



City of Seattle

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Seattle City Light

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Dear Interested Party:

Seattle City Light (SCL) has issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was issued on September 18, 2006, and a draft version of the FEIS was posted in the IRP web site in December 2006. No comments were received on the draft FEIS.

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. Resources 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.

In the DEIS, nine alternative resource portfolios that would satisfy City Light's future energy needs were evaluated. Each portfolio consisted of different combinations of individual resources. The portfolios were refined based on the results of the analysis of four criteria in the IRP: Cost, Risk, Environmental Impacts, and Reliability. From the resulting refined portfolios, two emerged as Preferred Alternatives: Portfolio A: Renewables/More Wind, and Portfolio B: Renewables/More Geothermal. Portfolio B was recommended by City Light due to its lower cost and risk, and similar environmental impacts compared to A.

The Draft and Final EIS, information about the IRP and SCL recommendations are 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 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.

Appeals of the adequacy of the FEIS are governed by Seattle Municipal Code 25.05.680. Copies of this code provision are available from the Seattle City Clerk. To be considered, a notice of appeal must be received by the Office of the Hearing Examiner no later than May 29, 2007. Such notice may be sent by mail to: City of Seattle Hearing Examiner, PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729, or by other delivery to: 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle, WA 98104.

If you have questions concerning the FEIS, please contact Corinne Grande in the SCL Environmental Affairs Division at (206) 386-4517 or corinne.grande@seattle.gov. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,


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