Resolution adopting the State of California’s Energy Priorities as stated in the Energy Action Plan of 2003 and Energy Action Plan II of 2005 which are, in the following order, energy efficiency and demand response, renewable energy and lastly clean fossil generation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is deeply concerned about global warming and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, fossil fuel-burning power plants emit millions of tons of carbon dioxide, the compound primarily responsible for global warming, into our atmosphere each year; and;

WHEREAS the State of California has adopted an Energy Action Plan that lays out the energy priorities for the state

WHEREAS, those energy priorities are, in the following order, energy efficiency and demand response, use of renewable energy including solar, wind and geothermal and lastly clean burning fossil generation;

WHEREAS, Well before the State’s Energy Action Plan was adopted in 2003, the City, in Ordinance 124-01, adopted policies consistent with the loading order preference expressed by the State and directed City departments to develop plans “to implement all practical transmission, conservation, efficiency, and renewable alternatives to fossil fuel generation in the City and County of San Francisco”;

WHEREAS, in December 2002, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 827-02, endorsing the Electricity Resource Plan which identifies eight goals that were developed through public comment and used to guide the plan: maximize energy efficiency, develop renewable power, assure reliable power, support affordable electric bills, improve air quality and prevent other

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environmental impacts, support environmental justice, promote opportunities for economic development, and increase local control over energy resources; and,

WHEREAS, The City continues to aggressively support and implement policies and programs to promote energy efficiency and renewable power and reduce the City's reliance on fossil fuels; and,

WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan states that "to the extent efficiency, demand response, renewable resources, and distributed generation are unable to satisfy increasing energy and capacity needs, we support clean and efficient fossil-fired generation. Concurrently, the bulk electricity transmission grid and distribution facility infrastructure must be improved to support growing demand centers and the interconnection of new generation, both on the utility and customer side of the meter" (EAP II, p. 2); and,

WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan includes a recognition of the need for additional fossil resources and an emphasis on maintaining adequate supplies and reliability (EAP II, pp. 10-11); and,

WHEREAS, The preferred loading order established by the State has not precluded the State from continuing to promote and permit fossil generation, including several large fossil plants being developed by PG&E; and,

WHEREAS, The State's Energy Action Plan also includes additional policies that the City may want to consider further before endorsing, for example, evaluating so-called "clean" coal for California (EAP II, pp. 10-11); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the State’s Energy Action Plan and the priorities held therein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco adopts the same priorities: energy efficiency and demand response first, then renewable and lastly clean burning fossil generation.

May 13, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 13, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom