

RESOLUTION NO. 26-9568

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO GRANT A NONEXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TO LS POWER GRID CALIFORNIA LLC, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 7, 2026, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, under Chapter 5.20 of the Santa Clara Municipal Code the City of Santa Clara (“City”) is empowered to grant electric franchises by ordinance to any person to use, or to construct and use, poles, wires, conduits, and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing electricity for any purpose;

WHEREAS, LS Power Grid California, LLC (the “Applicant”), has submitted an application to the City Council for a non-exclusive, 10-year electric franchise to install, construct, maintain and operate underground pipes and transmission facilities and appurtenances, to transmit high-voltage electricity and provide electric interconnections, within the City of Santa Clara’s (“City”) public rights-of-way;

WHEREAS, The Applicant has been selected by the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”) (a non-profit public benefit corporation that operates a competitive wholesale electricity market and manages the majority of California’s wholesale electric power grid), to develop, construct, and operate two high-voltage direct current transmission line projects to improve electric reliability in the South Bay – the “Power the South Bay Project” and the “Power the Valley Connector Project”;

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s franchise application is part of the Power the South Bay Project and Power the Valley Connector Projects approved by CAISO and will result in infrastructure upgrades that are essential for ensuring a reliable and sufficient electricity supply for the City and the South Bay; and

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WHEREAS, Applicant has agreed to pay the required franchise fee for the duration of the franchise, to reimburse the City for costs for application review, permit issuance, inspections and approvals, and to coordinate future joint projects with the City that support clean and renewable energy initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That The City Council hereby declares its intention to grant an electric franchise to Applicant LS Power Grid California, LLC to operate within the City for a term of 10 years for the purpose of transmitting electric service in the City's public rights-of-way.
2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2026, at the hour of 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers of the City of Santa Clara, 1500 Warburton Ave, Santa Clara, California, is fixed as the time and place or a public hearing to hear any objections to the granting of the franchise.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of the above-mentioned public hearing pursuant to Chapter 5.20.050 of the Santa Clara Municipal Code, by publication.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Cox, Gonzalez, Hardy, Jain, and Park, and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference: None