

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: August 3, 2009

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE LIGHT AND POWER RATE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO INCREASE THE ELECTRIC UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BASIC BENEFIT

**TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

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**PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE:**

The City Council directed preparation of this ordinance on July 27, 2009. As set forth in the Agenda Report dated July 27, 2009, the purpose of this ordinance is to defray a portion of electric utility bills for low income customers taking residential single-family service and residential multi-family service from the Water and Power Department. This ordinance will increase the Electric Utility Assistance Program ("EUAP") basic benefit from \$5.00 per month to \$7.50 per month for both customer classifications.

**REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:**

Section 14.03 of the City Charter requires that charges for electricity shall be prescribed by ordinance.

MEETING OF 08/03/2009

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.A.1

**PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:**

Residential single-family and residential multi-family electricity customers of the Water and Power Department who meet low income eligibility requirements will receive the increased EUAP basic benefits. The Water and Power Department will continue to be responsible for the administrative implementation of the EUAP.

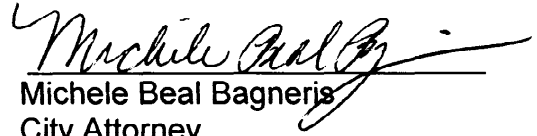
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

As set forth in the Agenda Report dated July 27, 2009, the EUAP benefit increase is expected to increase EUAP expenses by approximately \$153,935 per year. Since the EUAP is funded entirely from the state-mandated public benefits charge (section 13.04.230 of the Pasadena Municipal Code), the increased benefits will not affect the Light and Power Fund or electric rates.


**POLICY CHANGES:**

This ordinance does not result in any policy changes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Prepared by:

  
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Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

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The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection F of Section 13.04.040 of the Pasadena Municipal code is hereby amended to read:

“1.a. Electric Utility Assistance Program (Basic Benefit). Any customer taking service under this schedule shall be eligible for a **monthly credit in the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)** ~~five-dollar monthly credit~~ against their electricity bills if the gross annual income per calendar year of the household in which such customers resides qualifies for rental assistance under the city’s low income rental assistance program. The department shall periodically certify that the customer is eligible for this basic benefit.”

**SECTION 2.** Subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subparagraph F of Section 13.04.045 of the Pasadena Municipal code is hereby amended to read:

“1.a. Electric Utility Assistance Program (Basic Benefit). Any customer taking service under this schedule shall be eligible for a ~~five-dollar monthly credit~~ **monthly credit in the amount of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)** against their electricity bills if the gross annual income per calendar year of the

household in which such customer resides qualifies for rental assistance under the city's low income rental assistance program. The department shall periodically certify that the customer is eligible for this basic benefit."

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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William Bogaard  
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the  
City Council at its meeting held \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, by  
the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Mark Jomsky, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Scott D. Rasmussen  
Senior Assistant City Attorney