

RESOLUTION NO. RES-24-0076

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND ANY NECESSARY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH POWERMARKET, OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO MANAGE AND FACILITATE THE PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY CREDITS, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, WITH AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RENEWALS FOR UP TO TEN YEARS, UNLESS TERMINATED, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with PowerMarket to manage and facilitate the purchase of renewable electric energy credits; and

WHEREAS, PowerMarket is the billing and customer service management partner for RB Inyokern Solar WDAT 1203 LLC ("RB Inyokern Solar"); and

WHEREAS, RB Inyokern Solar is a Community Renewables Program provider; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the City Council approved the Long Beach Climate Action Plan ("LB CAP") establishing a series of climate mitigation actions for the City to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reach the target of 40% below 1990 emission levels by 2030, with the ultimate goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2045; and;

WHEREAS, the stationary energy sector, which includes buildings, is a large component and source of emissions. The LB CAP includes actions to work with

1 Southern California Edison ("SCE") on participating in renewable energy programs and to
2 purchase 100% renewable electricity for all municipal accounts; and

3 WHEREAS, the City has an opportunity to acquire renewable energy for
4 municipal accounts through the SCE Community Renewables Program ("Program"), a
5 state-established program administered by SCE to provide clean energy benefits that is
6 designed to provide customers the benefits of local, renewable energy without the need
7 to install solar on their property; and

8 WHEREAS, the Program is authorized through the California Public Utilities
9 Commission and is only available through SCE as SCE is the City's electricity provider.
10 This Program is the only immediately available and feasible way for the City to purchase
11 renewable electric energy credits. The City Council previously considered Community
12 Choice Aggregation (CCA), which would have impacts citywide, and decided not to
13 pursue it at this time. While it may be a viable option in the future, more analysis is
14 needed to determine feasibility. The Program allows the City to provide renewable energy
15 for municipal accounts, as required by the LB CAP, while continuing to explore and
16 analyze other ways for the City to contract for renewable energy in the future; and

17 WHEREAS, through enrollment with the Program, solar energy would be
18 provided by RB Inyokern Solar, a third party vendor that has an agreement with SCE to
19 provide renewable energy to southern California under this Program and PowerMarket
20 manages the program on behalf of RB Inyokern Solar; and

21 WHEREAS, City Council authorization is requested because RB Inyokern
22 Solar is the only provider within the Program with any capacity to provide credits and
23 PowerMarket is the sole manager of the Program for RB Inyokern Solar. City's
24 participation in the Program aligns with the LB CAP and will have direct savings on the
25 City's SEC bill; and I

26 WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising
27 for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary
28 expenditure of public funds;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
4 herein.

5 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract and
6 any necessary subsequent amendments thereto with PowerMarket to manage and
7 facilitate the purchase of renewable electric energy credits, for a period of one year, with
8 automatic annual renewals for up to ten years, unless terminated, at the discretion of the
9 City Manager.


10 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
11 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

12 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
13 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 4, 2024 by the
14 following vote:

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16 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Duggan, Supernaw, Kerr,
17 Saro, Uranga, Austin, Ricks-Oddie.

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20 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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22 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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