RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 230618

WHEREAS, in Closed Session on July 28, the City Council, by the following vote: Yeas, Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and Mayor, Nays, District 5, approved the following; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into the attached Stipulation For Entry Of Judgment in Superior Court Case No. 696935, *CAUSE*, et al. v. City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Francis M. Devaney,

Deputy City Attorney

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CAUSE, an unincorporated association, JOAN TUKEY, KAREN JOHANSON, and PAMELA WAYNE,) Case No. 696935
Plaintiffs,) STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT
v.	
CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a municipal corporation, and CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SAN DIEGO,))))) Dept: 50) I/C Judge: Honorable S. Charles Wickershan)
Defendants.	

Plaintiffs by and through their attorney, Charles Wolfinger, and Defendants by and through their attorney, Deputy City Attorney Francis M. Devaney, have met and conferred on the issues presented by this lawsuit and, to avoid the expense and uncertainty of a trial, have agreed to settle the matters in dispute and hereby stipulate for entry of judgment as follows:

A. <u>Declaratory Judgment</u>

The court may issue a declaratory judgment that:

1. Defendants' notice for the closed session on March 28, 1995, attached as Exhibit 1, which cited Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (b)¹ to close the session, but which should have cited subdivision (c), violated the posting subdivision requirement in Sections 54954.5,

¹All citations are to the Government Code unless otherwise noted.

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subdivision (c) and 54956.9 (¶ after subdivision (c)) because it cited the wrong subdivision for closing the session for pending litigation.

- 2. Defendants' posted agenda for the April 10, 1995 public meeting concerning the Settlement Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, violated Section 54954.2, subdivision (a) by failing to adequately notify the public:
- That the proposed Settlement Agreement included provisions that would amend the undergrounding allocations and requirements contained in the Electric Franchise Agreement (EFA);
- That the amendment to the EFA contained in the proposed Settlement Agreement in effect reduced the 4.5% annual undergrounding allocation to approximately 1.5% for the years 1995-2000;
- That the amendment to the EFA contained in the proposed Settlement c. Agreement reduced the dollar amount of undergrounding allocations by a total of approximately \$19 million for the years 1990-1994, as had previously been set in the 1986 Settlement Agreement; and
- Of the nature and dollar amounts of any consideration received by the City in d. exchange for the above-noted reductions.
- Defendants' posted agenda for the April 10, 1995 public meeting concerning the 3. Settlement Agreement violated Section 54954.2, subdivision (a), because it was misleading in referring to the attorney fees of \$40,000 three times while failing to state the greater dollar amounts involved with the other terms of the undergrounding portion of the Settlement Agreement.
- 4. Any future change (a) in the percentages contained in the undergrounding formula in the EFA by capping the allocation or by other means, or (b) in the dollar amounts in the Settlement Agreement shall be considered to be an amendment to that franchise agreement under City Charter section 103.
- Defendants failed to comply with City Charter section 103 by not holding at least two 5. public hearings, which were noticed as an amendments to the franchise agreement, before approving the Settlement Agreement on April 10, 1995.



B. Other Agreements

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Dated:

27 28 The court may order that:

- Prior to making or agreeing to any future change (a) in the percentages contained in 1. the undergrounding formula in the EFA, including by capping the allocation or by other means, or (b) in the dollar amounts in the Settlement Agreement, Defendants will hold an open, public hearing in which any interested parties can comment on the proposed changes. Nothing in this paragraph should be construed to prohibit Defendants from actually making or agreeing to any change in the percentages in a duly authorized Closed Session hearing, so long as it is preceded by the above-noted public hearing.
- Defendants will specially send, without any request therefor, all notices, agendas and publicly available records required by the Brown Act for any meetings relating to undergrounding electric power lines, including under the Electric Franchise Agreement and the Settlement Agreement, to the named Plaintiffs at their addresses supplied to the San Diego City Manager's Office and to local community planning boards, on or before the time they are first distributed to any member of the public.
- Plaintiffs' counsel Charles Wolfinger is entitled to, and is hereby awarded, \$80,000 in reasonable attorney fees and costs for this litigation.

7/28/98 Dated:

CHARLES WOLFINGER Attorney for Plaintiffs

FOR PLAINTIFFS

FOR DEFENDANTS

CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

Dated: July 26, 1998

BY PLAINTIFFS

CAUSE, an unincorporated association

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