



GREEN POWER ORDINANCE

Presentation to the Transportation and Utilities
Committee

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Background

State of Washington required electric utilities to offer a voluntary program to purchase qualified alternative energy resources beginning January 1, 2002.

City Light has complied

2001 Established **Green Power Program** (Ord 120623)

- Funded 31 small-scale local projects.
- Amended in 2003 to change resource mix and use of funds. (Ord 121355)
- Closed in 2011 as goals were reached. (Ord 123674)

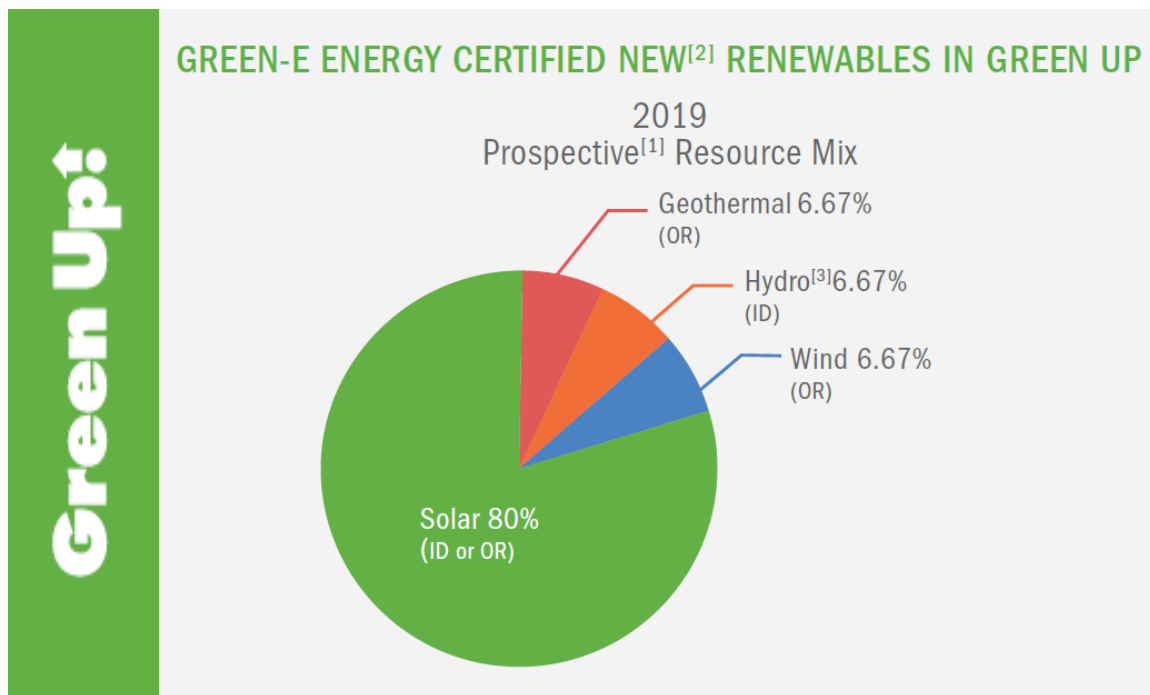




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2005 Established **Green Up** (Ord 121847)

- Allows customers to purchase qualified RECs as a portion of their bill.
- 14,000 customers enrolled





Proposed Changes

Program name and broadened program offerings

1. Delete **the term “Green-Up”** across the entire Chapter.
 - Provides City Light more flexibility to update and adjust program offerings to meet evolving customer needs.
2. Add **authority to initiate new programs** that allow customers to voluntarily contribute to renewable energy projects, but **without the constraint of purchasing only “qualified” alternative resource** options required by RCW 19.29A.090.
 - Narrow definition has limited City Light’s ability to offer programs that customers want; customers are interested in supporting a broader range of green energy projects with their voluntary contributions.
 - ***Contributions could fund grants for low-income housing providers to install solar panels, demonstration projects, or educational efforts.***

Impacts

This legislation will edit Seattle Municipal Code 21.49.084;

- There are no financial or budgetary impacts due to amending the SMC
- Programs offered under the Voluntary Green Power umbrella are intended to be self-funded from voluntary customer contributions



CITY LIGHT

OUR MISSION

Seattle City Light is dedicated to delivering customers affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible electricity services.

OUR VISION

We resolve to provide a positive, fulfilling and engaging experience for our employees. We will expect and reinforce leadership behaviors that contribute to that culture. Our workforce is the foundation upon which we achieve our public service goals and will reflect the diversity of the community we serve.

We strive to improve quality of life by understanding and answering the needs of our customers. We aim to provide more opportunities to those with fewer resources and will protect the well-being and safety of the public.

We aspire to be the nation's greenest utility by fulfilling our mission in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

OUR VALUES

Safety, Environmental Stewardship, Innovation, Excellence, Customer Care



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