Agreement for any period during which  
5 Payment Agreement Payments on that Parity Payment Agreement are taken into  
6 account in determining Annual Debt Service on related Parity Bonds under  
7 subparagraph (iii) of this definition. However, for any period during which  
8 Payment Agreement Payments are not taken into account in calculating Annual  
9 Debt Service on any outstanding Parity Bonds because the Parity Payment  
10 Agreement is not then related to any outstanding Parity Bonds, payments on that  
11 Parity Payment Agreement shall be taken into account by assuming:

12 (A) **City Obligated to Make Payments Based on Fixed Rate.** If the City is  
13 obligated to make Payment Agreement Payments based on a fixed rate and  
14 the Qualified Counterparty is obligated to make payments based on a  
15 variable rate index, that payments by the City will be based on the  
16 assumed fixed payor rate, and that payments by the Qualified  
17 Counterparty will be based on a rate equal to the average rate determined  
18 by the variable rate index specified by the Parity Payment Agreement  
19 during the four calendar quarters preceding the quarter in which the  
20 calculation is made, and

21 (B) **City Obligated to Make Payments Based on Variable Rate Index.** If  
22 the City is obligated to make Payment Agreement Payments based on a  
23 variable rate index and the Qualified Counterparty is obligated to make  
24 payments based on a fixed rate, that payments by the City will be based on  
25 a rate equal to the average rate determined by the variable rate index  
26 specified by the Parity Payment Agreement during the four calendar  
27 quarters preceding the quarter in which the calculation is made, and that  
28 the Qualified Counterparty will make payments based on the fixed rate  
specified by the Parity Payment Agreement.

(v) **Tax Credit Subsidy Payments.** For the purpose of calculating the Reserve Fund  
Requirement, the City shall deduct from Annual Debt Service the Tax Credit  
Subsidy Payments the City is scheduled to claim from the federal government in  
respect of the interest on a series of Parity Bonds that are Tax Credit Subsidy  
Bonds or other bonds with respect to which the federal government is scheduled  
to provide direct payments.

“**Authorized Denomination**” means \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a  
maturity of a Series or such other amount to be established in the Bond Resolution.

“**Beneficial Owner**” means, with regard to a Bond, the owner of any beneficial interest  
in that Bond.



1           **“Bond Counsel”** means a lawyer or a firm of lawyers, selected by the City, of nationally  
2 recognized standing in matters pertaining to bonds issued by states and their political  
3 subdivisions.

4           **“Bond Purchase Contract”** means a written offer to purchase a Series of the Bonds,  
5 which offer has been accepted by the City in the Bond Resolution, in accordance with this  
6 ordinance. In the case of a competitive sale, the official notice of sale and the Purchaser’s bid,  
7 together with the award by the City as set forth in the Bond Resolution, shall comprise the  
8 purchase contract for purposes of this ordinance.

9           **“Bond Register”** means the books or records maintained by the Bond Registrar for the  
10 purpose of registration of each Bond.

11           **“Bond Registrar”** or **“Registrar”** means the Fiscal Agent (unless the Bond Resolution  
12 provides for a different Bond Registrar with respect to a particular Series of the Bonds), or any  
13 successor bond registrar selected in accordance with the Registration Ordinance.

14           **“Bond Resolution”** means a resolution of the City Council adopted pursuant to this  
15 ordinance approving the Bond Sale Terms and taking other actions consistent with this  
16 ordinance.

17           **“Bond Sale Terms”** means the terms and conditions for the sale of a Series of the Bonds,  
18 including the amount, date or dates, denominations, interest rate or rates (or mechanism for  
19 determining interest rate or rates), payment dates, final maturity, redemption and tender rights,  
20 price, and other terms or covenants set forth in Section 5.

21           **“Bonds”** means the revenue bonds issued pursuant to this ordinance.

22           **“Capital Appreciation Bonds”** means any Parity Bonds as to which interest is payable  
23 only at the maturity or prior redemption of such Parity Bonds. For the purpose of (a) receiving  
24 payment of the redemption premium, if any, of a Capital Appreciation Bond that is redeemed  
25 prior to maturity, or (b) computing the principal amount of Parity Bonds held by the Owner of a  
26 Capital Appreciation Bond in giving to the City or the paying agent for those bonds any notice,  
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1 consent, request, or demand pursuant to this ordinance or for any purpose whatsoever, the  
2 principal amount of a Capital Appreciation Bond shall be deemed to be its Accreted Value.

3 **“CIP”** means the portion or portions relating to the Light System of the “2014-2019  
4 Capital Improvement Program” of the City as adopted by the City in Ordinance 124349, together  
5 with any previously adopted capital improvement program of the City, as the CIP may be  
6 amended, updated, supplemented or replaced from time to time by ordinance.

7 **“City”** means The City of Seattle, Washington, a municipal corporation duly organized  
8 and existing under the laws of the State.

9 **“City Council”** means the City Council of the City, as duly and regularly constituted  
10 from time to time.

11 **“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any successor thereto, as it has  
12 been and may be amended from time to time, and regulations thereunder.

13 **“Conservation Plan”** means the 1996 Energy Management Services Plan of the City  
14 with respect to the Light System endorsed by the City in Resolution 29427, adopted September  
15 16, 1996, as that plan may be amended, updated, supplemented or replaced from time to time, to  
16 the extent that funds are appropriated by the City therefor.

17 **“Deferred Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Costs”** means certain costs required by  
18 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be incurred as a condition of the renewal of  
19 licenses for the Light System’s hydroelectric projects, which costs are treated in the same  
20 manner as capital expenditures.

21 **“DTC”** means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

22 **“Director of Finance”** means the Director of the Finance Division of the Department of  
23 Finance and Administrative Services of the City, or any other officer who succeeds to  
24 substantially all of the responsibilities of that office.

25 **“Fiscal Agent”** means the fiscal agent of the State, as the same may be designated by the  
26 State from time to time.



1           **“Future Parity Bonds”** means, with reference to any Series of the Bonds, any fixed or  
2 variable rate revenue bonds of the City (other than that Series and any other Parity Bonds then  
3 outstanding) issued or entered into after the Issue Date of such Series, having a charge or lien  
4 upon the Gross Revenues for payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon equal in  
5 priority to the charge or lien upon the Gross Revenues for the payment of the principal of and  
6 interest on the Outstanding Parity Bonds and the Bonds. Future Parity Bonds may include Parity  
7 Payment Agreements and any other obligations issued in compliance with Section 13(g) or  
8 Section 13(h).

9           **“Government Obligations”** has the meaning given in RCW 39.53.010, as now in effect  
10 or as may hereafter be amended.

11           **“Gross Revenues”** means (a) all income, revenues, receipts and profits derived by the  
12 City through the ownership and operation of the Light System; (b) the proceeds received by the  
13 City directly or indirectly from the sale, lease or other disposition of any of the properties, rights  
14 or facilities of the Light System; (c) Payment Agreement Receipts, to the extent that such  
15 receipts are not offset by Payment Agreement Payments; and (d) the investment income earned  
16 on money held in any fund or account of the City, including any bond redemption funds and the  
17 accounts therein, in connection with the ownership and operation of the Light System. Gross  
18 Revenues do not include: (i) insurance proceeds compensating the City for the loss of a capital  
19 asset; (ii) income derived from investments irrevocably pledged to the payment of any defeased  
20 bonds payable from Gross Revenues; (iii) investment income earned on money in any fund or  
21 account created or maintained solely for the purpose of complying with the arbitrage rebate  
22 provisions of the Code; (iv) any gifts, grants, donations or other funds received by the City from  
23 any State or federal agency or other person if such gifts, grants, donations or other funds are the  
24 subject of any limitation or reservation imposed by the donor or grantor or imposed by law or  
25 administrative regulation to which the donor or grantor is subject, limiting the application of  
26 such funds in a manner inconsistent with the application of Gross Revenues hereunder; (v) the  
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1 proceeds of any borrowing for capital improvements (or the refinancing thereof); and (vi) the  
2 proceeds of any liability or other insurance (excluding business interruption insurance or other  
3 insurance of like nature insuring against the loss of revenues).

4 **“High Ross Agreement”** means the agreement dated as of March 30, 1984, between the  
5 City and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia relating to the  
6 City’s High Ross Dam.

7 **“High Ross Capital Payments”** means the deferred portion of the annual capital  
8 payments required to be made by the City under Section 5 of the High Ross Agreement,  
9 representing the annual cost that would have been incurred by the City for the construction of the  
10 High Ross Dam.

11 **“Issue Date”** means, with respect to a Bond, the date, as determined by the Director of  
12 Finance, on which that bond is issued and delivered to the Purchaser in exchange for its purchase  
13 price.

14 **“Letter of Representations”** means the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations  
15 between the City and DTC dated October 4, 2006, as it may be amended from time to time, or an  
16 agreement with a substitute or successor Securities Depository.

17 **“Light Fund”** means the special fund of the City of that name heretofore created and  
18 established by the City Council.

19 **“Light System”** means the municipal light and power plant and system now belonging to  
20 or which may hereafter belong to the City.

21 **“MSRB”** means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

22 **“Net Revenue”** for any period means that amount determined by deducting from the  
23 Gross Revenues the expenses of operation, maintenance and repair of the Light System and  
24 further deducting any deposits into the Rate Stabilization Account, and by adding to Gross  
25 Revenues any withdrawals from the Rate Stabilization Account. In calculating Net Revenue, the  
26 City may include the Tax Credit Subsidy Payments the City expects to receive from the federal  
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1 government in respect to the interest on a series of Parity Bonds that are Tax Credit Subsidy  
2 Bonds or other bonds with respect to which the federal government will provide direct payments.

3 **“Outstanding Parity Bonds”** means, for purposes of this ordinance, the outstanding  
4 series of Parity Bonds described in Exhibit A.

5 **“Owner”** means, without distinction, the Registered Owner and the Beneficial Owner of  
6 a Bond.

7 **“Parity Bond Fund”** means the special fund of the City known as the Seattle Municipal  
8 Light Revenue Parity Bond Fund established within the Light Fund pursuant to Ordinance 92938  
9 for the purpose set forth in Section 13(a).

