



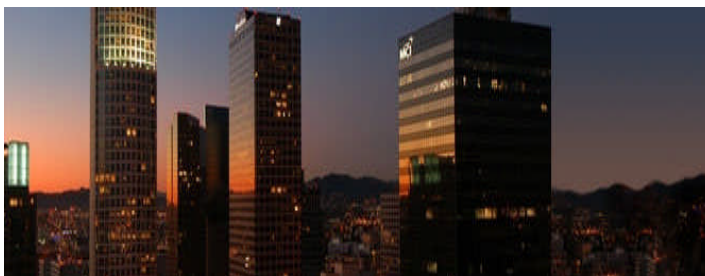
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On Tuesday, the Los Angeles City Council voted to uphold the Board of Water and Power Commission's (Board) action to increase the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor (ECAAF) cap - a component of electric rates that enables the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) to recover cost fluctuations for fuel, energy efficiency measures, and purchased power. The ECAAF *cap* will increase from 0.1 to 0.6 cent per kilowatt hour (kWh) on July 1, 2010 for one calendar quarter. However, ratepayers will see a permanent 4.6% increase and could face additional rate hikes in the near future.

There had been confusion about the duration and nature of the increase on both the cap and the ECAAF rate, which was clarified when the LADWP explained that the *cap increase* is temporary for one quarter, but that the *base increase* remains in perpetuity, and will not revert back to pre-July 1 rates at the end of the quarter. While some Councilmembers argued that this distinction was not clear when they initially voted on the matter, they were not able to garner the votes necessary to send the matter back to the Board.

During public testimony, CCA restated our support for a 0.6 cent per kWh increase to the ECAAF cap for one calendar quarter to maintain the LADWP's credit rating and urged the LADWP to reconstitute the ECAAF, separating actual fuel costs from energy efficiency programs and renewable energy goals. CCA will continue to lead the business community's opposition to unnecessary rate hikes, which would have a significant impact on the cost of doing business in Los Angeles.

STAFF BRIEFS

• CCA, in collaboration with the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (BID) and the Los Angeles BID Consortium, appeared at City Hall on Thursday to oppose proposed cuts to the Department of Public Works budget that would deny BIDs city-support for even the most basic materials used to keep public sidewalks clean and buildings graffiti-free. Staff Contact: Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anne Williams.

• CCA testified before City Council's Planning & Land Use Management Committee in opposition to a proposed shopping cart containment policy that mandates shopping cart retention for all existing and new stores with six or more shopping carts. CCA advocated in support of the majority of businesses which are responsible about containing carts on-site, and against any sweeping or costly ordinance that would unfairly penalize businesses that are already addressing the problem on their own. Staff Contact: Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anne Williams.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 27

General Membership Meeting:
Education Panel

SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 11

Breakfast with Assembly
Speaker John Perez

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 13

Chiefs of Staff Reception

UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level
Members Only

MAY 6

11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Special Guest: City Controller
Wendy Greuel

Open to Executive and
Business Advocacy
Members Only

MAY 5

8:00 a.m.

Transportation &
Infrastructure Committee
Topic: High-Speed Rail

MAY 19

8:00 a.m.

Housing, Land Use &

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