

MOTION

M-09-577

CITY HALL: October 20, 2009

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MIDURA

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, in order to increase quality and reduce cost for the citizens of New Orleans, the City Council of New Orleans is desirous of promoting robust competition within the applicant pool for performing its contractual services; and

WHEREAS, there were few responses to the September 3rd, 2009, Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, significantly more responses were received from qualified utility consulting firms in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Council Utility Committee has rejected previous responses to the RFQs for consultants on the grounds that there has not been enough competition within the pool of responses to the request as recently as May, 2009; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the procedure established by Council Rule 45, the Council wishes to re-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 re-issued as soon as possible to begin the competitive
selection process established by Council Rule 45.

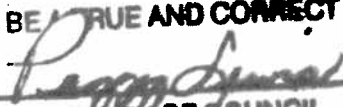
**THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS
CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

YEAS: Clarkson, Fielkow, Head, Midura - 4

NAYS: Carter, Willard-Lewis - 2

ABSENT: Hedge-Morrell - 1

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

**THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT COPY**

CLERK OF COUNCIL