10 **“Parity Bond Legislation”** means any ordinance or resolution passed or adopted by the  
11 City Council providing for the issuance of Parity Bonds, and any other ordinance or resolution  
12 amending or supplementing the provisions of any Parity Bond Legislation as originally passed or  
13 adopted or as theretofore amended or supplemented.

14 **“Parity Bonds”** means the Outstanding Parity Bonds, the Bonds and any Future Parity  
15 Bonds.

16 **“Parity Conditions”** means the conditions for issuing Future Parity Bonds under the  
17 Parity Bond Legislation authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Parity Bonds.

18 **“Parity Payment Agreement”** means a Payment Agreement under which the City’s  
19 obligations are expressly stated to constitute a charge and lien on the Net Revenue of the Light  
20 System equal in rank with the charge and lien upon such Net Revenue required to be paid into  
21 the Parity Bond Fund to pay and secure the payment of the principal of and interest on Parity  
22 Bonds.

23 **“Payment Agreement”** means a written contract entered into, for the purpose of  
24 managing or reducing the City’s exposure to fluctuations or levels of interest rates or for other  
25 interest rate, investment, asset or liability management purposes, by the City and a Qualified  
26 Counterparty on either a current or forward basis as authorized by any applicable laws of the  
27 State in connection with, or incidental to, the issuance, incurring or carrying of particular bonds,  
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1 notes, bond anticipation notes, commercial paper or other obligations for borrowed money, or  
2 lease, installment purchase or other similar financing agreements or certificates of participation  
3 therein, that provides for an exchange of payments based on interest rates, ceilings or floors on  
4 such payments, options on such payments, or any combination thereof or any similar device.

5 **“Payment Agreement Payments”** means the amounts periodically required to be paid  
6 by the City to the Qualified Counterparty pursuant to a Payment Agreement.

7 **“Payment Agreement Receipts”** means the amounts periodically required to be paid by  
8 the Qualified Counterparty to the City pursuant to a Payment Agreement.

9 **“Permitted Investments”** means any investments or investment agreements permitted  
10 for the investment of City funds under the laws of the State, as amended from time to time.

11 **“Plan of Additions”** means the system or plan of additions to and betterments and  
12 extensions of the Light System adopted by ordinance, including but not limited to the CIP, the  
13 Conservation Plan, the High Ross Capital Payments and the Deferred Hydroelectric Project  
14 Relicensing Costs. The Plan of Additions includes all amendments, updates, supplements or  
15 replacements to the CIP, the Conservation Plan, the High Ross Capital Payments and the  
16 Deferred Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Costs, all of which automatically shall constitute  
17 amendments to the Plan of Additions upon approval by ordinance. The Plan of Additions  
18 includes the purchase and installation of all materials, supplies, appliances, equipment (including  
19 but not limited to data processing hardware and software and conservation equipment) and  
20 facilities, the acquisition of all permits, licenses, franchises, property and property rights, other  
21 capital assets and all engineering, consulting and other professional services and studies (whether  
22 performed by the City or by other public or private entities) necessary or convenient to carry out  
23 the Plan of Additions. The Plan of Additions also may be modified to include other  
24 improvements without amending the CIP, the Conservation Plan, the High Ross Capital  
25 Payments and the Deferred Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Costs, if the City determines by  
26 ordinance that those amendments or other improvements constitute a system or plan of additions  
27 to or betterments or extensions of the Light System.  
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1           **“Professional Utility Consultant”** means the independent person(s) or firm(s) selected  
2 by the City having a favorable reputation for skill and experience with electric systems of  
3 comparable size and character to the Light System in such areas as are relevant to the purposes  
4 for which they were retained.

5           **“Purchaser”** means the entity or entities who have been selected in accordance with this  
6 ordinance to serve as underwriter, purchaser or successful bidder in a sale of any Series of the  
7 Bonds.

8           **“Qualified Counterparty”** means a party (other than the City or a person related to the  
9 City) who is the other party to a Payment Agreement and who is qualified to act as the other  
10 party to a Payment Agreement under any applicable laws of the State.

11           **“Qualified Insurance”** means any municipal bond insurance policy or surety bond,  
12 issued by any insurance company licensed to conduct an insurance business in any state of the  
13 United States (or by a service corporation acting on behalf of one or more such insurance  
14 companies), which insurance company or companies, as of the time of issuance of such policy or  
15 surety bond, are rated in one of the two highest rating categories by Moody’s Investors Service,  
16 Inc. and Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, or their comparably recognized business  
17 successors.

18           **“Qualified Letter of Credit”** means any letter of credit issued by a financial institution  
19 for the account of the City in connection with the issuance of Parity Bonds, which institution  
20 maintains an office, agency or branch in the United States and as of the time of issuance of such  
21 letter of credit, the financial institution is rated in one of the two highest rating categories by  
22 Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, or their comparably  
23 recognized business successors.

24           **“RBI”** means *The Bond Buyer Revenue Bond Index* or comparable index, or, if no  
25 comparable index can be obtained, 80% of the interest rate for actively traded 30-year United  
26 States Treasury obligations.



1           **“Rate Stabilization Account”** means the fund of that name originally established in the  
2 Light Fund pursuant to Ordinance 121637.

3           **“Rating Agency”** means any nationally recognized rating agency then maintaining a  
4 rating on any then outstanding Parity Bonds at the request of the City.

5           **“Record Date”** means, unless otherwise defined in the Bond Resolution, in the case of  
6 each interest or principal payment date, the Bond Registrar’s close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
7 the month preceding the interest or principal payment date. With regard to redemption of a Bond  
8 prior to its maturity, the Record Date shall mean the Bond Registrar’s close of business on the  
9 day prior to the date on which the Bond Registrar sends the notice of redemption.

10           **“Refundable Bonds”** means any Parity Bonds that are eligible for refunding under  
11 Ordinance 121941, as amended by Ordinance 122838, and amended and restated by Ordinance  
12 124335, (as it may be amended from time to time).

13           **“Refunding Parity Bonds”** means Future Parity Bonds issued pursuant to Section 13(h)  
14 and Ordinance 121941, as amended by Ordinance 122838, and amended and restated by  
15 Ordinance 124335, (as it may be amended from time to time), or other Future Parity Bond  
16 Legislation, for the purpose of refunding any Refundable Bonds.

17           **“Registered Owner”** means, with respect to a Bond, the person in whose name that  
18 Bond is registered on the Bond Register. For so long as the City utilizes the book–entry only  
19 system for the Bonds under the Letter of Representations, Registered Owner shall mean the  
20 Securities Depository.

21           **“Registration Ordinance”** means City Ordinance 111724 establishing a system of  
22 registration for the City’s bonds and other obligations pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code  
23 Chapter 5.10, as that chapter now exists or may hereafter be amended.

24           **“Reserve Fund”** means the special fund of the City known as the Municipal Light and  
25 Power Bond Reserve Fund established as a separate account within the Light Fund pursuant to  
26 Ordinance 71917, as amended.



1           **“Reserve Fund Requirement”** means, for any issue of the Bonds, the Reserve Fund  
2 Requirement established in the Bond Resolution approving that issue, consistent with Section  
3 13(b). For any issue of Future Parity Bonds, the Reserve Fund Requirement means the  
4 requirement specified for that issue. The aggregate Reserve Fund Requirement for all Parity  
5 Bonds shall be the sum of the Reserve Fund Requirements for each issue of the Parity Bonds.  
6 For purposes of this definition, “issue” means all series of Parity Bonds issued pursuant to a  
7 single Bond Resolution.

8           **“Rule 15c2-12”** means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities  
9 Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

10           **“SEC”** means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

11           **“Securities Depository”** means DTC, any successor thereto, any substitute securities  
12 depository selected by the City, or the nominee of any of the foregoing. Any successor or  
13 substitute Securities Depository must be qualified under applicable laws and regulations to  
14 provide the services proposed to be provided by it.

15           **“Serial Bonds”** means Parity Bonds maturing in specified years, for which no Sinking  
16 Fund Requirements are mandated.

17           **“Series of the Bonds”** or **“Series”** means a series of the Bonds issued pursuant to this  
18 ordinance.

19           **“Sinking Fund Account”** means any account created in the Parity Bond Fund to  
20 amortize the principal or make mandatory redemptions of Term Bonds.

21           **“Sinking Fund Requirement”** means, for any calendar year, the principal amount and  
22 premium, if any, of Term Bonds required to be purchased, redeemed, paid at maturity or paid  
23 into any Sinking Fund Account for such calendar year as established by the Parity Bond  
24 Legislation authorizing the issuance of such Term Bonds.

25           **“State”** means the State of Washington.

26           **“Tax Credit Subsidy Bond”** means any Parity Bond that is designated by the City as a  
27 tax credit bond pursuant to the Code, and which is further designated as a “qualified bond” under  
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1 Section 6431 or similar provision of the Code, and with respect to which the City is eligible to  
2 receive a tax credit subsidy payment.

3 **“Tax Credit Subsidy Payment”** means a payment by the federal government with  
4 respect to a Tax Credit Subsidy Bond.

5 **“Tax-Exempt Bond”** means any Parity Bond, the interest on which is intended on the  
6 Issue Date to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

7 **“Term Bond”** means any Parity Bond that is issued subject to mandatory redemption  
8 prior to its maturity in Sinking Fund Requirements.

9 **“Undertaking”** means the undertaking to provide continuing disclosure entered into  
10 pursuant to Section 18, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B.

11 **“Valuation Date”** means, with respect to any Capital Appreciation Bonds, the date or  
12 dates set forth in any Parity Bond Legislation authorizing such Parity Bonds on which specific  
13 Accreted Values are assigned to the Capital Appreciation Bonds.

14 **“Variable Interest Rate”** means any variable interest rate or rates to be borne by the  
15 Bonds or any other Parity Bonds. The method of computing such a variable interest rate shall be  
16 as specified in the Parity Bond Legislation authorizing or specifying the terms of such Parity  
17 Bonds, which Parity Bond Legislation also shall specify either (i) the particular period or periods  
18 of time or manner of determining such period or periods of time for which each value of such  
19 variable interest rate shall remain in effect or (ii) the time or times upon which any change in  
20 such variable interest rate shall become effective.

