

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

Prepared on: November 15, 2002
Department: General Services
Budget Unit: 063
Agenda Date: December 3, 2002
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ronald S. Cortez, Director
General Services Department

STAFF CONTACTS: Ronn Carlentine, SR/WA 568-3078

SUBJECT: Southern California Edison Company's Application for a Public Electric Franchise First, Second, and Portions of Third Supervisorial Districts

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors :

- a) Receive and file Southern California Edison Company's application for a franchise.
- b) Adopt the Notice and Resolution of Intent to Grant a Public Electric Franchise to Southern California Edison Company for thirty (30) year term, pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937; and
- c) Set the date of January 7, 2003 to consider the introduction (First Hearing) of an ordinance for a thirty (30) year term, pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937 which grants a public franchise to Southern California Edison to construct, alter, operate and maintain a system for the distribution and transmission of electricity within the unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County (Estimated Hearing Time 5 minutes; 4/5th Vote Required).
- d) Set the date of January 21, 2003 to consider the adoption (Second Hearing) of an ordinance for a thirty (30) year term, pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937 which grants a public franchise to Southern California Edison to construct, alter, operate and maintain a system for the distribution and transmission of electricity within the unincorporated territory of Santa Barbara County (Estimated Hearing Time 5 minutes; 4/5th Vote Required).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with actions required by law or business necessity.

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Executive Summary and Discussion:

On November 5, 1951, the County executed Ordinance No. 679 which granted a franchise to Southern California Edison to construct, alter, operate and maintain a system for the distribution and transmission of electricity for fifty (50) years upon County public streets and highways, pursuant to the Broughton Act.

On November 5, 2002, Southern California Edison Company submitted an application (letter dated November 5, 2002 attach) applying for a renewed electric franchise, pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937.

The Board’s latest adoption of urgency ordinances prevented the existing Ordinance No. 679 from expiring. These Ordinance extensions have provide county staff time to evaluate, review and prepare a new ordinance and a new franchise to SCE under revised provisions.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts with this action. The projected annual revenue from the franchise is estimated at \$650,000 to \$700,000. However, the franchise fees will be paid on a quarterly bases and estimated at \$125,000 per quarter. The General Fund cost of Real Property staff hours associated with this project are not reimbursable.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute as follows:

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| 1. Application Letter | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 2. Resolution of Intent to Grant | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 3. Original Ordinance/Franchise | Clerk of the Board Files |
| 2. Copy of the Resolution, Ordinance/Franchise
& Minute Order | Facilities Services, Attn: Ronn Carlentine |

Please publish the Notice and Resolution of Intent to Grant a Public Franchise in the Santa Barbara News-Press at least once and within fifteen (15) days after passage of the Resolution. Post the adopted Ordinance/Franchise within fifteen (15) days after its passage in three (3) public places within the County. The Clerk shall certify the adoption and shall cause the same to be published once in the Santa Barbara News-Press. Also, please invoice Southern California Edison Company for the cost of the publication.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

General Services – Real Property Section
Auditor/Controller
County Administrator Office