

Amendment #14 to Resolution 31760

Sponsor: CM Herbold, CM Bagshaw

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee

Affordability, Risk and Resiliency Work Plan

This amendment requests SPU incorporate two robust, utility-wide strategic planning and assessment efforts into the 2021-2023 Strategic Business Plan. Council requests SPU review utility-wide policies affecting affordability of utility services and accountability to customers, and assess the resiliency of SPU's systems due to internal and external factors. For each effort, SPU shall provide a status report and written final plan to Council prior to the start of the 2021-2023 business planning process.

- Council requests Central Staff reconcile all amendments and re-number section to reflect the cumulative impact of all changes to the resolution.
- If necessary, Council requests Central Staff adjust the 6-year rate path and the combined average annual rate increase to reflect all amendments to Resolution 31760.

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Section [intentionally left blank]. The City Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities prepare an affordability and accountability strategic plan (“the Plan”) focused on managing future rate increases and corporate performance for inclusion in the 2021-2023 Strategic Business Plan Update. At a minimum, the Plan will explore and evaluate policies in the following areas: 1) utility pricing and rate structures; 2) customer assistance programs including the utility discount program and any other Seattle Public Utilities low-income rate assistance policies or programs; 3) process efficiencies and capital project cost savings; 4) investment prioritization; 5) comparative utility tax rates and the effects on rate affordability of the practice of using utility taxes as a revenue source to fund general fund services; and 6) partnership opportunities. Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities transmit a written status report detailing work completed on the Plan to the Council President and the Chair of the appropriate Council committee by August 1, 2018. Final draft of the Plan shall be submitted to Council no later than June 30, 2019.

Section [intentionally left blank]. The City Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities prepare a risk and resiliency management assessment (“the Assessment”) to identify and evaluate potential impact and disruptions to Seattle Public Utilities’ business and investment strategies. The assessment may include the following factors: 1) climate change; 2) disaster preparedness; 3) economic growth and cost of living trends; 4) market trends, including consumption patterns for utility services; 5) regional and city investment priorities and requirements; and 6) workforce availability and capabilities. Council requests that Seattle Public Utilities transmit a written status report detailing work completed on the Assessment to the Council President and the Chair of the appropriate Council committee by August 1, 2018. Final draft of the Plan shall be submitted to Council no later than June 30, 2019, for inclusion in the 2021-2023 Strategic Business Plan Update process.

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