MOTION M-11-406

CITY HALL: <u>SEPTEMBER 1, 2011</u>

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS HEDGE-MORRELL AND GISLESON PALMER

WHEREAS, the exercise of the City Council's utility regulatory authority, pursuant to Section 3-130 of the Home Rule Charter, requires that the Council retain the services of highly qualified utility consultants; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the procedure established by Council Rule 45, the Council wishes to issue a Request for Qualifications to initiate the competitive selection of qualified professionals to advise and represent the Council on electric and gas utility matters; now, therefore

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that in accordance with paragraph 1 of Rule 45, the Council determines that highly qualified and experienced legal, technical, and engineering professional regulatory advisors are required to effectuate the Council's powers of supervision, regulation and control set forth in Section 3-130 of the Home Rule Charter and directs that the attached Request for Qualifications be issued as soon as possible to begin the competitive selection process established by Council Rule 45.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREFORE AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.