

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293724

ADOPTED ON AUG 15 2000

WHEREAS, San Diego citizens and small businesses are suffering immediate hardships from the unsupportably high and unjustified electric rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the experiment with electric service deregulation has so far proven to be an unmitigated failure, the impacts of which have fallen unjustifiably on San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego area is the only region in the State, which has been exposed to the burdensome effects of the electricity market that is failing to function competitively and efficiently and that is under formal investigation for pricing irregularities; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission has rejected the request of the San Diego City Council and others that they extend to San Diego the same type of electric rate freeze that is in effect throughout the remainder of the State and that they have the authority to place in effect; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council has adopted a resolution declaring an economic emergency associated with the unreasonable electric rate increases and calling for an electric rate rollback; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2290, which would provide relief for San Diego ratepayers, has been introduced and adopted by the California State Senate and is under consideration by the State Assembly; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council supports AB 2290 and urges the members of the California State Assembly to adopt this measure, which

is of critical concern to the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this City Council requests that California Governor Gray Davis indicate his support for AB 2290 and urges the Governor to sign AB 2290 when it is adopted by the Legislature.

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