



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MEMO

DATE: July 16, 2008
TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
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RE: File No 080648, Proposed Charter Amendment, [SF Clean Energy Act.]

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I have reviewed the Fourth Draft for the proposed Charter amendment to establish San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) sustainable energy policy and municipal energy goals, (File No. 080648), dated July 11, 2008. The changes to the proposed Charter amendment as contained in the Fourth Draft are covered under the exemption from environmental review issued on June 3, 2008, for the Second Draft as it consolidated Charter measures (File No. 080638 and 080648), and clarified direction to the SFPUC for energy planning and reporting on provision of sustainable and public utility electric service, and an office of independent ratepayer advocate, to advance the interests of San Francisco customers. The exemptions for the original Charter Amendment proposals are equally applicable to the Fourth Draft, based on the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA): Section 15060(c)(2), finding that the proposed Charter amendment would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment, as defined by CEQA, Section 15306, finding that the proposed Charter amendment would be categorically exempt under Class 6 for information collection, and Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5), finding that the proposed Charter amendments do not meet the definition of a project as defined by CEQA.

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