21 **“Variable Interest Rate Bonds”** means, for any period of time, any Bonds or other  
22 Parity Bonds that bear a Variable Interest Rate during that period, except that Bonds or Parity  
23 Bonds shall not be treated as Variable Interest Rate Bonds if the net economic effect of interest  
24 rates on particular Parity Bonds of an issue and interest rates on other Parity Bonds of the same  
25 issue, as set forth in the applicable Parity Bond Legislation, or the net economic effect of a  
26 Payment Agreement with respect to particular Parity Bonds, in either case is to produce  
27 obligations that bear interest at a fixed interest rate; and Parity Bonds with respect to which a  
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1 Payment Agreement is in force shall be treated as Variable Interest Rate Bonds if the net  
2 economic effect of the Payment Agreement is to produce obligations that bear interest at a  
3 Variable Interest Rate.

4 **Section 2. Adoption of System or Plan.** The City specifies, adopts and orders the  
5 Plan of Additions to be carried out as generally provided for in the documents comprising the  
6 Plan of Additions. The estimated cost of the Plan of Additions, as nearly as may be determined,  
7 is declared to be \$1.736 billion, of which \$278 million is expected to be financed from proceeds  
8 of the Bonds and investment earnings thereon.

9 **Section 3. Authorization of Bonds.** The City is authorized to issue revenue bonds  
10 payable from the sources described in Section 12, in the maximum principal amount stated in  
11 Section 5, to provide funds to (a) pay part of the cost of carrying out the Plan of Additions;  
12 (b) provide for the Reserve Fund Requirement; (c) capitalize interest on, if necessary, and pay  
13 the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and (d) for other Light System purposes approved by  
14 ordinance. The Bonds may be issued in one or more Series and may be combined with other  
15 Parity Bonds (including Refunding Parity Bonds) authorized separately. The Bonds shall be  
16 designated municipal light and power revenue bonds, shall be numbered separately and shall  
17 have any name, year and series or other label as deemed necessary or appropriate by the Director  
18 of Finance.

19 **Section 4. Manner of Sale of the Bonds.** The Director of Finance may provide for  
20 the sale of each Series by public sale, negotiated sale, limited offering or private placement with  
21 one or more Purchasers, or remarketing agent (if the Bonds are issued with Variable Interest  
22 Rates), chosen through a selection process acceptable to the Director of Finance. The Director of  
23 Finance is authorized to specify a date and time of sale of and a date and time for delivery of  
24 each Series of the Bonds; to give notice of that sale; to determine any bid parameters or other bid  
25 requirements and criteria for determining the award of the bid; to provide for the use of an  
26 electronic bidding mechanism; determine matters relating to a forward or delayed delivery of the  
27 Bonds; and to specify other matters and take other actions as in his or her determination are  
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1 necessary, appropriate, or desirable to carry out the sale of each Series of the Bonds. Each Series  
2 of the Bonds must be sold on Bond Sale Terms in accordance with Section 5.

3 **Section 5. Bond Sale Terms; Bond Resolution.** The Director of Finance is  
4 appointed to serve as the City's designated representative in connection with the issuance and  
5 sale of the Bonds in accordance with RCW 39.46.040(2) and this ordinance. The Director of  
6 Finance is authorized to accept, on behalf of the City, the Bond Purchase Contract, remarketing  
7 agreement, if applicable, and other applicable agreements on Bond Sale Terms consistent with  
8 the parameters set forth in this section. No such acceptance shall be effective until adoption of a  
9 Bond Resolution approving the Bond Sale Terms. Once adopted, the Bond Resolution shall be  
10 deemed a part of this ordinance as if set forth herein.

11 **(a) Maximum Principal Amount.** The Bonds may be issued in one or more Series  
12 and shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$278 million (which in the case of  
13 Variable Rate Bonds means the principal amount outstanding at any one time).

14 **(b) Date or Dates.** Each Bond shall be dated its Issue Date, as determined by the  
15 Director of Finance. For fixed rate bonds, the Issue Date may not be any later than  
16 December 31, 2017.

17 **(c) Denominations.** The Bonds shall be issued in Authorized Denominations.

18 **(d) Interest Rate(s); Payment Dates.** Each Bond shall bear interest from the Issue  
19 Date or from the most recent date for which interest has been paid or duly provided for,  
20 whichever is later, and shall be payable on dates determined by the Director of Finance. One or  
21 more rates of interest shall be established for each maturity of each Series of the Bonds, which  
22 rate or rates may be fixed or variable. Fixed interest rates shall be computed on the basis of a  
23 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and the net interest cost shall not exceed a weighted  
24 average rate of 10% per annum. Principal payments shall commence on a date and shall be  
25 payable at maturity or in accordance with Sinking Fund Requirements on dates determined by  
26 the Director of Finance.



1           (e)    **Final Maturity.** Each Series of the Bonds shall mature no later than 40 years  
2 after its Issue Date.

3           (f)    **Redemption Rights.** The Bond Sale Terms may include provisions for the  
4 optional and mandatory redemption and tenders of Bonds determined by the Director of Finance,  
5 subject to the following:

6           (i)    **Optional Redemption.** Any Bond may be designated as being (A) subject to  
7 redemption at the option of the City prior to its maturity date on the dates and at  
8 the redemption prices set forth in the Bond Purchase Contract, or (B) not subject  
9 to redemption prior to its maturity date. If a Bond is subject to optional  
redemption prior to its maturity, it must be subject to such redemption on one or  
more dates occurring not more than 10½ years after the Issue Date.

10          (ii)   **Mandatory Redemption.** Any Bond may be designated as a Term Bond, subject  
11 to mandatory redemption prior to its maturity consistent with Section 8(b).

12          (g)    **Price.** The purchase price for each Series of the Bonds shall be acceptable to the  
13 Director of Finance.

14          (h)    **Other Terms and Conditions.**

15          (i)    On the Issue Date of each Series, the average expected life of the capital facilities  
16 to be financed with the proceeds of that Series must exceed the weighted average  
maturity of the Bonds of that Series allocated to financing those capital facilities.

17          (ii)   As of the Issue Date of each Series, the City Council must find that (A) the Parity  
18 Conditions will have been met or satisfied, so that such Series may be issued as  
19 Parity Bonds, and (B) the issuance and sale of the Series is in the best interest of  
20 the City and in the public interest. In making its findings, the City Council shall  
21 give due regard to the cost of operation and maintenance of the Light System and  
22 to any portion of the Gross Revenues pledged for the payment of any bonds,  
warrants or other indebtedness, and shall find and determine that the Gross  
23 Revenues, at the rates established from time to time consistent with Section 13(d),  
will be sufficient, in the judgment of the City Council, to meet all expenses of  
24 operation and maintenance of the Light System and to provide the amounts  
previously pledged for the payment of all outstanding obligations payable out of  
the Gross Revenue and pledged for the payment of the Bonds.

25          (iii)   Any Series may provide for Qualified Insurance, a Qualified Letter of Credit or  
26 other credit enhancement, or for Payment Agreements. To that end, the Director  
27 of Finance may include such additional terms, conditions and covenants as may  
be necessary or desirable, including but not limited to: restrictions on investment  
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1 of Bond proceeds and pledged funds, and requirements to give notice to or obtain  
2 the consent of a credit enhancement provider or Qualified Counterparty.

3 (iv) The Bond Resolution must establish the Reserve Fund Requirement, if any, and  
4 must set forth the method for satisfying any such requirement, consistent with  
5 Section 13(b).

6 (v) Any Series of the Bonds may be designated or qualified as Tax-Exempt Bonds,  
7 Tax Credit Subsidy Bonds, or other taxable bonds, and may include such  
8 additional terms and covenants relating to federal tax matters as the Director of  
9 Finance deems necessary or appropriate, consistent with Section 14.

10 **Section 6. Bond Registrar; Registration and Transfer of Bonds.**

11 (a) **Registration of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be issued only in registered form as to  
12 both principal and interest and shall be recorded on the Bond Register.

13 (b) **Bond Registrar; Transfer and Exchange of Bonds.** The Bond Registrar shall  
14 keep, or cause to be kept, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which  
15 shall be open to inspection by the City at all times. The Bond Register shall contain the name and  
16 mailing address of the Registered Owner of each Bond and the principal amount and number of  
17 each of the Bonds held by each Registered Owner.

18 The Bond Registrar is authorized, on behalf of the City, to authenticate and deliver Bonds  
19 transferred or exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the Bonds and this ordinance, to  
20 serve as the City's paying agent for the Bonds and to carry out all of the Bond Registrar's powers  
21 and duties under this ordinance and the Registration Ordinance.

22 The Bond Registrar shall be responsible for its representations contained in the Bond  
23 Registrar's Certificate of Authentication on the Bonds. The Bond Registrar may become an  
24 Owner of Bonds with the same rights it would have if it were not the Bond Registrar and, to the  
25 extent permitted by law, may act as depository for and permit any of its officers or directors to  
26 act as members of, or in any other capacity with respect to, any committee formed to protect the  
27 rights of Owners.

28 Bonds surrendered to the Bond Registrar may be exchanged for Bonds in any Authorized  
Denomination of an equal aggregate principal amount and of the same Series, interest rate and



1 maturity. Bonds may be transferred only if endorsed in the manner provided thereon and  
2 surrendered to the Bond Registrar. Any exchange or transfer shall be without cost to an Owner or  
3 transferee. The Bond Registrar shall not be obligated to exchange or transfer any Bond during  
4 the period between the Record Date and the corresponding interest or principal payment date or  
5 redemption date.

