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A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; endorsing the City Light Department's Wholesale Energy Risk Management policy governing wholesale energy, transmission, ancillary services, renewable energy credit, and greenhouse gas offset trading, and their risk management; establishing it as the policy governing the conduct of wholesale energy, renewable energy credit, and greenhouse gas offset risk management at the City Light Department; and superseding Resolutions 31467 and 31216.

WHEREAS, in order to provide electricity to its customers economically, the City Light Department routinely

buys and sells wholesale energy products; and

- WHEREAS, the City Light Department's participation in wholesale energy markets necessarily exposes the City Light Department to risk, including market and credit risk; and
- WHEREAS, electric utility industry Best Practices require that the City Light Department have a clear and binding statement of policy to govern the management of those risks; and
- WHEREAS, electric utility industry Best Practices further require that such policies be endorsed by the City Light Department's governing body; and
- WHEREAS, periodic review and amendment to risk management policies are necessary and a product of good governance and oversight; and
- WHEREAS, the Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy was initially adopted by the City Council on September 8, 2008 by Resolution 31053; and
- WHEREAS, the Environmental Attributes Management Policy was initially adopted by the City Council on May 24, 2010 by Resolution 31216; and
- WHEREAS, the Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy was updated by the City Council on August 9, 2010 with the adoption of Resolution 31230; and
- WHEREAS, the Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy was updated by the City Council on May 14, 2012 with the adoption of Resolution 31365; and
- WHEREAS, the Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy was updated by the City Council on September 3, 2013 with the adoption of Resolution 31467; and
- WHEREAS, the attached Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy, dated September 23, 2015, contains updates, including clarification on segregation of duties for front-middle-back office, addressing gaps identified by Internal Audit Group during 2014 review, inclusion of description and responsibilities of Environmental Affairs and Real Estate Division, and changes to external compliance assessment frequency; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy (Policy) as developed by the City Light Department's (City Light) management and attached to this resolution as Attachment 1 is endorsed by the City Council and is established as City Light's policy governing the conduct of wholesale energy risk management. The Policy attached as Attachment 1 supersedes the policies endorsed by Resolution 31467, which contained the last update to relevant City Light policies, and Resolution 31216, which established City Light's Environmental Attributes Management Policy governing wholesale transactions with respect to Renewable Energy Credits and greenhouse gas offsets within the utility in order to facilitate compliance with City and state, and potentially federal, requirements.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this day

of_____, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of ______, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of ______, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachment 1: Seattle City Light Wholesale Energy Risk Management Policy dated September 23, 2015