

1 [Electric Rate Increases]  
2 OPPOSING ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS, URGING THE  
3 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SEEK GREATER COMMUNITY INPUT  
4 AND URGING THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ENHANCE ITS  
5 LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS]  
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7 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission is a  
8 constitutionally created State agency charged with regulating  
9 providers of essential services such as electricity, natural gas,  
10 water, and telecommunications under the general direction of the  
11 State Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission created  
13 the blueprint for electric restructuring intent on lowering  
14 consumer energy rates; and

15 WHEREAS, AB 1890 promised consumers a 20% rate reduction,  
16 via a mandated 10% automatic reduction and a 10% reduction  
17 naturally occurring through competition; and

18 WHEREAS, San Diego Gas and Electric was the first utility  
19 to open up to competition and end a freeze on rates causing San  
20 Diegans to pay, on average, a 270% increase in electric rates;  
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22 WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California  
23 Edison are seeking a consumer "bailout" for their increased  
24 wholesale electricity prices; and  
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1           WHEREAS, The end of the rate freeze is likely to double or  
2 triple electric rates and bills; and

3           WHEREAS, The average low-income consumer pays 10% or more  
4 of their total income for energy consumption and needs  
5 additional ratepayer assistance and energy efficiency programs  
6 to ensure access to affordable electricity; and

7           WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission has  
8 rejected mechanisms to ensure sustained community input; and

9           WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission has so  
10 far failed to devise any effective methods for protecting  
11 seniors, working families, disabled, limited-English speakers  
12 and the poor from excessive rate increases; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
14 County of San Francisco opposes any electric rate increases for  
15 low income customers; and, be it

16           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City  
17 and County of San Francisco urges the California Public  
18 Utilities Commission to seek greater community input when  
19 setting policies and establishing programs; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City  
21 and County of San Francisco urges the California Public  
22 Utilities Commission to enhance its low-income programs to  
23 ensure that all eligible low-income customers of PG&E have  
24 weatherization and are part of the CARE program.  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Resolution

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**File Number:** 001770

**Date Passed:**

Resolution opposing electric rate increases for low-income customers, urging the California Public Utilities Commission to seek greater community input and urging the California Public Utilities to enhance its low-income programs.

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October 16, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 16, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.