6 (c) **Securities Depository; Book-Entry Form.** The Bonds initially shall be  
7 registered in the name of the Securities Depository. The Bonds so registered shall be held fully  
8 immobilized in book-entry form by the Securities Depository in accordance with the provisions  
9 of the Letter of Representations. Neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall have any  
10 responsibility or obligation to participants of the Securities Depository or the persons for whom  
11 they act as nominees with respect to the Bonds regarding accuracy of any records maintained by  
12 the Securities Depository or its participants of any amount in respect of principal of or interest on  
13 the Bonds, or any notice which is permitted or required to be given to Registered Owners  
14 hereunder (except such notice as is required to be given by the Bond Registrar to the Securities  
15 Depository). Registered ownership of a Bond initially held in book-entry form, or any portion  
16 thereof, may not be transferred except: (i) to any successor Securities Depository; (ii) to any  
17 substitute Securities Depository appointed by the City or such substitute Securities Depository's  
18 successor; or (iii) to any person if the Bond is no longer held in book-entry form.

19 Upon the resignation of the Securities Depository from its functions as depository, or  
20 upon a City determination to discontinue services of the Securities Depository, the City may  
21 appoint a substitute Securities Depository. If (i) the Securities Depository resigns from its  
22 functions as depository, and no substitute Securities Depository can be obtained, or (ii) the City  
23 determines that the Bonds are to be in certificated form, the ownership of Bonds may be  
24 transferred to any person as provided herein and the Bonds no longer shall be held in book-entry  
25 form.

26 **Section 7. Payment of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be payable solely out of the Parity  
27 Bond Fund, in lawful money of the United States, and shall not be general obligations of the  
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1 City. Principal of and interest on each Bond registered in the name of the Securities Depository  
2 is payable in the manner set forth in the Letter of Representations. Interest on each Bond not  
3 registered in the name of the Securities Depository is payable by electronic transfer on the  
4 interest payment date, or by check or draft of the Bond Registrar mailed on the interest payment  
5 date to the Registered Owner at the address appearing on the Bond Register on the Record Date.  
6 The City, however, is not required to make electronic transfers except pursuant to a request by a  
7 Registered Owner in writing received at least ten days prior to the Record Date and at the sole  
8 expense of the Registered Owner. Principal of each Bond not registered in the name of the  
9 Securities Depository is payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bond by the Registered  
10 Owner to the Bond Registrar. The Bonds are not subject to acceleration under any circumstances.

11 **Section 8. Redemption and Purchase of Bonds.**

12 (a) **Optional Redemption.** All or some of the Bonds may be subject to redemption  
13 prior to their stated maturity dates at the option of the City at the times and on the terms  
14 approved in accordance with Section 5.

15 (b) **Mandatory Redemption.** If not redeemed or purchased at the City's option prior  
16 to maturity, Term Bonds (if any) shall be redeemed, at a price equal to the principal amount  
17 thereof to be redeemed plus accrued interest, on the dates and in the years and Sinking Fund  
18 Requirements as set forth in the Bond Resolution. If the City redeems or purchases Term Bonds  
19 at the City's option prior to maturity, the Term Bonds so redeemed or purchased (irrespective of  
20 their redemption or purchase prices) shall be credited at the par amount thereof against the  
21 remaining Sinking Fund Requirements, as determined by the Director of Finance. In the absence  
22 of a determination by the Director of Finance or other direction in the Bond Resolution, credit  
23 shall be allocated on a pro rata basis.

24 (c) **Selection of Bonds for Redemption; Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of  
25 the outstanding Bonds of a Series are to be redeemed at the option of the City, the Director of  
26 Finance shall select the Series and maturity or maturities to be redeemed. If fewer than all of the  
27 outstanding Bonds of a maturity of a Series are to be redeemed, the Securities Depository shall  
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1 select Bonds registered in the name of the Securities Depository to be redeemed in accordance  
2 with the Letter of Representations and the Bond Registrar shall select all other Bonds of the  
3 Series to be redeemed randomly in such manner as the Bond Registrar shall determine. All or a  
4 portion of the principal amount of any Bond that is to be redeemed may be redeemed in any  
5 Authorized Denomination. If less than all of the outstanding principal amount of any Bond is  
6 redeemed, upon surrender of that Bond to the Bond Registrar, there shall be issued to the  
7 Registered Owner, without charge, a new Bond (or Bonds, at the option of the Registered  
8 Owner) of the same Series, maturity and interest rate in any Authorized Denomination in the  
9 aggregate principal amount to remain outstanding.

10 (d) **Purchase.** The City reserves the right and option to purchase any or all of the  
11 Bonds at any time at any price acceptable to the City plus accrued interest to the date of  
12 purchase.

13 **Section 9. Notice of Redemption.** Unless otherwise set forth in the Bond  
14 Resolution, the City shall cause notice of any intended redemption of Bonds to be given not less  
15 than 20 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption by first-class mail, postage  
16 prepaid, to the Registered Owner of any Bond to be redeemed at the address appearing on the  
17 Bond Register on the Record Date, and the requirements of this sentence shall be deemed to have  
18 been fulfilled when notice has been mailed as so provided, whether or not it is actually received  
19 by the Registered Owner of any Bond. Interest on Bonds called for redemption shall cease to  
20 accrue on the date fixed for redemption unless the Bond or Bonds called are not redeemed when  
21 presented pursuant to the call.

22 In the case of an optional redemption, the notice may state that the City retains the right  
23 to rescind the redemption notice and the related optional redemption of Bonds by giving a notice  
24 of rescission to the affected Registered Owners at any time prior to the scheduled optional  
25 redemption date. Any notice of optional redemption that is rescinded by the Director of Finance  
26 shall be of no effect, and the Bonds for which the notice of optional redemption has been  
27 rescinded shall remain outstanding.



1           **Section 10. Failure to Pay Bonds.** If any Bond is not paid when properly presented  
2 at its maturity or redemption date, the City shall be obligated to pay, solely from the Parity Bond  
3 Fund and the other sources pledged in this ordinance, interest on that Bond at the same rate  
4 provided in that Bond from and after its maturity or redemption date until that Bond, principal,  
5 premium, if any, and interest, is paid in full or until sufficient money for its payment in full is on  
6 deposit in the Parity Bond Fund and that Bond has been called for payment by giving notice of  
7 that call to the Registered Owner of that Bond.

8           **Section 11. Form and Execution of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be typed, printed or  
9 reproduced in a form consistent with the provisions of this ordinance, the Bond Resolution and  
10 State law; shall be signed by the Mayor and Director of Finance, either or both of whose  
11 signatures may be manual or in facsimile; and the seal of the City or a facsimile reproduction  
12 thereof shall be impressed or printed thereon.

13           Only Bonds bearing a certificate of authentication in substantially the following form  
14 (with the designation, year and Series of the Bonds adjusted consistent with this ordinance),  
15 manually signed by the Bond Registrar, shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to  
16 the benefits of this ordinance: "This Bond is one of the fully registered The City of Seattle,  
17 Washington, [Municipal Light and Power Improvement Revenue Bonds], [Year], [Series],  
18 described in [this ordinance]." The authorized signing of a certificate of authentication shall be  
19 conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly executed, authenticated and  
20 delivered and is entitled to the benefits of this ordinance.

21           If any officer whose manual or facsimile signature appears on a Bond ceases to be an  
22 officer of the City authorized to sign bonds before the Bond bearing his or her manual or  
23 facsimile signature is authenticated or delivered by the Bond Registrar or issued by the City, that  
24 Bond nevertheless may be authenticated, delivered and issued and, when authenticated, issued  
25 and delivered, shall be as binding on the City as though that person had continued to be an  
26 officer of the City authorized to sign bonds. Any Bond also may be signed on behalf of the City  
27 by any person who, on the actual date of signing of the Bond, is an officer of the City authorized  
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1 to sign bonds, although he or she did not hold the required office on the date of issuance of the  
2 Bonds.

3 **Section 12. Security for the Bonds; Parity with other Bonds.** The Bonds shall be  
4 special limited obligations of the City payable from and secured solely by the Gross Revenues  
5 and by money in the Parity Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund. The Gross Revenues are pledged  
6 to make the payments into the Parity Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund required by Section 13(a)  
7 and Section 13(b), which pledge shall constitute a charge upon such Gross Revenues prior and  
8 superior to all other charges whatsoever, save and except reasonable charges for maintenance  
9 and operation of the Light System.

10 The Bonds shall be on a parity with the Outstanding Parity Bonds and all Future Parity  
11 Bonds, without regard to date of issuance or authorization and without preference or priority of  
12 right or lien with respect to participation of special funds in amounts from Gross Revenues for  
13 payment thereof. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the City from issuing revenue bonds or  
14 other obligations which are a charge or lien upon the Gross Revenues subordinate to the  
15 payments required to be made from Gross Revenues into the Parity Bond Fund and the accounts  
16 therein.

17 The Bonds shall not constitute general obligations of the City, the State or any political  
18 subdivision of the State or a charge upon any general fund or upon any money or other property  
19 of the City, the State or any political subdivision of the State not specifically pledged by this  
20 ordinance.

21 **Section 13. Bond Covenants.**

22 (a) **Parity Bond Fund.** The Parity Bond Fund has been previously created for the  
23 sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Parity Bonds as the same shall become  
24 due. The Bonds shall be payable (including principal, Sinking Fund Requirements, redemption  
25 premium (if any), and interest) out of the Parity Bond Fund. So long as any Parity Bonds or  
26 Parity Payment Agreements are outstanding, the Director of Finance shall set aside and pay into  
27 the Parity Bond Fund on or prior to the respective dates on which such payments shall become  
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1 due and payable certain fixed amounts out of the Gross Revenues sufficient to make such  
2 payments as the same shall become due. Money in the Parity Bond Fund shall, to the fullest  
3 extent practicable and reasonable, be invested and reinvested at the direction of the Director of  
4 Finance solely in, and obligations deposited in such accounts shall consist of, Permitted  
5 Investments. Earnings on money and investments in the Parity Bond Fund shall be deposited in  
6 and used for the purposes of that fund.

7 (b) **Reserve Fund.** The Reserve Fund has been previously created for the purpose of  
8 securing the payment of the principal of and interest on all Parity Bonds and all amounts due  
9 under any Parity Payment Agreements. Money held in the Reserve Fund shall, to the fullest  
10 extent practicable and reasonable, be invested and reinvested at the direction of the Director of  
11 Finance solely in, and obligations deposited in such accounts shall consist of, Permitted  
12 Investments. Earnings on money and investments in the Reserve Fund shall be deposited in that  
13 fund and credited against amounts required to be deposited therein until the Reserve Fund is  
14 fully funded, and thereafter such earnings shall be deposited in the Parity Bond Fund.

15 (i) **Reserve Fund Requirement.** Each Bond Resolution shall establish the Reserve  
16 Fund Requirement, if any, for all Bonds issued thereunder and the method for  
17 providing for such Reserve Requirement.

18 (A) In the Parity Bond Legislation authorizing the issuance of any Future  
19 Parity Bonds, the City shall provide for deposit into the Reserve Fund out  
20 of the Gross Revenues (or out of any other legally available funds,  
21 including proceeds of Parity Bonds) at one time on the Issue Date or in  
22 periodic payments so that by five years from the date of such Future Parity  
23 Bonds there will have been paid into the Reserve Fund an amount which,  
24 together with the money already on deposit therein, will be at least equal  
25 to the Reserve Fund Requirement for all Parity Bonds outstanding at the  
26 end of that five-year period.

27 (B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Parity Bond Legislation may provide  
28 for the City to obtain one or more Alternate Reserve Securities for specific  
amounts required to be paid into the Reserve Fund. The amount available  
to be drawn upon under each such Alternate Reserve Security shall be  
credited against the amounts required to be maintained in the Reserve  
Fund by paragraph (A) of this subsection.



1 (C) An Alternate Reserve Security may not be cancelable on less than five  
2 years' notice. In the event of receipt of any notice of cancellation, the City  
3 shall substitute an Alternate Reserve Security in the amount required  
4 pursuant to paragraph (A) of this subsection, or in the alternative shall  
5 create a special account in the Light Fund and deposit therein, on or before  
6 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each of the 60 succeeding calendar months, 1/60<sup>th</sup> of the  
7 amount sufficient, together with other money and investments on deposit  
8 in the Reserve Fund, to equal the Reserve Fund Requirement on the date  
9 any such cancellation shall become effective. Such amounts shall be  
10 transferred from money in the Light Fund (after making provision for  
11 payment of operating and maintenance expenses and for the required  
12 payments into the Parity Bond Fund). Amounts on deposit in such special  
13 account shall not be available to pay debt service on Parity Bonds or for  
14 any other purpose of the City, and shall be transferred to the Reserve Fund  
15 on the effective date of any cancellation of the Alternate Reserve Security  
16 to make up the deficiency caused thereby. Amounts in that special account  
17 or in the Reserve Fund may be transferred back to the Light Fund and used  
18 for any purpose if and when a substitute Alternate Reserve Security is  
19 obtained.

20 (D) If the amount in the Reserve Fund is less than the Reserve Fund  
21 Requirement (taking into account the five year period referred to in  
22 paragraph (A) of this subsection), the City shall transfer to the Reserve  
23 Fund money in an amount sufficient to restore the Reserve Fund to the  
24 Reserve Fund Requirement within 12 months after the date of such  
25 deficiency. The City shall transfer such amounts first from money in the  
26 Light Fund (after making provision for payment of operating and  
27 maintenance expenses and for the required payments into the Parity Bond  
28 Fund) and only thereafter from money in any construction fund or account  
established with respect to any issue of Parity Bonds, first taking money  
from the unrestricted portion thereof, then taking money from the  
restricted portion thereof. If the amount in the Reserve Fund is greater  
than the Reserve Fund Requirement, then and only then may the City  
withdraw such excess from the Reserve Fund and deposit such excess in  
the Light Fund.

22 (ii) **Use of Reserve Fund for Refunding Bonds.** If any Parity Bonds are refunded,  
23 the money set aside in the Reserve Fund to secure the payment of such Parity  
24 Bonds may be used to retire such Parity Bonds or may be transferred to any  
25 reserve fund or account which may be created to secure the payment of any bonds  
26 issued to refund such Parity Bonds, as long as the money left remaining in the  
27 Reserve Fund is at least equal, together with all Alternate Reserve Securities, to  
28 the Reserve Fund Requirement.

(iii) **Use of Reserve Fund for Payment of Debt Service.** If the money in the Parity  
Bond Fund is insufficient to meet maturing installments of either interest on or

1 principal of and interest on the Parity Bonds (including amounts payable under  
2 any Parity Payment Agreements), such deficiency shall be made up from the  
3 Reserve Fund by the withdrawal of money or proceeds of Alternate Reserve  
4 Securities, as the case may be. Any deficiency created in the Reserve Fund by  
5 reason of any such withdrawal or claim against an Alternate Reserve Security  
6 shall then be made up out of the Net Revenues or out of any other legally  
7 available funds of the City.

8 **(iv) Withdrawals From Reserve Fund.** Money in the Reserve Fund may be  
9 withdrawn by the City for any lawful purpose as long as the aggregate of any  
10 money and Alternate Reserve Securities left remaining on deposit in the Reserve  
11 Fund is at least equal to the Reserve Fund Requirement for the Parity Bonds then  
12 outstanding. The City reserves the right to substitute one or more Alternate  
13 Reserve Securities for money previously deposited in the Reserve Fund and to  
14 withdraw such excess to the extent described in the preceding sentence. Any  
15 withdrawals from subaccounts within the Reserve Fund shall be made on a pro  
16 rata basis, except when the terms of an Alternate Reserve Security require that all  
17 cash and investments in the Reserve Fund to be withdrawn before any draw or  
18 claim is made on the Alternate Reserve Security, or unless the City receives an  
19 opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such pro rata withdrawal is not  
20 required to maintain the federal tax benefits (if any) of any then outstanding  
21 Parity Bonds issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds or Tax Credit Subsidy Bonds.

22 **(c) Sale or Disposition of the Light System.**

23 **(i)** The City may dispose of all or substantially all of the Light System if the City  
24 simultaneously causes all of the Parity Bonds to be, or deemed to be, no longer  
25 outstanding.

26 **(ii)** Except as provided below, the City will not dispose of any part of the Light  
27 System in excess of 5% of the value of the net utility plant of the Light System in  
28 service unless prior to such disposition:

(A) there has been filed with the Director of Finance a certificate of the  
Professional Utility Consultant stating that such disposition will not impair  
the ability of the City to comply with the rate covenant set forth in Section  
13(d); or

(B) provision is made for the payment, redemption or other retirement of a  
principal amount of Parity Bonds equal to the greater of the following  
amounts: (1) an amount which will be in the same proportion to the net  
principal amount of Parity Bonds then outstanding (defined as the total  
principal amount of Parity Bonds then outstanding less the amount of cash  
and investments in the Parity Bond Fund) that the Gross Revenues for the  
12 preceding months attributable to the part of the Light System sold or



1 disposed of bears to the total Gross Revenues for such period; or (2) an  
2 amount which will be in the same proportion to the net principal amount  
3 of Parity Bonds then outstanding that the book value of the part of the  
4 Light System sold or disposed of bears to the book value of the entire  
5 Light System immediately prior to such sale or disposition.

6 (iii) The City may dispose of any portion of the Light System that has become  
7 unserviceable, inadequate, obsolete, worn out or unfit to be used or no longer  
8 necessary, material to or useful in the operation of the Light System.

9 (iv) If the ownership of all or part of the Light System is transferred from the City  
10 through the operation of law, the City shall reconstruct or replace the transferred  
11 portion using any proceeds of the transfer unless the City Council determines that  
12 such reconstruction or replacement is not in the best interests of the City and the  
13 Owners of the Parity Bonds, in which case any proceeds shall be used to retire  
14 Parity Bonds prior to maturity.

15 (d) **Rates and Charges.** The City will establish from time to time and maintain such  
16 rates for electric energy as will maintain the Light System in sound financial condition and  
17 provide sufficient revenues to permit the payment of sums into the Parity Bond Fund, as herein  
18 provided, to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Parity Bonds until  
19 the Parity Bonds shall have been paid in full, and in addition, will pay all costs of operation and  
20 maintenance, and all bonds, warrants and indebtedness for which any revenues of the Light  
21 System shall have been pledged.

22 (e) **Maintenance and Operation of the Light System.** The City will operate the  
23 properties of the Light System in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost; and will maintain,  
24 preserve and keep, or cause to be maintained, preserved and kept, the properties of the Light  
25 System and every part and parcel thereof in good repair, working order and condition; and from  
26 time to time will make or cause to be made all necessary and proper repairs, renewals and  
27 replacements thereto so that at all times the business carried on in connection therewith will be  
28 properly and advantageously conducted.

(f) **Books and Financial Statements.** The City will keep and maintain proper books  
of account for the Light System in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles  
applicable to governmental utilities; will generally adhere to the uniform system of accounts



1 prescribed by the State Auditor's Office and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (if  
2 any); and will prepare, on or before 120 days after each calendar year, annual financial  
3 statements showing reasonable detail, including a balance sheet, an income statement and a  
4 statement of cash flows or other such statement. Copies of such financial statements shall be  
5 placed on file in the office of the Director of Finance and shall be open to inspection at any  
6 reasonable time by any owner of any Parity Bonds. A copy of such financial statements shall be  
7 sent to any owner of Parity Bonds, upon request in writing setting forth the name and address to  
8 which such financial statements may be sent.

