



City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Seattle City Light

Jorge Carrasco, Superintendent

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Dear Interested Party:

Seattle City Light has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IRP meets the intent of legislation signed into law earlier this year by Governor Gregoire requiring all utilities with more than 25,000 customers to develop IRPs that take into account an assessment of a wide range of conventional and commercially available nonconventional generating technologies. The purpose of the IRP is to determine strategies for the type, amount, and timing of new resource acquisitions over a time period between the years 2007 to 2026. Resource options include generation options, contract and market purchases, and conservation.

The Integrated Resource Plan is not site specific. It evaluates resources that could be developed in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and western Montana) and wholesale electricity markets in the western region. Nine alternative resource portfolios that would satisfy City Light's future energy needs were evaluated in the DEIS. Each portfolio consists of different combinations of individual resources. The portfolios will be refined based on the results of the analysis and comments received. They will be designed to perform better under the four criteria (Cost, Risk, Environmental Impacts, and Reliability) evaluated in the IRP and to more closely match Seattle City Light's energy needs and policies. It is anticipated that the environmental impacts of the adjusted portfolios will fall within the range of the portfolios analyzed in the DEIS.

The DEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the portfolios on Soils and Geology, Air Quality, Surface and Ground Water, Plants and Animals, Energy and Natural Resources, Environmental Health, Land Use, Aesthetics and Recreation, Cultural Resources, and the Economy.

The Draft EIS and information about the IRP is available on the web at: www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/irp. Copies of the EIS may also be obtained by calling the Seattle City Light Environmental Affairs Division at (206) 386-4569. Copies of the Draft EIS may be reviewed at Seattle Public Library Downtown Branch, at 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA, and at the Seattle City Light Visitor's Center at 700 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor, Seattle, WA 98104.

Comments on the Draft EIS contents are invited. Comments should be sent to Corinne Grande at corinne.grande@seattle.gov or mailed to her attention at Seattle City Light, Environmental Affairs Division, P.O. Box 34023, Seattle, WA 98124-4023. Please

include your name, organization (if applicable), address and indicate whether you wish to be added to a list of interested parties for future notices about the resource plan or EIS. All comments on the Draft EIS must be received by SCL on or before October 18, 2006.

A Public Hearing on the Draft EIS will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2006 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Seattle Municipal Tower, Suite 4050, 700 Fifth Avenue in Downtown Seattle. The public hearing is another opportunity to provide comments.

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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We are committed to delivering the best customer service experience of any utility in the nation.*