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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

REPRESENTATION OF COUNTY BEFORE ENERGY AGENCIES
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve, introduce, waive reading, and place on your Board's agenda for adoption, the attached ordinance amending "Title 2 – Administration" of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Section 2.81.355, relating to representation of the County before energy regulatory agencies. This amendment designates the Director of the Internal Services Department or his/her designee as the County's representative before energy regulatory bodies or agencies.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Subchapter 2.81.350 designates the Internal Services Department (ISD) as the lead agency for the County's energy management functions. The attached ordinance amendment will add a provision for the director of ISD or his/her designee to represent the County in hearings or other proceedings conducted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and other energy regulatory bodies or agencies in which the director or his/her designee determines that participation is in the County's best interest.

The language in this amendment is similar to Subchapter 2.81.702 of the County Code which authorizes the director of ISD to represent the County before telecommunication utility bodies or agencies.

ISD keeps your Board apprised of important proceedings and ISD's participation in them, through periodic Energy Update Reports. The current high level of regulatory activity will continue for several years and it is appropriate to revise the County Code to establish ISD's authority to represent the County and participate in these proceedings.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Adoption of the attached amendment will contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by allowing ISD to participate in, strategize, assess impacts and report to your Board in a more thorough and expedited manner on all important energy-related regulatory issues.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Adoption of the attached ordinance amendment will result in no increased cost to the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ISD is charged with the development, coordination and implementation of the County's energy management functions under Section 2.81.350 of the County Code. Pursuant to this charge, it performs such tasks as energy audits and surveys; design, construction, and management of County's energy management functions; building and power plant retrofits; energy conservation; and compliance with and advice concerning various regulatory agencies' rules and regulations.

California's utility industry is regulated by a variety of federal, state and local agencies. Among these, the electricity and natural gas industries are regulated by the CPUC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and a number of local, municipal utility suppliers. Each agency has its own governing body, jurisdiction and rules. Also, each conducts its own hearings and proceedings.

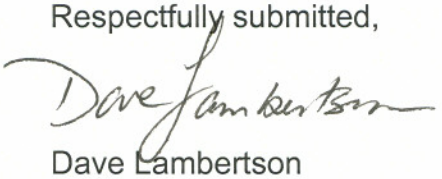
At any one time, there may be need for the County to participate and be represented in a hearing or other proceeding. In order to best represent the County's interests, the proposed ordinance amendment is intended to clarify ISD's authority to participate responsively within each hearing or proceeding scheduled.

This ordinance amendment has been approved as to form by the County Counsel.

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES

There is no impact on the current services provided by ISD.

Respectfully submitted,



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Each Department Head
County Counsel
\f:Energy Board Ltr (HC) 5-26-05_1

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code to add Section 2.81.355, relating to representation of the County before energy regulatory agencies.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.81.355 is hereby added to read as follows:

2.81.355 Director -- Representation of county before energy agencies.

The director or his/her designee shall represent the county before the California Public Utilities Commission and other energy regulatory bodies or agencies at all hearings or other proceedings in which the director or his/her designee determines that the county's best interests require such participation. The director shall advise the board of all participation in significant matters.

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