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ENGLANDER DIRECTS LADWP TO IMPLEMENT CLEAN STORAGE PROJECTS ON THE EVE OF HEARINGS TO REOPEN ALISO CANYON

LOS ANGELES— Today Councilmember Mitchell Englander submitted a motion to the Los Angeles City Council directing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to immediately report to the City Council on its efforts to implement clean energy storage projects within the City. Additionally, the motion asks LADWP to report on the feasibility of partnering with local investor-owned and municipal-owned utilities to implement clean energy storage projects in the region.

“It is critically important that we aggressively pursue clean energy storage opportunities, not only to reassure the thousands of residents directly affected by the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak, but also to mitigate against other types of natural disasters, like earthquakes, which could affect our future reliability,” said Councilmember Mitchell Englander. **“These projects are cleaner, safer and more cost-effective for ratepayers and also provide for greater power system reliability.”**

This motion follows the recently proposed legislation by California State Senator Henry Stern to accelerate clean energy storage projects throughout Southern California. Senator Stern’s proposal would establish a framework for expediting 120 MW of clean energy storage projects in both investor-owned and municipal-owned utilities.

“I applaud Councilmember Englander for stepping up to defend not just our community but to pivot out of the Porter Ranch crisis towards a cleaner safer way to store energy in LA,” said Senator Henry Stern.

This plan follows efforts by Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric to implement 100 MW of clean energy storage projects in their territories. These efforts were in response to the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak and the impact the leak had on local communities and the region.

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The health and welfare of the Porter Ranch community was significantly affected by the natural gas leak. In addition, it threatened the reliability of local power systems given their dependence, in part, on natural gas.

Battery installations are able store power generated by the grid during the day and can be used to offset higher demand at night. This is especially desirable in places like California with high generation from renewables like solar. These efforts were in response to the Aliso Canyon gas leak and the impact the leak had on local communities and the region.

The implementation of clean energy storage projects in the region would serve to mitigate the dangers associated with natural gas use. These projects are cleaner, safer and more cost-effective for ratepayers. These projects also provide for greater power system reliability.

In order to ensure the City maximizes opportunities associated with the implementation of clean energy storage projects in the region, it is critical that the Department of Water and Power report to the Council. This way, the health and welfare of the City's residents and the environment can be ensured.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power immediately report to the Council on its efforts to implement clean energy storage projects in the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power report on the feasibility of partnering with local investor-owned and municipal-owned utilities to implement clean energy storage projects in the region.

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