

**San Francisco
Local Agency
Formation Commission**

ITEM NO. 2

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**Special Meeting
Friday, March 22, 2002, 9:30 a.m.
City Hall, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 250**

Chair: Commissioner Gonzalez
Vice-Chair: Commissioner McGoldrick
Members: Commissioners Ammiano, Hall, and Schmeltzer
Alternates: Commissioners Peskin and Fellman

Clerk: Monica Fish

SPECIAL AGENDA

(There will be public comment on each item)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gonzalez at 9:37 a.m.

Members Present: Chair Gonzalez, Vice-Chair McGoldrick, Commissioner Ammiano, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Fellman

Members Absent: Commissioner Schmeltzer

2. San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SFLAFCo) Public Hearing on Distributed Generation, Renewable Resources, and Conservation/Energy Efficiency.

Panel 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.

- Donald Schultz, Division of Ratepayer Advocates, California Public Utilities Commission
- Elizabeth T. Lowe, Vice-President, Northern California, Onsite Energy

- Richard Ferguson, Director of Research, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies (CEERT); Energy Chair, Sierra Club, California.

Donald Maynor, Esquire stated that the Commission received two articles entitled "Breaking the Consumption Habit: Ratemaking for Efficient Resource Decisions" by Sheryl Carter and "Small and Clean is Beautiful: Exploring the Emissions of Distributed Generation and Pollution Prevention Policies" by Nathanael Greene and Roel Hammerschlag. Sheryl Carter was invited to attend today's hearing, but was not available. Both articles are available at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244, City Hall.

Donald Maynor, Esquire introduced the first speaker, Rich Ferguson, Ph.D., Director of Research Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies in Sacramento, CA and Energy Chair, Sierra Club, California.

Dr. Ferguson discussed the problems, solutions and strategies involving electricity such as reliability, cost and price stability, and environmental issues. A presentation entitled "San Francisco LAFCo Informational Hearing on Electricity Issues" was made and is available at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244

Donald Maynor, Esquire introduced the next speaker, Donald Schultz, Ph.D., Division of Ratepayer Advocates, California Public Utilities Commission.

Dr. Schultz discussed the issues surrounding distributed generation, renewable resources, conservation and energy efficiency. Topics included the advantages of distributed generation in San Francisco; ownership of distribution facilities; cost-competitiveness of distributed generation vs. large power plant generation; air quality considerations; state, federal, California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission and California Power Authority positions, et. al. Questions regarding renewable resources and conservation and energy efficiency were discussed. A presentation entitled "SF LAFCo Public Hearing Distributed Generation, Renewable Resources, Conservation and Energy Efficiency" was made and is available at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244.

The Commissioners engaged in a question and answer session with the Panelists.

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission hearing recessed at 11:20 a.m.

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission hearing reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

Donald Maynor, Esquire introduced the next speaker, Elizabeth Lowe, Vice President, Onsite Energy Corporation.

Elizabeth Lowe discussed energy efficiency and distributed generation opportunities in California. Topics included energy savings potential for customers, current trends, typical energy projects in industry, energy efficiency and load management, incentive programs in California, et. al. A presentation entitled "Energy Cost Reduction Strategies through Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation" was made and is available at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244.

The Commissioners engaged in a question and answer session with the Panelists.

Commissioner Ammiano discussed an energy efficient refrigerator replacement program in public housing developments in San Francisco.

3. Public Comment

Charles Kalish presented a question to the panelists regarding the intersection of cost/benefits for energy efficiency and conservation versus solar. He asked where Amory Lovins' data weighs in on the amount of efficiencies yet to be gained from conservation and energy efficiency.

No other public comment.

Public Comment closed.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Ammiano thanked the panelists for participating.

The public hearing of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at 12:48 p.m.