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City Receives Draft Study for Electric Utility Municipalization

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (January, 2017) – The City has received a draft preliminary report for the Electric Utility Municipalization Study being completed by consultant D.Hittle and Associates.

The Draft Preliminary report for the Electric Utility Municipalization study is currently available on the City website at <http://bit.ly/DraftElectricUtilityReport>. The draft report explores the process of utility municipalization, estimates the cost of the conversion, and states anticipated impacts of a conversion. The Electric Utility Municipalization Task Force will be discussing the draft report on Friday, February 3 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting is open to public. The Taskforce will then provide the consultant with feedback. After receiving input from the Taskforce, D. Hittle will then present their report to the City Council.

In 2014, Island Power, a non-profit organization on Bainbridge Island, initiated a community-wide discussion about how electric power is provided, the source of our electric power and ownership of the electric utility serving Bainbridge Island. After receiving significant public input supporting further analysis and a ballot measure, the City Council directed the City Manager to prepare an RFP (Request for Proposals) for a feasibility study. For more information on this process visit <http://bit.ly/COBIElectricUtility>. Questions and comments can be provided to City Manager Doug Schulze at dschulze@bainbridgewa.gov.

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