

# Resolution No. 2000-19

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Lakewood at a special election to be held on September 19, 2000, of a proposition ratifying and authorizing the acquisition of the electric distribution system owned by Puget Sound Energy located within the corporate limits of the City, at an estimated cost of \$5,700,000, and proposing language for the proposition therefor, and appointing persons to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed proposition

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood, Washington, incorporated effective February 28, 1996, has had since its incorporation, electric utility services provided by three utility service providers, to wit: Puget Sound Energy (formerly Puget Sound Power and Light Company), Lakeview Power and Light, and Tacoma Public Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood has received several petitions with hundreds and hundreds of signatures of residents of the City of Lakewood because of concerns about the disparity in electric utility rates being paid by the customers of various utility service providers, and because of concerns about the differences in customer service, requesting that the City assist them in having their electric utility services changed from their current provider, Puget Sound Energy, to one of the other electric utility service providers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of applicable statutes, including RCW 35.92.070, a mechanism exists whereby the City Council action, as set forth in an ordinance, is to be submitted to the voters of the City for ratification or rejection; and,

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the City Council has adopted an Ordinance No. 233, identifying and outlining a plan for the acquisition of the electric distribution system owned by Puget Sound Energy located within the corporate limits of the City of Lakewood; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 29.81A.070, it is appropriate for the City Council to appoint people to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed proposition, and to request that the proposition be included in the voter pamphlet prepared by the County Auditor's Office for the September 19, 2000 special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. BALLOT TITLE, EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTER PAMPHLET. The City Council of the City of Lakewood is hereby providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Lakewood, at a special election to be held on September 19, 2000, a proposition ratifying and authorizing the acquisition of the electric distribution system owned by Puget Sound Energy located within the corporate limits of the City of Lakewood, at an estimated cost of \$5,700,000. The Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement for the proposition ratifying and authorizing the acquisition of Puget Sound Energy electric distribution system located within the City limits of Lakewood, for inclusion in the Pierce County Voter Pamphlet for the September 19, 2000, special election shall be as follows:

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

PROPOSITION NO. 1

ACQUISITION OF PUGET SOUND ENERGY

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Shall City Council Ordinance No. 233 that sets forth the plan to acquire the electric distribution system owned by Puget Sound Energy located within the City, at an estimated cost of \$5,700,000, be ratified and approved?

YES

NO

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Lakewood is served by three electric utilities, Tacoma Public Utilities, Lakeview Power and Light, and Puget Sound Energy. The City Council has received several petitions with hundreds of signatures from customers of Puget Sound Energy, and numerous complaints, asking for help in having their electric service changed. To address these petitions, the Council is submitting to voters of the City a proposition which affords voters the opportunity to ratify an ordinance of the Council, authorizing acquisition of the portion of Puget Sound Energy within the city limits of the City of Lakewood. Although the City would have no financial gain from such a purchase, it could lead to lower utility costs for customers currently served by Puget Sound Energy. A favorable vote would authorize acquisition of the electric distribution system of Puget Sound Energy located within the City through either negotiation or condemnation, and if an acceptable price can be secured which would result in lower utility costs to those currently served by Puget Sound Energy, to consummate such sale/acquisition. There would be no impact on customers of Tacoma Public Utilities or Lakeview Power and Light nor on the current tax rates of the City.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT OF PEOPLE FOR VOTER PAMPHLET STATEMENTS. The City Council proposes and appoints the following persons to serve on the committees to draft statements for an against the proposed electric distribution system acquisition as may be published in the voter pamphlet and/or appropriate voter information provided in connection with the September 19, 2000 special election:

#### STATEMENT FOR:

1. Dee Youmans, citizen.
2. Lillah Stewart, citizen.
3. Laura Voges, citizen.

#### STATEMENT AGAINST:

1. Gary J. Nomensen, Community Relations Manager, Puget Sound Energy.
2. Fred Nelson, citizen.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, citizen.

Section 3. COPIES FILED WITH PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 19th day of June, 2000.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

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Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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