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Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 121231 – Seattle City Light 2027-2028 Retail Rates

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Removing Utility Discount Program changes and the respective effective date and modifying the title

Effect: These amendments to Council Bill (CB) 121231 are necessary to remove redundant modifications to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.49.040 that are present in CB 121222. This SMC section deals with residential electric rate assistance for Seattle City Light (SCL) customers. SCL and Seattle Public Utility (SPU) residential rate assistance programs are jointly known as the Utility Discount Program (UDP).

On July 9, The Governance and Utilities Committee voted to recommend CB 121222 that would change the household income limit for UDP eligibility to 60 percent of area median income. Currently, SCL and SPU residential customers are eligible for the UDP if their household income does not exceed 70 percent of the Washington State median income. Section 3 of 121231 would modify SMC 21.49.040 in the same manner.

Specifically, these amendments to CB 121231 would modify the title to strike the reference to SMC 21.49.040, remove Section 3 and renumber subsequent sections, and modify Section 16 to remove the effective date for Section 3.

1. Modify the title of CB 121231 as follows:

An ordinance relating to the City Light Department; establishing new retail rate schedules; establishing a new customer class and conditions of service for data centers whose electricity demand constitutes a new large load; modifying customer charges for service connections; ~~((modifying customer eligibility for residential rate assistance;))~~ augmenting the rate stabilization account mechanism; amending Sections 21.49.020, 21.49.030, ~~((21.49.040,))~~ 21.49.052, 21.49.055, 21.49.057, 21.49.058, 21.49.060, 21.49.065, 21.49.083, 21.49.086, 21.49.110, and 21.49.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adding a new Section 21.49.059 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Section 21.49.081 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

2. Remove Section 3 of CB 121231 and renumber subsequent sections.

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3. Amend Section 16 of CB 121231 as follows:

Section ~~((16))~~ 15. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle

Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070, except that~~((:))~~ Sections 10 and 12 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

~~((A. Section 3 shall take effect on April 10, 2027; and~~

~~B. Sections 11 and 13 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.))~~