

**Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2005**  
**Municipal Plaza "C" Room**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Chip Haass, District 10  
Councilmember Roland Gutierrez, District 3  
Councilmember Patti Radle, District 5  
Councilmember Elena Guajardo, District 7

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**Staff Present:** Melissa Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; Chris Brady,  
Assistant City Manager; Ray Baray, Intergovernmental Relations  
Manager; Ben Gorzell, Public Utilities Director

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**Also Present:** Steve Bartley, CPS; Norma Sullice, CPS

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Chip Haass called the meeting to order.

**II. Issues to be considered**

At this time the committee addressed item IIc

**c) CPS Energy Selection of a Liquidity Facility**

It was moved and seconded to move said item to City Council A Session.

At this time the committee addressed item IIb.

**b) Proposed Revisions to the CPS Energy Policy for Miscellaneous Customer Charges**

Steve Bartley referenced a PowerPoint entitled, "Policy For Miscellaneous Customer Charges". He detailed the current CPS customer fees and charges and the proposed changes. Mr. Bartley noted if the proposed changes are approved, CPS would:

- Defer effective date of reconnect/disconnect fees to April 1, 2006
- Defer effective date of field notification charge to April 1, 2006
- Bring gas furnace lighting charge back with proposed gas rate increase next spring/summer

Councilmember Guajardo asked if seniors and low income individuals are taken into consideration with regard to Service Lighting Fees. Mr. Bartley responded that they are not taken into consideration at this time.

Ben Gorzell stated that staff has asked CPS to pull the Furnace Lighting item and bring it back in spring when CPS will request another rate increase. He noted that Service Lighting instances are frequent at a rate of approximately 5,000 – 6,000 per year. Mr. Gorzell added that there is no way of tracking a census of the requests.

Councilmember Guajardo asked if there was any identify the CPS customer base.

It was noted that the only seniors who can be identified are those who have applied for a Senior Program which allows for additional time to pay their CPS bill.

Norma Sulice stated that 434 of 3400 furnace lightings were seniors registered in the Senior Program. She noted that that number represents only those registered in the program and not all CPS seniors.

Councilmember Guajardo asked if it was possible to use CIED funding to assist seniors and low income residents with CPS bills. It was noted that the proposed option could be problematic and that CPS was in discussion with attorneys on the CPS usage of CIED funding.

Mr. Gorzell stated that the Community Initiatives Department is reviewing “Project Warm” and the level of funding to assist with energy bills.

Councilmember Radle announced that there was a project called “Heat the Country” in which volunteers assist with repairing furnaces for the winter.

Mr. Bentley concluded the presentation and stated that he and staff would be glad to meet with Councilmember Guajardo to address her concerns.

**a) Proposed Revisions to the CPS Energy Policies for Electric Line Extensions and Service installations and Gas Main Extensions and Service installations and Service Charges**

Steve Bartley presented background information on the CPS Energy Line Extension Policy and detailed the proposed update to Electric and Gas System Line Extension Policies. He noted the proposed update would address the growing demand for underground construction. Mr. Bartley noted that the average cost per newly constructed home was approximately \$700.

Ben Gorzell stated that a phase in would only apply to the Electric Line Extension Policy which had not been updated since 1986. He noted that the Gas Main Extensions and Service Connections updated in 1995.

Mr. Bartley stated that the cost incurred for a newly constructed home by non profit builders range from \$250-\$350.

**III. Consideration of scheduling of items for future meetings**

There were no items for consideration.

**IV. Executive Session: consultation concerning attorney-client (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel and security) may be discussed.**

There were no Executive Session items.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

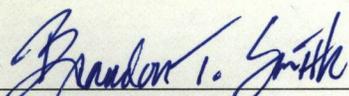
Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.



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**Chip Haass, Chairman**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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**Office of the City Clerk**