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Resolution No. _____

Resolution Amending Utility Rate Schedule C-1 (Utility Miscellaneous Charges), Utility Rate Schedule C-4 (Residential Rate Assistance Program), Utilities Rule and Regulation 2 (Definitions and Abbreviations), Utilities Rule and Regulation 8 (Access to Premises), Utilities Rule and Regulation 9 (Disconnection, Termination and Restoration of Service), Utilities Rule and Regulation 10 (Meter Reading), Utilities Rule and Regulation 15 (Metering), Utilities Rule and Regulation 18 (Utility Service and Facilities on Customer Premises), Utilities Rule and Regulation 20 (Special Electric Utility Regulations)

RECITALS

- A. In October 2021, Council approved the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to install equipment, software, and services capable of delivering billing and interval reads from customer meters, including networking infrastructure components and the installation thereof, AMI-integrated electric meters, water and gas endpoints/modules, and other ancillary equipment (batteries, water meter pit lids, etc.) necessary to attain functionality, and software integration services to tie the AMI headend to other business-critical systems.
- B. Revisions to the Utilities Rules and Regulations are required to incorporate concepts specific to the AMI equipment and services, to clarify Rules, and to update two rate schedules to reflect new fees for customers seeking to opt out from the AMI program.

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does Hereby RESOLVE, as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utility Rate Schedule C-1 (Utility Miscellaneous Charges) of the Palo Alto Utilities Rates and Charges is hereby amended to read as attached and incorporated. The foregoing Utility Rate Schedule, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utility Rate Schedule C-4 (Residential Rate Assistance Program) of the Palo Alto Utilities Rates and Charges is hereby amended to read as attached and incorporated. The foregoing Utility Rate Schedule, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 2 (Definitions and Abbreviations) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 2, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 8 (Meter Reading) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 8, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 9 (Disconnection, Termination and Restoration of Service) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 9, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 10 (Meter Reading) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 10, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 7. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 15 (Metering) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 15, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 8. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 18 (Utility Service and Facilities on Customer Premises) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 18, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 9. Pursuant to section 12.20.010 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code, Utilities Rule and Regulation 20 (Special Electric Utility Regulations) is hereby amended as attached and incorporated. Utility Rule and Regulation 20, as amended, shall become effective April 3, 2023.

SECTION 10. The Council finds that the fees and charges adopted by this resolution are charges imposed for a specific government service or product provided directly to the payor that are not provided to those not charged, and do not exceed the reasonable costs to the City of providing the service or product.

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SECTION 11. Council finds that the adoption of revised rate schedules in this Resolution is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a), because the fees and charges proposed are necessary to recover the cost of providing utility service and meet operating expenses. After reviewing the reports presented, the Council incorporates these documents herein and finds that sufficient evidence has been presented setting forth with specificity the basis for this claim of CEQA exemption. Council finds that the adoption of revised Utility Rules and Regulations does not meet the definition of a “project” under Public Resources Code Section 21065 or CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2).

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

Assistant City Attorney

City Manager

Director of Utilities