9 (g) **Issuance of Future Parity Bonds.** Except as provided in Section 13(h) for the  
10 issuance of Refunding Parity Bonds, Future Parity Bonds may be issued (and Parity Payment  
11 Agreements may be entered into), from time to time in one or more series for any lawful purpose  
12 of the City's Light Department, only if at the time of delivery of each series of Future Parity  
13 Bonds to the initial purchasers thereof (or on the effective date of the Parity Payment  
14 Agreement):

15 (i) There is no deficiency in the Parity Bond Fund or in any of the accounts therein  
16 and provision has been made to meet the Reserve Fund Requirement for all Parity  
17 Bonds then outstanding plus such proposed series of Parity Bonds; and

18 (ii) There shall have been filed with the City either:

19 (A) a certificate of the Director of Finance stating that Net Revenue in any 12  
20 consecutive months out of the most recent 24 months preceding the  
21 delivery of the proposed series of Parity Bonds (the "Base Period") was  
22 not less than 125% of maximum Annual Debt Service in any future  
23 calendar year on all Parity Bonds then outstanding and the proposed series  
24 of Parity Bonds (except that if any adjustment in the rates, fees and  
25 charges for the services of the Light System will be effective at any time  
26 prior to or within six months after the delivery of the proposed Parity  
27 Bonds, the Director of Finance shall reflect in his or her certificate the Net  
28 Revenue he or she calculates would have been collected in the Base Period  
if such new rates, fees and charges had been in effect for the entire Base  
Period), or

(B) a certificate of the Professional Utility Consultant setting forth: (1) the  
amount of the Adjusted Net Revenue computed as provided in paragraph



1 (iii) below; (2) the amount of maximum Annual Debt Service in any  
2 calendar year thereafter on account of all Parity Bonds to be outstanding in  
3 such calendar year, including the Parity Bonds proposed to be issued, and  
4 stating that the amount shown in paragraph (B)(1) above is not less than  
5 125% of the amount shown in this paragraph (B)(2).

6 (iii) For the purposes of the certificate required by paragraph (ii) above, Adjusted Net  
7 Revenue shall be computed by the Professional Utility Consultant by adjusting  
8 the Net Revenue for the Base Period by any or all of the following conditions and  
9 requirements as may be appropriate to the circumstances:

10 (A) If the Parity Bonds are being issued for the purpose of acquiring operating  
11 electric utility properties having an earnings record, the Professional  
12 Utility Consultant shall estimate the effect on the Net Revenue for the  
13 Base Period of the acquisition of such electric utility properties and the  
14 integration thereof into the Light System, and shall adjust the Net Revenue  
15 for the Base Period to give effect to such estimate. Any such estimate shall  
16 be based upon the operating experience and records of the City and upon  
17 any available financial statements and records relating to the earnings of  
18 such electric utility properties to be acquired.

19 (B) If any changes have been adopted by the City Council and are in effect on  
20 the date of sale of the Parity Bonds or are to go into effect not later than 12  
21 months after such date, in any rates and charges imposed by the City on  
22 sales of power and energy and other services furnished by the Light  
23 System, which were not in effect during the entire Base Period, the  
24 Professional Utility Consultant may, if such changes resulted in increases  
25 in such rates and charges, and shall, if such changes resulted in reductions  
26 in such rates and charges, adjust the Net Revenue for the Base Period to  
27 reflect any change in such Net Revenue which would have occurred if the  
28 changed rates and charges had been in effect during the entire Base  
Period.

(C) If the purpose for which the Parity Bonds are being issued is to acquire or  
construct generation or transmission facilities required to furnish or make  
available to the Light System additional power and energy, or  
transmission facilities required to enable the City to sell additional power  
and energy, the Professional Utility Consultant may adjust the Net  
Revenue for the Base Period by (1) deducting the amount of the estimated  
increase in operating and maintenance expenses resulting from the  
acquisition or construction of such facilities in their first year of full  
operation, (2) adding any additional revenues to be derived from the sale  
or transmission of such additional power and energy pursuant to executed  
power sales contracts, and (3) adding an amount equal to the estimated  
cost of the power and energy which would have been replaced or  
displaced by such facilities had such additional power and energy in



1 excess of the power and energy to be sold pursuant to clause (2) above  
2 been used in the Light System during the Base Period.

3 (D) If there were any customers added to the Light System during the Base  
4 Period or thereafter and prior to the date of the Professional Utility  
5 Consultant's certificate, the Net Revenue may be adjusted on the basis that  
6 such added customers were customers of the Light System during the  
7 entire Base Period.

8 (E) If extensions of or additions to the Light System (not described in  
9 subparagraph (C) above) are in the process of construction on the date of  
10 the Professional Utility Consultant's certificate, or if the proceeds of the  
11 Parity Bonds being issued are to be used to acquire or construct extensions  
12 of or additions to the Light System (not described in subparagraph (C)  
13 above), the Net Revenue for the Base Period may be adjusted by adding  
14 any additional revenues not included in the preceding paragraphs that will  
15 be derived from such additions and extensions and deducting the estimated  
16 increase in operating and maintenance expenses resulting from such  
17 additions and extensions.

18 (F) The Net Revenue for the Base Period may be adjusted by excluding from  
19 the determination of expenses of operation, maintenance and repair of the  
20 Light System any extraordinary, nonrecurring expenses of the Light  
21 System or any judgments or amounts to be paid in settlement of claims  
22 against the Light System.

23 (iv) In rendering any certificate under this Section 13(g), the Professional Utility  
24 Consultant may rely upon, and such certificate shall have attached thereto, (A)  
25 financial statements of the Light System, certified by the Director of Finance,  
26 showing income and expenses for the period upon which the same are based and a  
27 balance sheet as of the end of such period, (B) similar certified statements by the  
28 Division of Municipal Corporations of the Office of the State Auditor of the State  
(or any successor thereto), or (C) similar certified statements by a Certified Public  
Accountant for as much of such period as any examination by them has been  
made and completed. If two or more of such statements are inconsistent with each  
other, the Professional Utility Consultant shall rely on the statement described  
under clause (A) in this Section 13(g)(iv).

**(h) Issuance of Refunding Parity Bonds.**

(i) Without complying with the provisions of Section 13(g), the City may at any time  
and from time to time issue one or more series of Refunding Parity Bonds, but  
only if there shall have been filed with the City a certificate of the Director of  
Finance stating that Annual Debt Service immediately after the issuance of such  
Refunding Parity Bonds (calculated by including debt service on the Refunding  
Parity Bonds but excluding debt service on the bonds to be refunded with the  
proceeds thereof) does not exceed the Annual Debt Service immediately prior to



1 the issuance of the Refunding Parity Bonds (calculated by including debt service  
2 on the bonds to be refunded but excluding debt service on the Refunding Parity  
3 Bonds) by more than \$5,000 in any calendar year that any then-outstanding Parity  
4 Bonds are anticipated to be outstanding.

5 (ii) Parity Bonds of any one or more series or one or more maturities within a series  
6 may be refunded by a single series of Refunding Parity Bonds, which Refundable  
7 Bonds shall be specified in the Parity Bond Legislation providing for the issuance  
8 of the Refunding Parity Bonds, and the principal amount of such Refunding Parity  
9 Bonds may include amounts necessary to pay the principal of the Parity Bonds to  
10 be refunded, interest thereon to the date of payment or redemption thereof, any  
11 premium payable thereon upon such payment or redemption and the costs of  
12 issuance of such Refunding Parity Bonds. The proceeds of the Refunding Parity  
13 Bonds shall be held and applied in such manner as is provided in the Parity Bond  
14 Legislation providing for the issuance of such Refunding Parity Bonds, so that  
15 upon the delivery of such Refunding Parity Bonds the Parity Bonds to be  
16 refunded thereby shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding in accordance with  
17 the provisions of the Parity Bond Legislation providing for the issuance of those  
18 bonds.

19 (iii) Refunding Parity Bonds may also be issued upon compliance with the provisions  
20 of Section 13(g).

21 (iv) Nothing contained in this ordinance shall prohibit or prevent, or be deemed or  
22 construed to prohibit or prevent, the City from issuing Refunding Parity Bonds to  
23 fund or refund maturing Parity Bonds of the City for the payment of which money  
24 is not otherwise available.

25 **Section 14. Provisions Relating to Certain Federal Tax Consequences of the**  
26 **Bonds.**

27 (a) **Tax-Exempt Bonds.** The City covenants that it will take all actions consistent with  
28 the terms of any Series issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds, this ordinance and the Bond Resolution,  
reasonably within its power and necessary to prevent interest on that Series from being included  
in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the City will neither take any action nor  
make or permit any use of proceeds of such Series or other funds of the City treated as proceeds  
of the Series at any time during the term of the Series which will cause interest on the Series to  
be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The City also covenants that it will,  
to the extent the arbitrage rebate requirement of Section 148 of the Code is applicable to any  
Series issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds, take all actions necessary to comply (or to be treated as



1 having complied) with that requirement in connection with that Series, including the calculation  
2 and payment of any penalties that the City has elected to pay as an alternative to calculating  
3 rebatable arbitrage, and the payment of any other penalties if required under Section 148 of the  
4 Code to prevent interest on such Series from being included in gross income for federal income  
5 tax purposes.

6 **(b) Tax-Credit Subsidy Bonds or other Taxable Bonds.** The Director of Finance may,  
7 without further action by the City Council, make provision in the Bonds or other written  
8 document for such additional covenants of the City as may be necessary or appropriate in order  
9 for the City to receive from the United States Treasury the applicable Tax Credit Subsidy  
10 Payments in respect of any Series of the Bonds issued as Tax Credit Subsidy Bonds or otherwise  
11 become and remain eligible for tax benefits under the Code.

