

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CHARTERED CITY OF VISTA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1999

The City Council of the City of Vista does resolve as follows:

1. Findings. The City Council hereby finds and declares the following:

A. On October 24, 2023, adopted City Council Resolution No. 2023-186, opposing the fixed energy charges authorized in Assembly Bill 205 Energy (2021-2022) (Vote: 5-0).

B. AB 1999 was introduced by by Assembly Members Irwin, Addis, Berman, Connolly, Muratsuchi, Papan, Pellerin, Quirk-Silva, Ting, Ward, and Weber on January 30, 2024. Principal coauthors include Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan and Senator Wiener, and coauthors are listed as Assembly Members Boerner, Bonta, Friedman, Lee, Low, and Maienschein, as well as Senator Blakespear.

B. Existing law vests the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations and authorizes the commission to adopt new, or expand existing, fixed charges, as defined, for the purpose of collecting a reasonable portion of the fixed costs of providing electrical service to residential customers.

C. Under existing law, the commission may authorize fixed charges for any rate schedule applicable to a residential customer account and requires the commission, no later than July 1, 2024, to authorize a fixed charge for default residential rates. Existing law also requires these fixed charges to be established on an income-graduated basis, with no fewer than 3 income thresholds, so that low-income ratepayers in each baseline territory would realize a lower average monthly bill without making any changes in usage.

D. AB 1999 would repeal the provisions described in the preceding paragraph. The bill would instead permit the commission to authorize fixed charges that, as of January 1, 2015, do not exceed \$5 per residential customer account per month for low-income customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program and that do not exceed \$10 per residential customer account per month for customers not enrolled in the CARE program. The bill would authorize these maximum allowable fixed charges to be adjusted by no more than the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year, beginning January 1, 2016.

E. Under existing law, a violation of the Public Utilities Act or any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime. Because certain provisions of this bill would be a part of the act and therefore a violation of the bill's requirements or of a commission action implementing its requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

F. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

G. AB 1999 would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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H. Cal Cities current position is to take this bill to its Policy Committee.

2. Action.

A. The City Council supports AB 1999 and urges the California Legislature to pass this bill.

B. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager, or designee, continue to advocate in support of AB 1999.

3. Adoption. PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Vista held on February 27, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Green, Melendez, O'Donnell

NOES: Mayor Franklin

ABSTAIN: Contreras

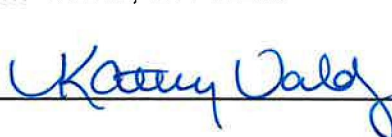


JOHN FRANKLIN, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
WALTER CHUNG, CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:
KATHY VALDEZ, CITY CLERK

By:  _____

By:  _____

APPROVED
Walter C. Chung
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