

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294889

ADOPTED ON MAY 22 2001

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2001, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency, due in part to the “imminent threat of widespread and prolonged disruption of electrical power to California’s emergency services, law enforcement, schools, hospitals, homes, businesses and agriculture constitutes a condition of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state which, by reason of its magnitude, is likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county or city”; and

WHEREAS, shortages of electricity available to San Diego’s utilities have resulted in forced power outages affecting thousands of San Diego residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission projects that California will face energy supply shortages of almost 5,000 megawatts during peak summer usage periods resulting in forced system outages on up to 35 days over the summer; and


WHEREAS, sufficient advance notice of forced power outages will provide law enforcement personnel time to deploy to critical intersections to direct traffic and protect public safety in areas subjected to forced power outages; and

WHEREAS, San Diego will experience serious public health and safety and economic hardship as a result of multiple forced power outages; NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council urges Governor Gray Davis to issue an Executive Order directing the Independent System Operator

to provide San Diego's local utility, SDG&E, **maximum** notification of forced system outages to better protect public safety and reduce the economic impact to local businesses.

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