12 **Section 15. Refunding or Defeasance of Bonds.** The Bonds are hereby designated  
13 “Refundable Bonds” for purposes of Ordinance 121941, as amended by Ordinance 122838, and  
14 amended and restated by Ordinance 124335, (as it may be amended from time to time). The City  
15 may issue refunding bonds pursuant to the laws of the State or use money available from any  
16 other lawful source to pay when due the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on any  
17 Bond, or any portion thereof, included in a refunding or defeasance plan, and to redeem and  
18 retire, release, refund or defease those Bonds (the “Defeased Bonds”) and to pay the costs of  
19 such refunding or defeasance. If money and/or Government Obligations maturing at a time or  
20 times and in an amount sufficient, together with known earned income from the investments  
21 thereof, to redeem and retire, release, refund or defease the Defeased Bonds in accordance with  
22 their terms, are set aside in a special trust fund or escrow account irrevocably pledged to such  
23 redemption, retirement or defeasance (the “Trust Account”), then all right and interest of the  
24 Owners of the Defeased Bonds in the covenants of this ordinance and in the Gross Revenue and  
25 the funds and accounts pledged to the payment of such Defeased Bonds, other than the right to  
26 receive the funds so set aside and pledged, thereafter shall cease and become void. Such Owners  
27 thereafter shall have the right to receive payment of the principal of and interest or redemption  
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1 price on the Defeased Bonds from the Trust Account. Unless otherwise specified in the Bond  
2 Resolution, notice of refunding or defeasance shall be given, and selection of Bonds for any  
3 partial refunding or defeasance shall be conducted, in the manner set forth in this ordinance for  
4 the redemption of Bonds. After establishing and fully funding of such a Trust Account, the  
5 Defeased Bonds shall be deemed no longer outstanding and the City may apply any money in  
6 any other fund or account established for the payment or redemption of the Defeased Bonds to  
7 any lawful purposes, subject only to the rights of the Owners of any other Parity Bonds.

8 **Section 16. Amendments.**

9 **(a) Amendments Without Bond Owners' Consent.** The City Council from time to  
10 time and at any time may pass supplemental resolutions or ordinances, which shall become a part  
11 of this ordinance, for any one or more of the following purposes:

- 12 (i) To add other covenants and agreements that do not adversely affect the interests  
13 of the owners of any Parity Bonds then outstanding, or to surrender any right or  
14 power reserved to or conferred upon the City.
- 15 (ii) To cure any ambiguities or to cure, correct or supplement any defective provision  
16 contained in this ordinance in regard to matters or questions arising under this  
17 ordinance as the City Council may deem necessary or desirable and not  
18 inconsistent with this ordinance and which do not materially adversely affect the  
19 interests of owners of any Parity Bonds then outstanding.
- 20 (iii) To make such changes as are necessary to permit the Bonds to be held in  
21 registered certificate form or in fully immobilized form by a Securities  
22 Depository.

23 Any such supplemental resolution or ordinance may be passed without the consent of the  
24 registered owners of the Parity Bonds at the time outstanding, notwithstanding any of the  
25 provisions of subsection (b) of this section, but only upon receipt by the City of an opinion of  
26 Bond Counsel to the effect that the amendment is permitted by the terms of this ordinance. The  
27 City shall deliver a copy of any such supplemental resolution or ordinance to each Rating  
28 Agency prior to its passage by the City.

**(b) Amendments With Bond Owners' Consent.** The City Council may, with the  
consent of the registered owners representing not less than 60% in aggregate principal amount of



1 the Parity Bonds then outstanding, pass supplemental resolutions or ordinances to add to, change,  
2 or eliminate any provision of this ordinance or of any supplemental resolution or ordinance,  
3 except no such supplemental resolution or ordinance may:

- 4 (i) Extend the fixed maturity of any Parity Bond, reduce the rate of interest on any  
5 Parity Bond, extend the times of payment of interest from their respective due  
6 dates, reduce the principal amount of any Parity Bond, or reduce any redemption  
7 premium, without consent from the registered owners of or on behalf of all Parity  
8 Bonds so affected; or  
9 (ii) Reduce the percentage of ownership required to approve any such supplemental  
10 resolution or ordinance without the consent from the registered owners of or on  
11 behalf of all of the Parity Bonds then outstanding.

12 For purposes of determining whether consents representing requisite percentage of  
13 principal amount of Parity Bonds have been obtained, the Accreted Value of Capital  
14 Appreciation Bonds shall be deemed to be the principal amount. It shall not be necessary to  
15 obtain approval of the particular form of any proposed supplemental resolution or ordinance, but  
16 it shall be sufficient if the consent shall approve the substance thereof.

17 (c) **Effect of Amendment.** Upon the passage of any supplemental resolution or  
18 ordinance pursuant to the provisions of this section, this ordinance shall be deemed to be  
19 modified and amended in accordance therewith, and the respective rights, duties and obligations  
20 of the City under this ordinance shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced, subject in  
21 all respects to such modification and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such  
22 supplemental resolution or ordinance shall be deemed to be a part of the terms and conditions of  
23 this ordinance for any and all purposes.

24 (d) **Notation on Bonds.** Parity Bonds executed and delivered after the execution of  
25 any supplemental resolution or ordinance passed pursuant to the provisions of this section may  
26 have a notation as to any matter provided for in such supplemental resolution or ordinance, and if  
27 such supplemental resolution or ordinance shall so provide, new bonds modified to conform, in  
28 the opinion of the City Council, to any modification of this ordinance contained in any such  
supplemental resolution or ordinance may be prepared by the City and delivered without cost to

1 the owners of any affected Parity Bonds then outstanding, upon surrender for cancellation of  
2 such bonds in equal aggregate principal amounts.

3 **Section 17. Rate Stabilization Account.** The City may at any time deposit in the  
4 Rate Stabilization Account, Gross Revenue and any other money received by the Light System  
5 and available to be used therefor. Thereafter, the City may withdraw any or all of the money  
6 from the Rate Stabilization Account for inclusion in the Net Revenue for any applicable year of  
7 the City. Such deposits or withdrawals may be made up to and including the date 90 days after  
8 the end of the applicable year for which the deposit or withdrawal will be included as Net  
9 Revenue.

10 **Section 18. Official Statement; Continuing Disclosure.**

11 **(a) Preliminary Official Statement.** The Director of Finance and other appropriate  
12 City officials are directed to cause the preparation of and review the form of a preliminary  
13 official statement in connection with each sale of one or more Series of the Bonds to the public.  
14 For the sole purpose of the Purchaser's compliance with paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 15c2-12, the  
15 Director of Finance is authorized to deem that preliminary official statement final as of its date,  
16 except for the omission of information permitted to be omitted by Rule 15c2-12. The City  
17 approves the distribution to potential purchasers of the Bonds of a preliminary official statement  
18 that has been deemed final in accordance with this substitution.

19 **(b) Final Official Statement.** The City approves the preparation of a final official  
20 statement for each sale of one or more Series of the Bonds to be sold to the public in the form of  
21 the preliminary official statement with such modifications and amendments as the Director of  
22 Finance deems necessary or desirable, and further authorizes the Director of Finance to execute  
23 and deliver such final official statement to the Purchaser. The City authorizes and approves the  
24 distribution by the Purchaser of that final official statement to purchasers and potential  
25 purchasers of the Bonds.

26 **(c) Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure.** To meet the requirements of  
27 paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12, as applicable to a participating underwriter for a Series of the  
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1 Bonds, the Director of Finance is authorized to execute a written Undertaking in substantially the  
2 form attached as Exhibit B.

3 **Section 19. General Authorization.**

4 In addition to the specific authorizations in this ordinance, the Mayor and the Director of  
5 Finance and each of the other appropriate officers of the City are each authorized and directed to  
6 do everything as in his or her judgment may be necessary, appropriate, or desirable in order to  
7 carry out the terms and provisions of, and complete the transactions contemplated by, this  
8 ordinance. In particular and without limiting the foregoing:

9 (a) the Director of Finance may, in his or her discretion and without further action by the  
10 City Council: (i) issue requests for proposals for underwriting or financing facilities and execute  
11 engagement letters with underwriters, bond insurers or other financial institutions based on  
12 responses to such requests; (ii) change the Bond Registrar or Securities Depository for the  
13 Bonds; and (iii) take such actions on behalf of the City as are necessary or appropriate for the  
14 City to designate, qualify or maintain the tax-exempt treatment with respect to any Series issued  
15 as Tax-Exempt Bonds, to receive from the United States Treasury the applicable federal credit  
16 payments in respect of any Series issued as Tax-Credit Subsidy Bonds and to otherwise receive  
17 any other federal tax benefits relating to the Bonds that are available to the City; and

18 (b) each of the Mayor and the Director of Finance is separately authorized to execute and  
19 deliver (i) any and all contracts or other documents as are consistent with this ordinance and for  
20 which the City's approval is necessary or to which the City is a party (including but not limited  
21 to agreements with escrow agents, refunding trustees, liquidity or credit support providers, bond  
22 insurers, remarketing agents, underwriters, lenders, fiscal agents, counterparties to Payment  
23 Agreements, custodians, and the Bond Registrar); and (ii) such other contracts or documents  
24 incidental to the issuance and sale of a Series of the Bonds; the establishment of the initial  
25 interest rate or rates on a Bond; or the tender, purchase, remarketing, or redemption of a Bond, as  
26 may in his or her judgment be necessary or appropriate.



1           **Section 20. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate  
2 and severable. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all  
3 appeal periods having run, finds any provision of this ordinance to be invalid or unenforceable as  
4 to any person or circumstance, such offending provision shall, if feasible, be deemed to be  
5 modified to be within the limits of enforceability or validity. However, if the offending provision  
6 cannot be so modified, it shall be null and void with respect to the particular person or  
7 circumstance, and all other provisions of this ordinance in all other respects, and the offending  
8 provision with respect to all other persons and all other circumstances, shall remain valid and  
9 enforceable.

10           **Section 21. Ratification of Prior Acts.** Any action taken after passage of this  
11 ordinance but prior to its effective date that is consistent with the authority of this ordinance, is  
12 ratified, approved and confirmed.

13           **Section 22. Headings.** Section headings in this ordinance are used for convenience  
14 only and shall not constitute a substantive portion of this ordinance.





