



RESOLUTION NO. U-11194

1 A RESOLUTION authorizing Tacoma Power to designate the Alder Unit
2 11 Rebuild Project as a Special Project of Limited Duration,
3 allowing for the hiring of additional staff, pursuant to Tacoma
4 Municipal Code Sections 1.12.140, 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980-
5 986, 1.30.300, and Section 6.1 (h) of the Tacoma City Charter.

6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light
7 Division (d.b.a. "Tacoma Power"), requests Public Utility Board approval to
8 establish the Alder Unit 11 Rebuild Project ("Project"), as a special project of
9 limited duration through December 31, 2023, and

10 WHEREAS the Project is part of the Nisqually River Project that has
11 been providing affordable, clean, renewable hydropower for over 100 years,
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13 WHEREAS the Project will renew the generator equipment that was last
14 overhauled in 1973, and

15 WHEREAS on July 8, 2020, by Resolution No. 11177, the Public Utility
16 Board approved a contract with Andritz Hydro Corp., for the refurbishment of
17 the generator, and

18 WHEREAS generator overhauls are significant projects that require
19 support from local hydro project staff during the design, fabrication, construction
20 and commissioning phases, and

21 WHEREAS these projects also provide unique opportunities for local
22 hydro project staff to learn from the manufacturer about the equipment they
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maintain; and the Nisqually Hydro Project does not have sufficient personnel or
1 resources to support this project and several additional capital projects, and

2 WHEREAS the designation of a Special Project of Limited Duration will
3 allow Tacoma Power to hire a project status Hydro Project Electrician and
4 others, as determined necessary, for the duration of the Alder Unit 11 Rebuild,
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7 WHEREAS this Project will continue through December 31, 2023, with
8 funding included in the 2019/2020 approved capital budgets and the proposed
9 2021/22 budget for Tacoma Power, and
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11 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1.12.155, 1.24.187,
12 and 1.24.982 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma
13 City Charter, employees who are not regular employees and are hired as
14 special project employees are paid as provided for by ordinance or resolution of
15 the City Council, and
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17 WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Department of Public Utilities
18 to establish a Special Project of Limited Duration and to hire a project status
19 Hydro Project Electrician and others as determined necessary to support the
20 required activities for the duration of the special project; Now, Therefore:

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:
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23 Section 1. That the Alder Unit 11 Rebuild Project, is designated as a
24 special project of limited duration, and is hereby approved and established as a
25 special project of limited duration through December 31, 2023.
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1 Section 2. That in accordance with the applicable provisions of
2 TMC 1.12.140, 1.12.155, and 1.24.982, the salaries and classes set forth in the
3 Compensation Plan for regular City employees shall be applied, contingent
4 upon funding, to similar project positions of the Project.

5 Section 3. That in accordance with TMC 1.24.187 and 1.30.300,
6 employees who have been hired or may be hired for positions expected to be of
7 limited duration shall be designated unclassified special project employees as
8 of the date of hire.

9 Section 4. That those special project employees who have been hired or
10 may be hired to work on the special project as identified in this resolution, shall
11 receive benefits, all in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the
12 compensation plan of the City of Tacoma. They shall be given a one-time
13 binding and irrevocable election to participate in the City's Retirement System,
14 pursuant to the retirement provisions of TMC 1.30.300.

15 Section 5. That because the positions to be filled pursuant to this
16 resolution are of a temporary nature and are unique in that they pertain only to
17 the aforementioned special project, they are deemed temporary positions, and
18 persons so employed in such positions shall have no claim to further or
19 continued employment with the City after cessation of such special project or
20 after cessation of activities funded by said programs, except pursuant to their
21 obtaining status as regular City employees under the provisions of the Tacoma
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1 Municipal Code or pursuant to further action of the City Council relating to this
2 special project.

3 Section 6. That all acts by agents or employees of the City consistent with
4 the intent of this resolution taken prior to the effective date of this resolution are
5 hereby ratified.

6 Section 7. That the term of this special project shall not exceed the
7 expiration of December 31, 2023, unless extended by appropriate action.

8 Section 8. That the Director of Utilities is hereby authorized to direct the
9 appropriate City officers to proceed with the necessary actions for project
10 completion including the hiring of special project positions to support the required
11 activities for the duration of the project.
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13 Approved as to form:

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16 Chief Deputy City Attorney
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Chair _____
Secretary _____
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Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
COPY: Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices
FROM: Chris Robinson, Tacoma Power Superintendent
MEETING DATE: September 9, 2020
DATE: August 27, 2020

SUMMARY: Tacoma Power requests approval to designate the Alder Unit 11 Rebuild Project as a “Special Project of Limited Duration”, allowing for the addition of staff to support key project phases as well as other capital work planned for the Nisqually River Project.

Tacoma Municipal Code Sections 1.12.140, 1.12.155, 1.24.187, 1.24.980-986, 1.30.300 and Section 6.1(h) of the Tacoma City Charter address special projects.

BACKGROUND: The Nisqually Hydro Project has been providing affordable, clean, renewable hydropower for over 100 years. The Alder Unit 11 Rebuild project will renew the generator equipment that was last overhauled in 1973. On July 8, 2020 the Public Utility Board approved a contract with Andritz Hydro Corp. for refurbishment of the generator. Generator overhauls are significant projects that require support from local hydro project staff during the design, fabrication, construction and commissioning phases. These projects also provide unique opportunities for local hydro project staff to learn from the manufacturer about the equipment they maintain. The Nisqually Hydro Project operates with a lean crew and does not have the resources to support this project and several additional capital projects. The designation of a “Special Project of Limited Duration” will allow Tacoma Power to hire a project status Hydro Project Electrician and others as determined necessary for the duration of the Alder Unit 11 Rebuild. This project will continue through December 31, 2023.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes. Funds are included in the 2019/20 approved capital budgets and in the proposed 2021/22 budget for Tacoma Power.

IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A.

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? N/A.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.

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