

**City Light Advisory Committee Meeting
September 9, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
MEETING SUMMARY**

Committee members present: Bill Alves, Carol Arnold, Robin Calhoun, Ron Ernst, Tim Hogan
City staff present: Herb Hogue, Steve Kern, Sung Yang, Corey Knutsen (Seattle City Light), Tony Kilduff (Legislative), Alec Fisker, Kathryn Doll (Office of Policy & Management)

City Light Monthly Reports

Monthly reports were distributed prior to the meeting. In response to Committee questions about the shortfall in expected wholesale revenue versus plan, Herb Hogue responded that City Light does not expect that net sales this fall will be sufficient to cover that gap.

City Light staff noted that the negative trend in SAIDI (outage duration) was due in part to a problem that occurred during an transmission line repair project in the Northgate area. In response to a question from Robin Calhoun about streetlight repair numbers, City Light staff said that it was continuing to replace streetlight bulbs with the standard models because it found that LED bulbs were too expensive. Ms. Calhoun noted that some utilities were buying LED bulbs at a lower price by working together and placing joint orders.

City Light staff noted that the “Engineered Service Connection” numbers were still well above target on the current metric report, but in fact a new procedure is now in place that will lower the time to connection by 18 days. Ron Ernst congratulated City Light on their safety numbers.

The Advisory Committee asked if a metric on conservation / energy efficiency by sector could be included in the report. The Superintendent offered to provide a briefing at any time.

Strategic Partnership

Steve Kern showed a power point outlining key elements of the proposed “Strategic Partnership.” On Sept. 17 City Light will take that proposal to the Council Energy & Technology Committee. The Superintendent offered to brief the Advisory Committee in more detail in September. In the development of this proposal four firms were evaluated and interviewed. If approved, the transition would begin immediately with the goal to have the partnership in place no later than March 1, 2009.

A lengthy conversation followed regarding the likelihood of City Council approval of the proposal.

(Note that on Sept. 17, the City Council Energy and Technology Committee rejected the proposal, 4–0, saying that councilmembers would prefer to see City Light develop these capabilities internally.)

Strategic Plan

Committee members outlined issues regarding the City Light’s draft Strategic Plan that they suggested might be included in a letter to the Mayor and Councilmember Harrell. Concerns included the lack of price tags for specific projects, insufficient attention to possible future technological developments, and a sense that the draft was more a reactive document than a positive assertion of a future role for the utility.

Corey Knutsen and Sung Yang noted that many of these issues are being addressed, and that there is more information on financial projections than the Committee members have yet seen. It was agreed that the letter would be delayed until the Committee had an opportunity for a more thorough briefing on the draft, scheduled for Sept. 25.

Annual Report

Committee members agreed will be gin identifying issues to be included in the annual report. Bill Alves suggested a review of the previous annual reports in order to report on the progress on major recommendations.

September 25 Meeting Agenda

City Light will provide a workshop on the Proposed 2008 Strategic Plan for the Committee members.

Robin Calhoun asked if this workshop should be held at City Light. She suggested it may be nice to have City Light staff at hand to provide documentation regarding questions the Committee may have.

Sung Yang agreed that having it at City Light would be helpful. Sung will provide Kathryn Doll dates and times that will work for the Superintendent.