

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 127207
COUNCIL BILL 120952

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the Department to establish eligibility requirements for customers participating in the Renewable Plus Program and charging a rate for the delivery of dedicated renewable energy and its associated Renewable Energy Credits supplied by the Department under the Renewable Plus Program; and amending Section 21.49.089 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Section 21.49.089 of the Seattle Municipal Code authorizes the City Light Department (“City Light”) to implement and offer a Renewable Plus Program (“Program”) that provides qualifying customers the option to purchase energy from renewable resources, together with associated renewable energy credits (“RECs”), on a long-term subscription basis; and

WHEREAS, the Program is currently limited to non-residential customers with a minimum aggregated annual consumption of 10,000 megawatt hours; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2024, City Light executed two agreements for the acquisition of energy from renewable resources and RECs over a 20-year term and dedicated to the Renewable Plus Program (“Power Purchase Agreements”); and

WHEREAS, City Light has executed a long-term contract with a Renewable Plus Participant, and City Light anticipates that other customers will participate in the Program as soon as City Light begins receiving the energy from the renewable resources and RECs under the Power Purchase Agreements; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of City Light’s non-residential customers with aggregated annual consumption less than the minimum requirement of 10,000 megawatt hours have expressed interest in participating in the Program; and

WHEREAS, to the extent the Department has sufficient renewable resources and RECs, it wishes to expand the Program to serve additional non-residential customers below the current aggregated annual consumption threshold; and

WHEREAS, to cover administrative costs and offset the material financial impacts for non-participating customers, the Department seeks to charge Program participants an additional amount above standard rates per kilowatt-hour for all electricity delivered through the program during the billing period; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21.49.089 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 126437, is amended as follows:

21.49.089 Renewable Plus Program

A. The Department shall implement and offer a Renewable Plus Program that enables qualifying customers to purchase energy from renewable resources, subject to the ability of the Department to acquire or generate adequate amounts of such energy to meet demand, together with associated renewable energy credits (RECs), on a long-term subscription basis. ~~((The Renewable Plus Program shall be open to customers demonstrating a minimum aggregated annual consumption of 10,000 megawatt hours (MWhs).))~~ The Department may ~~((implement additional))~~ establish eligibility requirements to participate in the Renewable Plus Program and any other rules ((and conditions)) associated with the Renewable Plus Program that are in the best interests of the Department and are necessary or convenient for the implementation and operation of the Renewable Plus Program.

1 B. The Department may execute long-term customer commitment contracts with
2 qualifying customers to purchase energy and RECs associated with renewable resources for a
3 period not exceeding 20 years.

4 C. The Department is authorized to ~~((shall))~~ provide through purchase or generation
5 ~~((all))~~ renewable energy ~~((acquired))~~ for the Renewable Plus Program and ~~((will))~~ integrate it
6 into its existing supply portfolio as business conditions allow.

7 D. The Department shall retire the Renewable Energy Certificates associated with the
8 energy purchased by customers under the Renewable Plus Program ~~((with))~~ through the Western
9 Renewable Energy Generation Information System, or its successor organization, toward the
10 associated renewable power served to participating customers.

11 E. A Renewable Plus Program rate charge will be added to all enrolled accounts of
12 participating customers. Effective January 1, 2026, the charge will be 1.47 cents per kWh for all
13 electricity delivered through the program during the billing period.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 29th day of April, 2025,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 29th day of
April, 2025.



President _____ of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 2nd day of May, 2025.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 2nd day of May, 2025.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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