



RESOLUTION NO. U-10056

1 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, (d.b.a.
2 "Tacoma Power"), wishes to join ColumbiaGrid, a newly incorporated regional
3 transmission organization whose goal is to improve the efficiency and reliability
4 of the northwest power transmission grid, and
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6 WHEREAS ColumbiaGrid is the successor to previous efforts to form a
7 regional transmission entity, and is similar to the Transmission Improvements
8 Group ("TIG") in which Tacoma Power participated, in that it plans to move
9 incrementally to identify and solve problems rather than anticipating and solving
10 all problems up front,
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12 WHEREAS ColumbiaGrid will offer services, through specific functional
13 agreements, based upon four purposes: improve the reliability and efficiency of
14 the northwest transmission system; provide for cost effective planning and
15 system expansion; develop solutions related to the efficient use of the system;
16 and support effective emarket monitoring within the northwest system, and
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18 WHEREAS ColumbiaGrid holds the potential to provide significant
19 regional benefits as well as benefits to Tacoma Power's customers by enabling
20 the more efficient expansion and use of the northwest power transmission grid,
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23 WHEREAS joining ColumbiaGrid now maximizes Tacoma Power's ability
24 to influence the development of the organization, and through its membership,
25 Tacoma Power will not only assist in the development of services, but will help
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determine which services ColumbiaGrid will ultimately provide to further its purposes, and

WHEREAS as a member, Tacoma Power would contractually undertake certain responsibilities and receive certain rights under the ColumbiaGrid bylaws, and would help fund ColumbiaGrid, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Power requests authorization to spend up to \$410,000 toward Tacoma Power's share of funding ColumbiaGrid over the two year period it anticipates will be the initial term of the Funding Agreement currently being negotiated among the members of the organization, and

WHEREAS it is determined to be in the best public interest to approve Tacoma Power's application for membership in ColumbiaGrid, to authorize Tacoma Power to execute the necessary agreements to become a member of same, and to authorize up to \$410,000 toward Tacoma Power's share of funding that organization; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proposal by Tacoma Power to apply for membership and join ColumbiaGrid is hereby approved, and the proper officers of the City are



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authorized to spend up to \$410,000 toward Tacoma Power's share of funding ColumbiaGrid, and to execute the necessary agreements as approved by the City Attorney to become a member of ColumbiaGrid.

Approved as to form and legality: Laura Fox
Chair

Anne L. Spangler Robert Casey
Chief Assistant City Attorney Secretary

Elizabeth Larson Adopted May 24, 2006
Clerk