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**Summary:**

The 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act added two new standards for consideration under the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). Procedural compliance requires Utilities to commence a 12-month consideration period, for demand response/demand flexibility and electric vehicle charging rates, by November 15, 2022. Utilities requests approval of a resolution opening a proceeding to consider the new standards. Eventual findings and determinations are expected to be incorporated into a future rate case proceeding.

**Background:**

The Federal Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) was established in 1978 to promote conservation and efficiency in response to the energy crisis of the 1970s. Section 111(a) of PURPA, 16 U.S.C 2621, requires electric utilities to consider each standard established by subsection (d) and make determinations of the appropriateness of implementing such standards. Utilities considered previous additions to PURPA through a similar process in the 2006-2009 and 2008-2010 timeframes.

**Previous Council Action:**

N/A

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:**

N/A

**Stakeholder Process:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Proposed Motion:**

Move approval of the resolution.

**Summary of Ordinance Language**

N/A