



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; granting authority for the Department to offer term-limited pilot programs to study demand response and low-income assistance programs.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Mosqueda

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Kirsty.grainger@seattle.gov

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Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/04/2019	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	09/05/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
1	Council President's Office	09/05/2019	sent for review	Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee			
Action Text:			The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee				
1	City Council	09/09/2019	referred	Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee			

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- 1 Housing, Health, Energy, 09/24/2019 pass 09/30/2019 Pass
and Workers' Rights
Committee
Action Text: The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 3 Chair Mosqueda, Vice Chair Juarez, Member Bagshaw
Opposed: 0
- 1 City Council 09/30/2019 passed Pass
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:
In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember
Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda,
Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Pacheco, Councilmember
Sawant
Opposed: 0
- 1 City Clerk 10/03/2019 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature
- 1 Mayor 10/04/2019 Signed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
- 1 Mayor 10/11/2019 returned City Clerk
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk
- 1 City Clerk 10/11/2019 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125957

COUNCIL BILL 119632

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; granting authority for the Department to offer term-limited pilot programs to study demand response and low-income assistance programs.

WHEREAS, as described in a rate design report dated April 1, 2019 provided in response to Resolution 31819 adopted July 9, 2018, in which Council requested recommendations for an updated rate design, the Department plans to offer new customer rate designs in coming years to further City objectives including affordability and decarbonization; and

WHEREAS, demand response programs promote City decarbonization goals by facilitating integration of new loads from electrification, facilitating more affordable customer rates in long-term; and

WHEREAS, in the near-term, programs to augment and supplement the existing Utility Discount Program can help customers who are experiencing hardship affording their energy bills despite the discounts currently offered; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs studying the potential effect of new rate designs on a small scale provide valuable information about customer behavior before adopting rates widely, thereby informing rate design and helping to avoid unintended financial consequences for customers and/or the utility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the terms and conditions set forth within this ordinance and has determined that the supporting reasoning is sound and prudent; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The City Light Department may offer short-term pilot programs testing new
2 approaches in the following two areas for rate design research:

3 A. Incentives in exchange for the ability to study customer consumption patterns
4 associated with demand response programs such as time-of-use pricing, critical peak pricing or
5 rebates, variable peak pricing, or direct load control. Incentives to curb or shift consumption
6 must be cost-based and reflect system-wide benefits realized from customer behavior. To this
7 end, program incentives must be achievable within existing budgetary authority and reflect cost
8 of service consistent with existing adopted rates.

9 B. Alternative rate discounts and services to assist low-income customers in accordance
10 with RCW 74.38.070 and Seattle Municipal Code Sections 21.49.040 and 21.49.042.

11 Section 2. In addition, pilot programs must:

12 A. Have a charter that defines research objective and specific evaluation criteria.

13 B. Be offered to a defined subset of customers on an opt-in basis, with recruitment
14 strategies that target historically under-represented populations.

15 C. File precise terms and conditions for pilot participation in accordance with the
16 provisions of Chapter 3.02 of the Seattle Municipal Code, including opportunity for public
17 feedback before program launch.

18 D. Have a finite timeframe with an end date that occurs no later than 36 months from the
19 program start, unless the program starts after December 31, 2025, in which case the end date is
20 December 31, 2028.

21 E. Hold pilot program participants harmless such that incentive/alternative discount
22 structures do not prevail over regular adopted rates. Customers whose data and consumption

1 practices do not create a discount under a pilot program as compared with their regular assigned
2 rate will be charged according to their normal rate.

3 F. Report regularly to City Council on pilot status and performance.
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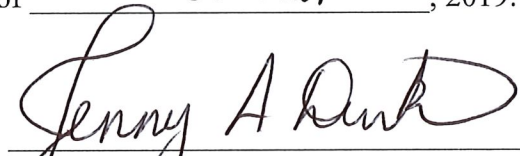
1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 30th day of September, 2019,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 30th day of
6 September, 2019.


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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 4th day of October, 2019.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 11th day of OCTOBER, 2019.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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