

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; accepting a ten-year franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in Snohomish County, Washington by Seattle City Light to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and repair electric power system facilities.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Seattle City Light (“SCL”) currently operates overhead electric transmission and protective relay facilities and equipment within Snohomish County, primarily in fee-owned property or easements held by SCL. However, within certain locations City Light facilities cross Snohomish County public rights-of-way, which require a franchise agreement granting rights and establishing operational requirements within those rights-of-way. The franchise grants SCL the right to locate, construct, maintain and operate an electric transmission system in Snohomish County’s public rights-of-way and specifies terms and conditions under which SCL may operate in the public rights-of-way, in accordance with Snohomish County’s codes and ordinances. There is no financial consideration involved in this agreement.

This legislation is necessary for the City of Seattle to accept the Franchise Agreement that was granted by Snohomish County at their Council meeting on December 16, 2015, through Ordinance 15-085.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

The proposed agreement would continue a legal framework that provides SCL the certainty of franchise rights for constructing, maintaining and operating its electric

transmission system over, across, and through public rights-of-way in areas of unincorporated Snohomish County.

b) Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

Without a franchise agreement in place, there would be no legal framework in which to operate SCL's transmission and protective relay facilities and equipment within Snohomish County public rights-of-way. SCL and Snohomish County would need to continue negotiations for a franchise agreement that would meet approval of both jurisdictions' legislative bodies, which at the very least would have impacts on administrative costs. The assumption is SCL would continue to operate within Snohomish County during this time, so there should be no short-term negative impact to SCL's ability to transmit electricity from the Skagit Project. However, if the proposed Agreement is not approved, additional long term impacts are unclear, as a franchise is necessary to continue operations in Snohomish County's public rights-of-way.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

e) Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

h) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

N/A

i) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

N/A

j) Other Issues:

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: