Seattle City Light
Rates Advisory Committee

Responses to Questions from the October 13, 2009 RAC meeting timeframe

Question 1

Provide the Operating and Capital Budgets from 1998 to 2009.

Question 2

Provide the number of employees over that same period, vacant and filled. Also please list their work location.

Question 3

If the 2000 rates were adjusted for inflation and compared to today's rates, would today's rates be higher? If so, why?

Question 4

If we took the 2007 budget as a base and added only what had to be added to cover inflation, etc, what would the consequences be to the utility? In using the $61 million table in response to this, please put it in a format that identifies controllable and uncontrollable costs.

Question 5

Provide a distribution of the workforce by age. Indicate the portion of employees eligible for retirement over the next five years. (There was a question about "essential" employees that I think was set aside).

Question 6

Provide assumptions about load growth over the next few years.

Question 7

Provide the Advisory Committee web site to the RAC. (see below)

http://www.seattle.gov/citylightadvisorycommittee/members.htm

Question 8

Provide a report from previous RAC's.

Question 9

Provide information on the types of cuts that were made.

Question 10

Provide a list of large projects caused by others over which the utility has little control.

Question 11

How much would you have to cut to avoid having to have rate increases in 2011 and 2012?

Question 12

Provide the amount of debt that was paid down (from the peak early in this decade?).

Question 13

Provide the debt service cost over the next two years.

Question 14

Provide information on the actual cost increases experienced as opposed to the inflation indices used in the calculations.

Question 15

What impact, if any, might there be on attaining or maintaining the kind of bond rating the Utility desires if a PRAM mechanism were approved but had a sunset provision that forced a re-evaluation of the mechanism say in five years?