EXHIBIT A

OUTSTANDING CITY LIGHT PARITY BONDS

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Issue Name	Dated Date	Original Par Amount	Amount Currently Outstanding	Bond Legislation
Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2004	12/23/2004	\$284,855,000	\$125,020,000	Ord 121637, Res 30732
Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2008	12/30/2008	\$257,375,000	\$185,800,000	Ord 121941, Ord 122807, Ord 122838, Res 31105
Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds, 2010A (Taxable Build America Bonds – Direct Payment)	5/26/2010	\$181,625,000	\$181,625,000	Ord 123169, Ord 123261, Res 31213
Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2010B	5/26/2010	\$596,870,000	\$466,410,000	Ord 121941, Ord 123169, Ord 123261, Res 31213
Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds, 2010C (Taxable Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds – Direct Payment)	5/26/2010	\$13,275,000	\$13,275,000	Ord 123169, Ord 123261, Res 31213
Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2011A	2/8/2011	\$296,315,000	\$266,040,000	Ord 121941, Ord 122838, Ord 123483, Res 31263



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1	Municipal Light and Power Improvement Revenue Bonds, 2011B	2/8/2011	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	Ord 123483, Res 31263
2	(Taxable New Clean				
3	Renewable Energy				
4	Bonds – Direct Payment)				
5	Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2012A	7/17/2012	\$293,280,000	\$284,755,000	Ord 121941 Ord 122838 123752 Res 31390
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8	Municipal Light and Power Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2012B (Taxable)	7/17/2012	\$9,355,000	\$4,780,000	Ord 121941 Ord 122838 Res 31390
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10	Municipal Light and Power Improvement Revenue Bonds, 2012C	7/17/2012	\$43,000,000	\$43,000,000	Ord 123752 Res 31390
11	(Taxable New Clean				
12	Renewable Energy				
13	Bonds – Direct				
14	Payment)				
15	Municipal Light and Power Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2013	7/9/2013	\$190,755,000	\$187,730,000	Ord 121941 Ord 122838 Ord 124045 Res 31456
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**EXHIBIT B**

**FORM OF UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

The City of Seattle, Washington (the "City") makes the following written Undertaking for the benefit of the owners of the City's [Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds, 2015] (the "Bonds"), for the sole purpose of assisting the Purchaser in meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12, as applicable to a participating underwriter for the Bonds. Capitalized terms used but not defined below shall have the meanings given in Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ and Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ (together, the "Bond Legislation").

(a) Undertaking to Provide Annual Financial Information and Notice of Listed Events. The City undertakes to provide or cause to be provided, either directly or through a designated agent, to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB:

(i) Annual financial information and operating data regarding the Light System of the type included in the final official statement for the Bonds and described in subsection (b) of this section ("annual financial information");

(ii) Timely notice (not in excess of 10 business days after the occurrence of the event) of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notice of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 – TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) bond calls (other than scheduled mandatory redemptions of Term Bonds), if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City, as such "Bankruptcy Events" are defined in Rule 15c2-12; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

(iii) Timely notice of a failure by the City to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in subsection (b) of this section.



1 (b) Type of Annual Financial Information Undertaken to be Provided. The annual  
financial information that the City undertakes to provide in subsection (a) of this section:

2 (i) Shall consist of annual financial information and operating data  
3 regarding the Light System of the type included in the final official statement for the Bonds as  
4 follows: (1) annual financial statements of the Light System prepared in accordance with  
5 applicable generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units (except as  
6 otherwise noted therein), as such principles may be changed from time to time and as permitted  
7 by State law, which financial statements will not be audited, except, that if and when audited  
8 financial statements are otherwise prepared and available to the City they will be provided;  
(2) a statement of outstanding bonded debt secured by Gross Revenues of the Light System;  
(3) debt service coverage ratios for the bond debt secured by Gross Revenues of the Light  
9 System; (4) sources of Light System power and the MWh produced by those sources; and  
(5) the average number of customers, revenues, and energy sales by customer class;

10 (ii) Shall be provided not later than the last day of the ninth month after the  
end of each fiscal year of the City (currently, a fiscal year ending December 31), as such fiscal  
11 year may be changed as required or permitted by State law, commencing with the City's fiscal  
year ending December 31, 20\_\_; and

12 (iii) May be provided in a single or multiple documents, and may be  
13 incorporated by specific reference to documents available to the public on the Internet website  
of the MSRB or filed with the SEC.

14 (c) Amendment of Undertaking. The Undertaking is subject to amendment after the  
15 primary offering of the Bonds without the consent of any owner or holder of any Bond, or of  
16 any broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, participating underwriter, rating agency or the  
MSRB, under the circumstances and in the manner permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The City will  
17 give notice to the MSRB of the substance (or provide a copy) of any amendment to the  
Undertaking and a brief statement of the reasons for the amendment. If the amendment  
18 changes the type of annual financial information to be provided, the annual financial  
information containing the amended financial information will include a narrative explanation  
19 of the effect of that change on the type of information to be provided.

20 (d) Beneficiaries. The Undertaking evidenced by this section shall inure to the  
21 benefit of the City and any Beneficial Owner of Bonds, and shall not inure to the benefit of or  
create any rights in any other person.

22 (e) Termination of Undertaking. The City's obligations under this Undertaking  
23 shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption, or payment in full of all of the  
24 outstanding Bonds. In addition, the City's obligations under this Undertaking shall terminate if  
those provisions of Rule 15c2-12 which require the City to comply with this Undertaking  
25 become legally inapplicable in respect of the Bonds for any reason, as confirmed by an opinion  
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1 of nationally recognized bond counsel or other counsel familiar with federal securities laws  
2 delivered to the City, and the City provides timely notice of such termination to the MSRB.

3 (f) Remedy for Failure to Comply with Undertaking. As soon as practicable after  
4 the City learns of any material failure to comply with the Undertaking, the City will proceed  
5 with due diligence to cause such noncompliance to be corrected. No failure by the City or  
6 other obligated person to comply with the Undertaking shall constitute a default in respect of  
7 the Bonds. The sole remedy of any Beneficial Owner of a Bond shall be to take such actions as  
8 that Beneficial Owner deems necessary, including seeking an order of specific performance  
9 from an appropriate court, to compel the City or other obligated person to comply with the  
10 Undertaking.

11 (g) Designation of Official Responsible to Administer Undertaking. The Director  
12 of Finance of the City (or such other officer of the City who may in the future perform the  
13 duties of that office) or his or her designee is the person designated, in accordance with the  
14 Bond Legislation, to carry out the Undertaking of the City in respect of the Bonds set forth in  
15 this section and in accordance with Rule 15c2-12, including, without limitation, the following  
16 actions:

17 (i) Preparing and filing the annual financial information undertaken to be  
18 provided;

19 (ii) Determining whether any event specified in subsection (a) has occurred,  
20 assessing its materiality, where necessary, with respect to the Bonds, and preparing and  
21 disseminating any required notice of its occurrence;

22 (iii) Determining whether any person other than the City is an "obligated  
23 person" within the meaning of the Rule with respect to the Bonds, and obtaining from such  
24 person an undertaking to provide any annual financial information and notice of listed events  
25 for that person in accordance with the Rule;

26 (iv) Selecting, engaging and compensating designated agents and  
27 consultants, including but not limited to financial advisors and legal counsel, to assist and  
28 advise the City in carrying out the Undertaking; and

(v) Effecting any necessary amendment of the Undertaking.



**FISCAL NOTE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ONLY**

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>CBO Analyst/Phone:</b>
FAS	Michael Van Dyck 4-8347	Greg Shiring/6-4085

**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds for certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and power plant and system of the City, paying the costs of issuance of those bonds and providing for the reserve fund requirement; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:**

This legislation provides the legal authorization to issue up to \$278 million of bonds for Seattle City Light's System to fund a portion of capital expenditures outlined in the Proposed 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Although the Budget, CIP, and adopted rates make specific assumptions about the use of debt financing for a certain share of the CIP, separate authorization for the issuance of bonds is technically required.

A Seattle City Light bond sale for approximately \$100 million of variable rate debt is anticipated to occur in June 2015. This variable rate debt is expected to provide cost savings while hedging against the variable interest earned on City Light's cash balances. A separate fixed rate issue of approximately \$178 million is expected to follow within two months of the variable rate issue. The bond proceeds, combined with internally generated funds, will support the Seattle City Light's capital program for about 9 months.

The bond sizing is based on the proposed budget and rates, planned cash flow, and cash contribution targets. The bond proceeds will also be used to make a deposit to the construction fund to meet a required debt service reserve requirement, and to pay issuance costs.

Both proposed issues are for a maximum maturity of 30 years. For the variable rate issue, monthly interest payments will commence one month after issue; the amount of interest paid will vary with market interest rates. City Light is assuming a conservative 2.5% interest for the near term and annual debt service in 2016 is estimated to be about \$4.8 million. The fixed rate debt issue is expected to have a flat annual debt service payment of around \$11.6 million, starting in



2016. SCL's proposed 4.2% rate increase for 2015 incorporates the debt service costs resulting from this bond issue.

Major projects supported by the bond issue include generator rebuilds, existing network upgrades, relocating electrical service to accommodate transportation projects, advanced metering infrastructure, and construction of the new Denny substation. For further information about SCL's capital projects, please see the Proposed 2015-2020 CIP.

Please check any of the following that apply:

This legislation creates, funds, or anticipates a new CIP Project.

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications.

**Other Implications:**

a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

Seattle City Light will be obligated to pay debt service on these bonds through their term.

b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

Financing the utility's CIP completely from cash would require massive cuts in capital and/or operating programs or massive rate increases. Since the capital improvements financed with this debt have a long useful life and interest rates are currently low, it is more practical to spread the costs of these improvements over current and future beneficiaries by issuing bonds.

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

This legislation affects FAS, which will coordinate the issuance of bonds.

**What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**

There are no viable alternatives aside from financing the SCL System's CIP completely from cash. As noted above, this would require massive cuts in capital and/or operating programs or massive rate increases or some combination of both.

d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**



No

- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No

- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No

- g) **Other Issues:**

None

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**



**City of Seattle**  
Edward B. Murray  
Mayor

September 22, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill, which will authorize the issuance of up to \$278 million of Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds as assumed in the 2015 Proposed Budget and Proposed 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Together with cash from operations, grants, and third party contributions, the bond proceeds related to this Bill will support the City's capital program and pay costs associated with the bond issuance.

Projects funded by SCL's revenue bonds include generator rebuilds to maintain output and reliability, security improvements, existing network upgrades, and relocating electrical service to accommodate transportation projects. Additionally, proceeds from these bonds will be used to support the utility's conservation program.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Michael Van Dyck in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) at 684-8347.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

