

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294072

ADOPTED ON OCT 30 2000

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING
THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN
THE CITY RELATING TO ELECTRICAL BILL VOLATILITY
AND EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH ELECTRICAL RATES.

WHEREAS, the citizens of San Diego are served by San Diego Gas & Electric Company;
and

WHEREAS, San Diego Gas & Electric Company is the only electrical company in the State
of California whose customers are no longer protected by a statutorily imposed rate restriction;
and

WHEREAS, as a result of these factors, the customers of San Diego Gas & Electric Company
have been subjected to severe economic hardship due to unprecedented electric bill volatility and
extraordinarily high electrical rate levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declared a state of economic emergency on July 25, 2000,
per Resolution No. R-293560, and directed the City Manager to explore proposals for additional
electricity supply; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2000 and September 7, 2000, the State of California passed
emergency legislation, AB 265 and AB 970, respectively, finding that the above state of affairs
endangers the public peace, health, and safety and authorizing fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000)
in grants to implement demand-side programs; and

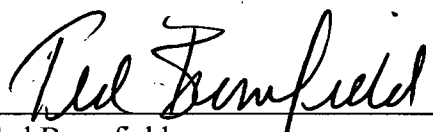
WHEREAS, the City Manager, pursuant to the authority of the San Diego City Charter and San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0106, has requested the Mayor and Council to proclaim that a state of local emergency exists to facilitate application for such grants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to San Diego City Charter sections 28 and 94, in the event of an emergency affecting public health, safety, and property, the Council may authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts requiring the expenditure of necessary sums on hand in the City Treasury and available for necessary projects; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the request by the City Manager to the Mayor and Council to declare a local state of emergency pursuant to San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0106 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, pursuant to City Charter sections 28 and 94, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the City, all documents, including but not limited to grant applications and contracts, to pursue the development of additional electrical energy supplies, provided that sums sufficient for said contracts are certified by the City Auditor and Comptroller to be on deposit in the City Treasury and available for such purpose.

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